

Scheme for the improvement of “Jhoras “ of the Hills Sub – Divisions of Darjeeling

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has made a pronouncement during the Foundation day function of the Mayel Lyang Lepcha Development Board (MLLDB) on 3rd September, 2014 regarding Scheme for Improvement of Jhora. The Chief Secretary directed that a scheme may be designed accordingly.

The contours of the Scheme are as follows:

- The Scheme shall be called the “Jhora improvement Scheme” and shall be implemented by the Tribal Development Department.
- The scheme will be implemented during the current financial year 2014-15.
- An implementation Committee will be responsible for the preparation and implementation of the scheme.

The committee will comprise of the following officials:

1. Principal Secretary, TDD.
2. Chairman, MLLDB.
3. Member Secretary, MLLDB.
4. District Magistrate, Darjeeling.
5. Sub- Divisional Officer, Kalimpong.
6. An official from Forest Department.
7. And such other technical officers as may be required.

The objectives of the scheme are to bring about the following namely:

- i) Prevention of erosion and landslides.
- ii) Preservation of the fragile ecology.
- iii) Sourcing the streams for supply of water for drinking /irrigation purpose.
- iv) Development of parks and recreational spots in the developed Jhora.
- v) Discourage Garbage/plastic waste disposal in Jhora.

The Multifold objectives are to be achieved in the following manner.

- a) The MLLDB will make a survey and prepare an exhaustive list of the Jhora of the district for the proposed scheme.
- b) The District Magistrate/SDO will prepare a project report based on the survey report of the Jhora prepared by the MLLDB.
- c) The scheme may first be implemented in Kalimpong Sub – Division. (10Jhora as pilot)
- d) The project reports will be submitted to the Implementation Committee that will appraise and recommend for approval.
- e) The Tribal Development Department will approve the scheme and release the fund to the MLLDB which will be the implementation Agency.
- f) The Committee shall cause physical inspection and periodic review during the implementation of the Scheme.
- g) The Scheme shall be implemented in a time bound manner.

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Principal Secretary, TDD
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