

(IPR) Secretary-cum-Relief Commissioner, Shri Tsegyal Tashi, Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department along with the District Collector (East), Shri Prabhakar Verma visited the affected landslide area at Pachey in Pakyong, East Sikkim today to take stock of the situation and give ex-gratia to the victims of the affected landslide.

Distribution of ex-gratia of Rs 1,05,700 was given to the five affected house owners whose house had completely collapsed due to the landslide. The ex-gratia included relief for home, clothing and utensil. Shri Tsegyal Tashi said that the immediate ex-gratia compensation provided by the government was as per the natural calamities norms.

The Secretary also held a meeting with all the line departments where he asked for immediate restoration of water line, electricity etc so that people do not have to go through more difficulty. He also asked for people of the area to be on alert and requested the Pachayats to recce the area so that further unfortunate incidents can be avoided. Present in the meeting was ADC (Development) Smt. Roshni Rai, SDM Pakyong Shri Yadav Krishna Sharma, BDO Pakyong and officers of other departments.

The landslide occurred at around 8:30 am on 10th July which washed out five buildings of the area. The relief camp has been set up for displaced families and for families whose households are in danger at Building Department guest house and RMDD annexure building next to SDM office at Pakyong.