

CII hands over 11 houses to Leh victims

LEH: Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)--on Thursday handed over 11 houses to those affected by the cloudburst at village Saboo. CII, under the guidance of Leh Deputy Commissioner, T Angchuk, took responsibility of building of 13 houses in Saboo village, which was completed in June 2011. The construction work which commenced in September saw Union Home Minister P Chidambaram inaugurating the first house constructed by CII and handing over the keys to the first beneficiary on October 30 last year.

The work on the remaining 11 houses began on 3 April this year immediately after the harsh winter. CII has also offered the remaining construction material which includes approximately 2300 bags of cement, steel and roofing sheets to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council to

distribute among the needy flood victims, who have not been able to repair or reconstruct damaged houses.

Explaining the features of the improvised CII house, Vijay Thadani, chairman, CII, northern region, said that the improvised CII house has been designed in consultation with the local experts, keeping in mind local needs, while strengthening the structure to make the house earthquake-resistant, using locally available material. Being specific on the features.

"A house measuring 356 square feet comprises of one large kitchen and a room with an air-locking corridor for storage, complete with wooden doors and double glass windows to capture the winter heat. The walls are with compressed earth blocks, stabilised with cement, which adds strength to the structure," he added.

CII Completes Rehabilitation of Leh Victims

Hands over 13 houses at village Saboo

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The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on Thursday handed over remaining 11 houses, to the beneficiaries of Leh cloud-burst at village Saboo, fulfilling its commitment of reconstructing 13 houses.

August 2010 saw the floodgates open in the dry desert of Leh. The unprecedented down-pour left in its wake 257 dead, 57 persons missing and 424 disabled, 664 houses totally destroyed, and 783 partially damaged with tonnes of stone, mud and slush inside the remaining walls.

Rising to the occasion, CII, under the

guidance of Leh deputy commissioner, Mr T Angchuk, took responsibility of building of 13 houses in Saboo village, which was completed in June 2011. The construction work which commenced in September saw P Chidambaram, Union home minister, inaugurating the first house constructed by CII and handing over the keys to the first beneficiary on October 30, 2010. Work on the remaining 11 houses began on April 3 this year.

CII has also offered the remaining construction material which includes approximately 2,300 bags of cement, steel TMT, GI pipes and about 700 CGI roofing sheets to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council to distribute among needy flood victims.

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■ J&K finance minister Abdul Rahim Rather inaugurating one of the houses constructed by CII. HT PHOTO

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CHANDIGARH: The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on Thursday handed over 11 newly constructed houses to families in Leh's Saboo village, who had lost their homes to a cloudburst last year.

Earlier, two houses were handed over to the affected people in October last year.

While handing over the keys of the houses to those affected in the August 2010, cloudburst Jammu and Kashmir finance minister Abdul Rahim Rather said, "We fully appreciate the work done by the CII. The swift and planned relief and rehabilitation work done by them is commendable."

The CII, under the guidance

of Leh deputy commissioner T Angchuk, took the responsibility of building 13 houses in Saboo village. Union home minister P Chidambaram had handed over the key of the first constructed house to the affected family on October 30, 2010. And work on the remaining 11 houses began on April 3 this year immediately after the harsh winters.

The CII has also offered the remaining construction material, including about 2,300 bags of cement, steel TMT, GI pipes and about 700 CGI roofing sheets to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council to distribute among the flood victims, who have not been able to repair/reconstruct their damaged houses.

CII director general

Chandrajit Banerjee said, "The CII has always been committed towards the society, whenever needed, be it Bhuj earthquake, Tsunami or J&K earthquake in the past. For Leh relief and rehabilitation I am thankful to the CII membership, who showed their concern towards the cause."

Giving an overall picture of the initiative, regional director, CII, northern region, Pikender Pal Singh said, "Immediately after flash floods, a CII team visited affected villages (Saboo, Nimu, Igoo, Choglamsar) and organised relief camps for an on-ground assessment of requirements in August last in consultation with the district administration and distributed goods worth Rs 12 crore.

CII steps in to help Leh flash flood victims

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THE members of Changmarma household seem a satisfied, if not happy lot. A year ago, their house at Phu—the uppermost part of Saboo village which was one of the worst affected area by the flash flood on the August 6 night — was completely washed away. Having just built the home, their plans to move in never materialised as the flood washed away both the house and their dreams. The family also lost their grandfather, Paldan, who was acting as the housekeeper on that fateful night.

Today, the family will move into another new home. After the flood, help came from various organisations, and though the affected people got blankets, clothes and other basic items in bundles, they lacked the most basic necessity at that



One of the houses built by CII at Saboo village.

EXPRESS PHOTO

moment: shelter. It was then that Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) came to their rescue and promised to build 13 houses for rehabilitation of the affected families. After proper planning and consultation with the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and local builders, CII decided to adopt Saboo—the only model

village in Leh district. Plans of donating prefabricated houses were dropped as people complained of suffocation in the rooms. Soon, two houses modelled on the traditional Ladakhi mud and brick houses were built. On October 30, 2010, the keys were handed over to the first beneficiary.

The construction work, however, had to be stopped due to harsh winter months till April this year. After that, under the guidance of Tsering Angchok, Deputy Commissioner of Leh, the work resumed at full speed and as per their promise, CII completed the houses in June.

Like the Changmarma

household, 10 other families were also handed over the keys of the new houses. "Our newly built house had around ten rooms and this one has two, but it is spacious and warm. I am very grateful to them," shared Tsultim Dolma, one of the beneficiaries.

Speaking on the occasion, Abdul Rahim Rather, Finance Minister, J&K, said, "We fully appreciate the work done by CII. The swift and planned relief and rehabilitation work done by them is commendable."

Meanwhile, Vijay Thadani, Chairman, CII, Northern Region, explained about the features of the rooms. "The rooms have been designed in consultation with local experts, keeping in mind local needs, while strengthening the structure to make it earthquake-resistant, using locally available material," he said.

लेह में बादल फटने से प्रभावित लोगों को दिया आशियाना लोगों को सौंपी घरों की चाबियां

चंडीगढ़, 4 अगस्त (सुशील): कान्फैडरेशन ऑफ इंडियन इंडस्ट्री (सी.आई.आई.) ने लेह में बादल फटने से ग्रस्त साबू गांव के लोगों को 11 घर समर्पित कर 13 घर देने का वायदा पूरा किया। इस दौरान जम्मू-कश्मीर के वित्त मंत्री अब्दुल रहीम ने मुख्यातिथि के रूप में भाग लिया तथा प्रभावित लोगों को घर की चाबियां सौंपी।

रहीम ने सी.आई.आई. के कार्यों की सराहना की तथा मानव सेवा में इसे मील का पत्थर बताया। ज्ञात रहे कि अगस्त 2010 में लेह में बादल फटने से हिमाचल के गांव साबू, नीमू, इगू, चोगलमसार व आसपास के क्षेत्र पूरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त हो गया था। निरंतर बारिश के कारण 257 लोगों ने अपनी जान गंवाई तथा 57 लापता हो गए, 424 अपंग हुए जबकि 664 घर पूरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त हो गए थे।

सी.आई.आई. ने लेह के डिप्टी कमिश्नर टी. आंगचुक की अगुवाई में साबू गांव में 13 घर बनाने का बीड़ा उठाया। जिसको जून 2011 में पूरा करना था। निर्माण कार्य सितम्बर 2010 में शुरू हुआ था, जिसमें स्वयं गृहमंत्री पी. चिदम्बरम ने पहले घर



हिमाचल में जम्मू-कश्मीर के वित्त मंत्री अब्दुल रहीम व सी.आई.आई. के अधिकारी प्रभावित लोगों को घर की चाबियां सौंपते हुए। (मनजीत)

का उद्घाटन किया था तथा सी.आई.आई. ने 30 अक्टूबर 2010 को पहले लाभार्थी को घर की चाबियां सौंपी थीं। सी.आई.आई. उत्तरी क्षेत्र के चेयरमैन विजय थंडानी ने सी.आई.आई. द्वारा प्रदान किए गए घरों की विशेषताएं बताते हुए कहा, ये घर स्थानीय विशेषज्ञों और स्थानीय लोगों की विचारधारा

को सामने रखकर डिजाइन किए गए हैं। सी.आई.आई. उत्तरी क्षेत्र के क्षेत्रीय निदेशक पिकेंद्र पाल सिंह ने कहा कि बाढ़ के तुरंत बाद सी.आई.आई. प्रभावित गांवों में गए और अगस्त में एक राहत शिविर लगाकर वहां के क्षेत्र की आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति का अनुमान लगाया।