

Such a situation made it difficult for vetting the map concerned and also to demarcate the areas recommended for grant on SOI database. It was resolved from discussion that the issue should be referred to CGPB for review and recommendation where Survey of India was also a Member.

(Action : DMMWB, GSI, ER & DST, WB)

43.06.08 AGENDA 8 :

**Supply of drinking water in the hill areas of Darjeeling District, West Bengal :**

*It is a challenge to geoscientists to the ways to arrange for the supply of drinking water to the people of hill areas. The Sinchal Lake is known to be the main source of water for the purpose of drinking and other purposes. The Jhoras cater the need of the people of the various villages situated on the slope of Darjeeling Himalayas.*

GSI and CGWB, being the main participants in the estimation of water quality and the chief investigators in the issue of pollution study, are being requested to comment on the issue and to pave the path to be taken in respect of the hill region of the State of West Bengal

(Suggestion : DMM, WB)

GSI, ER informed the House that the Darjeeling district was covered by them in terms of litho-structural mapping, tectonic mapping etc. PHE Dept. informed about the various water resources of the hill areas of Darjeeling district they had covered under different projects. CGWB added that looking for surface water running along the hill slopes, and not the underground water, was the actual target. DMMWB commented that withdrawal of underground water in hilly areas might trigger subsidence and therefore not recommended. The PHED was requested by the House to take up the issues with GSI with specific proposal, who in turn agreed to extend necessary Support.

(Action : PHED and GSI, ER)

43.06.09 AGENDA 9 :

**Grant for PEL extension from 08.12.2012 to 08.06.2015 :**

(Suggestion : ONGC-CIL Consortium)