

Affected Citizens of Teesta (ACT)

To,
The Chief Secretary,
Tashiling Secretariat,
Government of Sikkim

Gangtok, Sikkim, 2nd July 2007

Sub: Resolution of Meeting of Affected Citizens of Teesta

Sir,

A meeting of Affected Citizens of Teesta and other members of the Civil Society was held in the BL house on 1st July 2007. After due deliberation the following resolutions were passed.

1. That, the Affected citizens are happy with the response of the State Government in resolving the issues raised by ACT and once again reiterate our gratefulness.
2. That, ACT repose full faith in the assurances given by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and request the Government to take all necessary initiatives to fulfill the just demand submitted on 12 December 2006 in letter and Spirit.
3. That, since, the HCM is out of Station, the hunger strike will continue till he returns so that the factual picture of the issue is brought to his notice. Thereafter, ACT Executive body had a separate discussion and felt that the following issues should also be brought to the notice of the Government to remove all lapses that are causing problem to resolution of the issue:
4. That, after the two rounds of talks we have appraised and proved with proper facts and figures of the Lapses from the side of some concerned Departments due to which probably the voices of the people were not heard and the State Government kept in dark. Such practices are still going on while the Government is engaged with the people in a dialogue to find a peaceful solution. Therefore, we request the Government that in order to prevent further complications by such actions, that all works (land acquisition process, survey of feasibility of projects etc) pertaining to all the Hydro Electric power projects in North Sikkim, be stopped till the grievances of the people are resolved.
5. That, ACT and elected members of North Sikkim had also brought to the notice of the Government about the anomalies in the Earlier Survey & Settlement process which had deprived many legitimate Tribals ownership of their land. That, the request of ACT to complete the ongoing Survey of Land in Chungthang Sub-Division be completed as soon as possible ,as it was started in 1996 and all legal formalities have been completed . Further, An proper Resurvey of Landed properties in Dzongu and rest of North Sikkim should be started at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully

Athup Lepcha, President, Affected Citizens of Teesta