

for all stakeholders including GSI and entrepreneurs.

The House appreciated the suggestion and it was emerged that since the issue was for the purpose for value adding to arrive at decision making platform, DMMWB will make appropriate steps towards disseminating such information from available database and if not, such database should be prepared by way of outsourcing for dissemination.

Modification of the policy in concern may be made, as applicable.

(Action : C&I Dept., GoWB & DMMWB)

43.06.03 AGENDA 3 :

Issues of Collaborative Investigations on Societal Aspects :

Collaboration is proposed to be made with GSI, ER for undertaking projects on following Societal Issues :

a) Landslide Susceptibility Mapping in Darjeeling District, West Bengal :

DMM & GSI has been continuing collaborative landslide studies in Darjeeling Himalayas successfully for past few years. The report on the last collaborative study by J. Mukherjee, Sr. Geologist of GSI and N. Roy, Geologist of DMM is expected to be submitted very shortly.

It is understood that GSI, as being the Nodal Agency for Landslide Hazard Assessment, is carrying out Landslide Susceptibility Mapping in Darjeeling district in F.S.2014-15 in 1: 50000 scale (i.e. 1 cm. = 500 m.) on GIS platform to delineate forms of Slope Instability in the hill area since the main causes of slope failure are the Gradient and the sub-surface flow of water apart from other factors. It is indeed, an effort to avert casualties and loss of properties in the landslide prone areas of Darjeeling Himalayas rather than focusing on post-facto rescue management alone.

DMM proposes to include Sri N.Roy, a trained Geologist of DMM, in the programme on National Landslide Susceptibility Mapping in Darjeeling district for active participation in developing the database and to enrich his skill and experience for better service to the State.

Both GSI and DMM agreed upon the issue and decided to enter into a MoU on sharing of responsibilities in terms of Quantum & Magnitude of