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To,

**All District Collectors –cum-
Head of District Level Committee
Government of Sikkim**

Subject: - REDRH Project: Outcomes of the Special Gram Sabha to prioritize beneficiaries

Sir,

This is in continuation to my D.O. Letter dated 4th April, 2012. Chapter 5 of the “Operational Guidelines” of the Reconstruction of Earthquake Damaged Rural Houses (REDRH) Project lays down the procedure for prioritization of the 7,972 beneficiaries of the total 12,548 fully/severely earthquake damaged houses in the Special Gram Sabha. This prioritization approach will result in shifting of 4,576 households to Phase-2, and hence will need strong social, inter-personal and IEC skills to balance. Therefore, this prioritization in many ways throws up a social challenge for the project, reinforcing the need to ensure that the process followed is transparent, non-arbitrary and just, which should be able to withstand the test of independent scrutiny.

The expected outcomes from this Special Gram Sabha are a resolution with the enclosed format filled up for fully and severely damaged categories separately. **Other than segregating the beneficiaries into Phase-1 and Phase-2, the reason for the same has to be also indicated during the Special Gram Sabha to ensure transparency in decision making.**

Concerned BDOs are accountable to ensure that this process is followed diligently, and the ADC(dev) to ensure the universal adoption of the same.

Yours faithfully,

**(Anil. K. Ganeriwala)
Secretary-RM&DD**

CC:

1. Secretary - LR&DMD
2. All ADC Development
3. All BDOs

