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CM visits fire victims family of Singtam Lall Bazaar, hands over ex-gratia payments



Singtam, June 17 (SR): The Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang along with the area MLA cum Minister for Health Department, Dr. MKSharma, Cabinet Ministers and officials from the line department visited Lall Bazar, Singtam, East Sikkim this afternoon and took the stock of the houses that went ablaze at Lall bazaar, Singtam last evening.

Two of the houses belonging to Bir bahadur Subba and Binita Subba along with the shops of Padam Ghatani, Uttam Roy, Baliram Sharma (Pappu) and Uma Soni were razed to the ground.

The houses are doubted to have gone ablaze due to short circuit at about 9.30 pm last night. Though

there was no casualty of lives but the fire razed entire household belongings of the victims.

After the inspection, the Chief Minister expressed his deep concern and grief on the unfortunate incident and handed over the ex-gratia amounting to Rupees ten lakh from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) and Rupees one lakh five thousand and seven hundred from Disaster Management Fund (DMF) to Binita Subba wife of Late Karma Bhutia and Rupees seven lakh from CMRF and Rupees one lakh five thousand and seven hundred from DMF to Bir Bahadur Subba.

Other victims namely, Uma Sankhar Sony, Padam Ghatani, Bali

Ram Sharma and Uttam Roy were also handed over the ex-gratia amount of Rs two lakh each. Ex-gratia amount of Rs one lakh each from CMRF and Rs five thousand two hundred each from DMF was also handed over to Ben Kumar Pradhan and Manoj Prasad the owners of the two adjacent buildings which were partially damaged by the fire. The Chief Minister assured full cooperation and support to the victims from the government. During his visit, the Chief Minister also asked the competent authorities to prepare a plan under Urban Housing Scheme to replace all the kutchha houses of the urban areas of Sikkim with single storied building in phased-wise manner.

CM extends ex-gratia to families affected by Singtam fire outbreak

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SINGTAM, June 17: Two wooden houses in Lall Bazaar, Singtam were completely gutted in a fire outbreak on Tuesday night. Four electronic appliances shops functioning from the two structures were also consumed by the blaze.

Chief Minister P.S. Goyal along with area MLA-cum-Health minister Dr. M.K. Sharma visited the spot Wednesday morning. They were accompanied by other ministers and officers from the departments concerned.

The Chief Minister met the house owners and extended ex-gratia to them from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund and State Disaster Management Fund. Ex-gratia was also handed over to the four tenants who were running shops from the two houses.



Chief Minister P.S. Goyal inspecting the damage caused by the fire at Singtam. Pic: IPR

Goyal announced to build a one-storey house for each displaced family. He also assured all possible support from the government to the affected shop owners.

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a phased manner. He added that the government will also provide facility for those wanting to further extend it.

The Chief Minister directed the Urban Development department to come up with multi storied parking plaza near new Singtam bridge. He also inspected nearby Adarsh Gaon which annually face danger of a swelling Teesta

river during the monsoon. He directed the Irrigation department to come up with project to stop river abetment in the area.

On his way back to Gangtok, the Chief Minister asked the concerned department to construct proper shed for the vegetables and corn vendors operating along the sides of NH 10 between Singtam and Ranipool.