

collaboration with GSI in its programme on "Macro scale National Landslide Susceptibility Mapping" in parts of Darjeeling district, WB undertaken for F.S. 2014-15. The Director, DMMWB, has agreed to collaborative investigation on landslide for active participation in the programme on susceptibility mapping as proposed by GSI; it was approved by the Chairman.

All other proposed programme of the Member Organizations was approved by the House which were as follows :

Enclosed in Annexure -II

43.06.00

DISCUSSION ON AGENDA POINTS

43.06.01 AGENDA 1 :

Issue of Reconstitution of the SGPAB, WB :

The present body of State Geological Programming and Advisory Body SGPAB, WB is operating since long. With changing time the approach and thinking in the geological studies has made rapid progress in diversified areas. The sole purpose of searching for new mineral resources, though one of the most important for industrial development, is losing prominence. Our State being not so rich in mineral resources, the new purposes should take the driving position. Coupled with this, long absence of some of the existing members of SGPAB, WB, viz. Heads of Geology Depts. of different Universities, the West Bengal Projects Ltd, Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute, Department of Science & Technology, Greater Calcutta Gas Supply Corporation Ltd. etc., has been observed. It appears that in spite of being the apex coordinating body of the State and a feeder to the National body, SGPAB is failing to meet the expectations of many.

Moreover, due to importance of Societal issues like frequent Landslide, changes land-water interface pattern, Urban Geological Planning etc. Involvement on concerned Departments or agencies in Government, Public and Private sector may be considered.

Views of members are therefore invited to revamp the body in structure, purpose, operation etc. are therefore felt necessary.

(Suggestion: DMM, WB)