

RESETTLEMENT & REHABILITATION POLICY

1. Introduction & Applicability

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Water Resources Development Projects (WRDP) are generally location specific and may involve acquisition of private lands or alienation of public land and properties. They, often, necessitate displacement of persons and loss of livelihood. Also there may be persons who are adversely affected but not displaced due to the projects. Resettlement, and Rehabilitation of such Project Affected Persons needs to be undertaken with sympathy and understanding.

All acquisition is under the Land Acquisition Act, which provides for payment of compensation for properties acquired. The compensation offered may not be sufficient for the rehabilitation and resettlement of the persons whose lands are acquired. The land acquisition process also does not take into account the fact that there may be a number of persons affected by the project who do not own land or other property but whose livelihood or economic interests depend on the land acquired.

The State of Rajasthan believes that the WRDP should not just ameliorate the conditions of its targeted direct or indirect beneficiaries but also negative impact on persons by such projects should be avoided or minimised. With this objective the State proposes to lay down a policy that will govern all cases of Rehabilitation and Resettlement due to Water Resources Development Projects.

1.2 Applicability

This policy shall apply to all water resources development projects including construction, extension or improvement of any work (reservoir, dam and appurtenant, canals, roads, including command roads, camps, offices, staff colonies, workshops, quarries, etc.) for the supply of water which adversely affects persons from lands which are under their occupancy/use and are required for such works.