

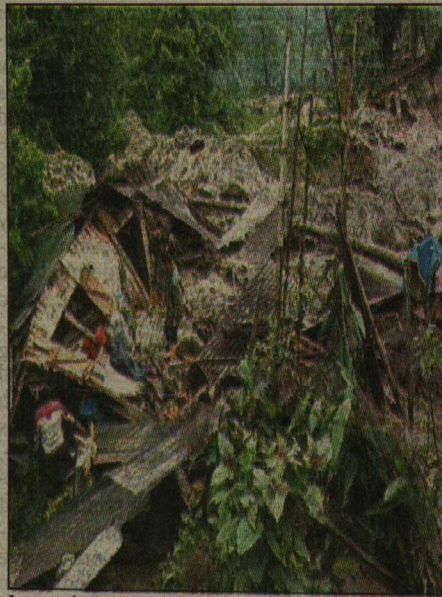
Dzongu landslide: Police seek SDRF help to search missing bodies

Mangan, May 26: (IPR):

A massive landslide that occurred on Sunday evening (24th May) around 5pm at Myong- Kyong, 12th Mile, Bey, Upper Dzongu, North Sikkim washed away 3 kutcha houses wherein the two victims, Chandra Bdr. Tamang, aged 67 years and his wife were construction workers in the under construction SPWD bridge. The duo is assumed to be swept away by the slide along with the house as claimed by the neighbours who could flee away in time. The deceased are reported to be Nepal nationals. The RO Dzongu and his team from sub-divisional Administration Dzongu along with the MLA visited the site on 25th morning.

Further, the two deceased have been recorded as missing as their bodies have not been traced on account of the massive slide which has significantly changed the demography of the place. The search operation could not take place on account of the weather conditions. The SDRF have been requisitioned by the District Police for the search operation today.

11 other houses have suffered damages. All the residents of these houses



have been evacuated and shifted to their relative's houses nearby. The JHS in Lingzya has been identified as the relief camp. The panchayats who were part of the inspection team have been told to ascertain by tomorrow as to whether this relief camp needs to be activated as some of the victims were more comfortable putting up with their relatives. However, distribution of ration and other essential items for the washed away houses will be arranged by the administration.

The existing suspension foot bridge connecting Bey to Sakyong and Pentong

villages have been totally washed away thereby cutting off these two villages completely. Urgent requirement of a suspension foot bridge is required.

The DE Roads, who was part of the inspection team, have been directed to submit a short term plan as soon as possible for restoration of connectivity

at the earliest. A long term plan for permanent restoration of connectivity has also been sought. Apart from loss of lives, loss of livestock has also reported.

The details of these losses along with the extent of land damage are being put up for payment of ex-gratia, as per the prescribed NCRF norms.

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Two dead in

Dzongu mudslide

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GANGTOK, May 25: Two persons were killed when a mudslide buried their house near Bey, Upper Dzongu in North Sikkim.

The mudslide took place on Sunday night following incessant rains at the remote area, it was informed. The deceased persons are said to be a couple hailing from Nepal and working as agricultural helps at Bey.

Efforts are on to recover the bodies, the authorities inform.

Many parts of Sikkim have been witnessing heavy rainfall in the past few days.