

TEXT ANALYSIS

TEHRI: A CATASTROPHIC DAM IN THE HIMALAYAS

It is important to know as a key word:

- Himalaya: It is a mountain chain which is in Asia, spreading out for Bhutan, China, Nepal, India, Tibet and Pakistan. It is the mountain chain with most height in the world.
- Dam: It is a wall built on a water stream with the aim to contain the water, usually to irrigate agriculture uses.

The text speaks about the building of a dam in Himalaya rivers. It meant the valley destruction and the human activities that were linked with it, as the agrarian one. So, it was necessary to move around 85.000 populations to build the reservoir. It was a big problem, with catastrophic ecological consequences, not only in that zone but in the following stream of the rivers, with human consequences (however of economical compensations) and also destroying cultural and traditional stuff. In addition the people did not find benefits from the activities of the dam, but external people, even the springs were dried up and the people had to work in the cities in concrete seasons.

We are in front of a denunciation report, which tried to analyze the impacts, from several points of view about that kind of buildings. I think that it is necessary to kind of reports to get the balance in this society, where this kind of things can act as a measure of pressure against several actions.