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Dy. Speaker visit houses damaged by
28.03.2018 explosion at Lingzya



Wangchuk Bhutia
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Deputy Speaker SLA cum area MLA Dzongu, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha along with District Collector North, Karma R Bonpo, SDM Dzongu, Tshering Dorjee Bhutia, and the district

officials today visited the houses damaged by the unexpected explosion at Himagiri Project site at Lingzya.

The Panchayats and public have complaints that they were underestimated that no higher officials from Himagiri Power Project

have turn up and visited the area. They further pointed that they have not been informed about the incident and has said that they have flouted the norms and proper investigation in the process of destroying the expired explosive.

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The Panchayats and public have said that they have asked first for the medical relief as the medical camp is required immediately for patients those who have suffered with indirect impact of the explosion.

The Deputy Speaker inspected each and every house and interacted with the Panchayats and public. He further stated that whatever damaged had caused will be compensated and also informed that he was engaged

in some unavoidable circumstances so that he could not visit the area next immediate day. He further

urged the district administration for strict investigation of the matter.

The Himagiri Company today had given written assurance that they will paid the compensation for the houses damaged by the said incident. He also directed the Medical Officer Passingdang PHC for the patients requiring for the treatment be sent immediately to Sikkim Manipal Hospital Gangtok including one expectant mother. However, the medical expenses will be borne by the company. The company also handed over Rs 5 Lakh for the exgratia to the immediate relief for the affected people.

The DC North informed that the survey for the damaged houses will be started from tomorrow and the affected people will be compensated within next month.

The Himagiri Power Project also handed over to Rs. 5000/- each for 9 patients for the immediate treatment and also handed over Rs. 50,000/- to conduct Puja in the area. Further, the project developer has assured that they will borne all the medical expenses of the patients.

The project developer today also given in writing that the company will compensate the damaged of houses caused.

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Immediate ex-gratia disbursed to Linzya households, full compensation after assessment

DZONGU, March 27 (IPR):

Today, a team lead by Deputy speaker and area MLA Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, DC (north) Karma R Bonpo, SDMDzongu, DE Roads, DPO, AE BAC along with panchayats of Sakyong Pentong GPU visited the households at Linzya and did a survey of the damage caused by the explosion on March 24 at the explosive disposal site of Himagiri Project.

The Himagiri Power Project has a warehouse to store explosives at Lingzya. Since the construction of the power project is suspended since 2008, they had approached to the Controller of Explosives at Kolkata to dispose the expired explosives stored in the warehouse. The Controller of Explosives had nominated an expert to destroy the explosives at the warehouse site. While disposing the explosives by the explosive expert on March 24, a blast occurred which led to the damage of property of the public of Linzya.

Addressing the gathering of the public at the Gram Prashashan Kendra, the DC stated that the district



Deputy Speaker Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, DC (north) Karma Bonpo and district officials at Linzya. Pic: IPR

administration had reached the site immediately and assessed the situation.

He said that the cause of the explosion is being investigated and the SDM Dzongu has been directed to conduct a detailed inquiry and submit a report. He stated that all immediate relief to people on account of the damages will be paid by the power project. He also directed the SDM Dzongu to survey all the damage to the properties and submit a damage compensation statement which will be paid by the power project. He informed that necessary action as per law will be taken by the district administration after the report is submitted by the SDM Dzongu.

The representative of the Himagiri Power Project stated that all compensation amount to the damaged household, as assessed by the district administration, will be immediately paid by the company. They also disbursed immediate ex-gratia in cash to the damage caused by the explosion and medical help to the people.

The deputy speaker directed that a detailed inquiry into the above incident should be carried by the district administration and all the damages should be assessed and paid by the company. He stated that he stood with the public in this hour of need and directed the district administration to extend all necessary help to the villagers.