

Active landslides threaten to cut-off Daramdin constituency

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Daramdin constituency in West Sikkim is at risk of being completely isolated from rest of the State as Soreng-Sombaria road is on the verge of sinking due to continuous landslips at Muneew Tareybhira stretch, about seven kilometres from Sombaria bazaar.

Soreng-Sombaria road which acts as a lifeline for the people of Daramdin constituency is gradually sinking due to mud slips triggered by incessant rains.

The route that links Daramdin constituency via Jorethang with other places is also blocked at Bojek slip since

a long time and restoration work is underway. Dubbed as "sorrow of Daramdin", Bojek slip remains closed most often, especially during monsoon, as occurrence of landslides become rampant at that particular stretch of Bojek slip.

The commuters and drivers have been facing hardships while plying through the dilapidated Muneew Tareybhira stretch. As the road at Muneew Tareybhira has become almost inaccessible, passengers and locals often have to pull the vehicle entangled in the middle by using ropes. "Plying through Muneew Tareybhira stretch has become troublesome for the drivers. It tests the patience and



experience of a driver but we must drive through this dangerous stretch road despite obvious risk to us and passengers," said a driver.

Soreng-Sombaria road serves as a road connectivity that links Daramdin constituency with urban areas such as Jorethang, Soreng,

Dentam, Bermiok and Geyzing. In case Soreng-Sombaria road at Muneew Tareybhira stretch collapses, Daramdin constituency will

remain completely cut-off from other constituencies.

Considering the vulnerability and inevitable collapse of the stretch of Muneew Tareybhira road, it seems that the concerned department must chalk out a concrete plan in advance for restoration of the road as if the road collapses it may take time to repair the road network established at a steep and sinking stretch.

The people of Daramdin constituency have requested the concerned department to look into the matter immediately. The road stretch of Muneew Tareybhira needs an urgent attention from authorities, said a local.