

Vidhan Sabha Question

Name of Department : **MPP & Power Department**
Question No. Un-Starred : **16**
Fixed for Reply : **15.03.2018**
Subject : **Loss of Private Land**
Asked by : **Sh. Rakesh Singha (Theog)**
Minister Concerned : **MPP & Power Minister**

Sr. No.	Question		Answer
(a)	whether it is fact that agricultural land has been destroyed due to construction of Karcham Wangtoo Hydrel Project in the surrounding area including Urni village; and	(a)	This is a fact that the landslide occurred in and around Urni Village in 2014 onwards and thereafter an assessment of damages was done by the Revenue Agency. As per the report of Revenue Agency, 09-51-60 Hectare land has been found prone to slide in which cracks have been noticed. Out of this area, an area measuring 2-23-33 hectare has been assessed to be washed away. To ascertain the causes of the landslide, the spot was got inspected by the Geological wing of the Directorate of Industries which submitted its report to Principal Secretary HPPWD on dated 02-07-2014. As per report of the State Geologist, the

		<p>possible causes of landslide mentioned in the report is reproduced as under:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Topographically, the area is a depression land in between the rocky ridges, so the whole water due to rain or melting snow from all sides moves towards the depression. Over-saturation of this overburden material and increase in pore water pressure causes disturbance of normal equilibrium by removal of loose/fine soil particles along the contact between overburden rock. The recent precipitation in the area during the month of June disturbed the equilibrium causing slope failure. This material is still in state of critical equilibrium causing continuous falling of loose material.2. The plantation of Apple trees has been done above the slide area. The plantation has been done by making fields by cutting the natural slope and constructing the ladder fields. These apple
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orchards are being irrigated by natural water driven through canals/Kuhls. These canals/Kuhls are not cemented and no proper arrangements are available to stop the flow of water. The water keeps on flowing uninterrupted which again might have led to oversaturation of this overburden material and ultimately triggered the slide in the area. There is another natural source of water in the vicinity of the slide. The water of this source is also free flowing and seeping in the ground causing slow saturation of the ground.

3. There are no proper drainages made in village Urni. The Kuhls/canals made for irrigation are not cemented. Similarly, no proper cemented drainages are made to take care of the day to day used water by the households. Hence this day to day used water is also seeping in this overburden material.

Therefore it cannot be said

			that landslide occurred due to construction of Karcham Wangtoo HEP.
(b)	if yes, what action has been taken by the Government to Compensate the farmers?	(b)	Government of Himachal Pradesh has disbursed a sum of Rs. 1, 96, 532/- to 8 Number affected families as per norms of HP relief manual and State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).