

Lack of equipment halts Teesta search operation

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SILIGURI, July 17: Lack of equipment halted search operation to trace the missing persons and the vehicle even after a week has elapsed since the accident took place near Coronation Bridge.

Even as the naval divers from Vishakapatnam assessed the area, they couldn't launch the search operation due to lack of modern equipment. Jogindra Singh Kajla supervisor of Command Clearance Diving Vishakhapatnam said, "We will meet the district magistrate to discuss everything, we will put out best efforts but not sure about

100 percent success."

Tourism minister Gautam Deb who was at the spot informed media that a high powered meeting was held between army and district magistrate to tackle the situation. He also said the search operation was difficult due to water force of Teesta and until the NHPC stops the flow, Naval and Army official will have trouble in getting down.

Deb said he will speak to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee regarding the issue and the modern equipment if needed will be hired from Vishakhapatnam.

Abhijit Roy Choudhery, BJP Siliguri district president



on Wednesday met the relatives of the missing persons and assured necessary support. He told that until and unless the State government writes to the Indian Army headquarter or Defence

ministry they will not start the procedure. Choudhary said the equipment will reach tonight from Vishakhapatnam and regarding this he has spoken to Defence minister Rajnath Singh over the phone.