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Need for Better LPG Supply and Access for Domestic Consumers in Sikkim

LPG is a basic necessity for every household. Families, students, tenants, and working people depend on it for their daily cooking needs. At present, many people in Sikkim are facing difficulties related to LPG supply and access, making this an important issue that deserves attention from the concerned authorities.

One of the main concerns is the irregular supply of LPG cylinders in many areas. People often have to wait for long periods without clear information on when the next supply will arrive. This creates inconvenience for households that depend entirely on LPG for their daily needs and often leaves families struggling during periods of shortage.

Another major issue is faced by people who do not possess LPG consumer cards. Students living away from home, tenants, temporary residents, and many other genuine users are unable to book or collect LPG cylinders through the existing system because they are not registered consumers. Although they require LPG for their daily household needs, they have very limited options for obtaining it through official channels. As a result, many such individuals are compelled to purchase LPG cylinders from

shops or private sources at prices higher than the official rate. This places an additional financial burden on them, especially on students and low-income households. It also highlights the need for a more inclusive and transparent system that allows genuine domestic users to access LPG in a fair and regulated manner.

It should also be acknowledged that the Government of Sikkim and the concerned department have been making efforts to ensure the availability of LPG during a period when supply related challenges have affected many regions. Their continued efforts to maintain distribution and ensure that LPG reaches the public are appreciated. However, the issues of irregular supply and the difficulties faced by people without consumer cards still require attention and practical solutions.

It is fully understood that proper registration is important for the smooth distribution and monitoring of LPG. Every eligible user should ideally be registered through the prescribed process and possess a valid consumer card. However, due to unavoidable circumstances, temporary living arrangements, documentation issues, or other practical difficulties, some individuals are unable to complete the registration process or obtain a consumer card despite requiring LPG for genuine domestic use. Such situations deserve consideration, and it would be highly appreciated if the government could take these genuine cases into account while exploring alternative solutions, such as a token-based system. As a concerned citizen, I would like to suggest a simple solution. The Government and the Food and Civil Supplies Department may consider introducing a token system for people who do not have LPG consumer cards but require LPG for their domestic household use. This suggestion is strictly for domestic consumers such as students, tenants, and other residents who use LPG for cooking and household purposes. It is not intended for commercial establishments, businesses, hotels, restaurants, or any other commercial use of LPG. Under such a system, a person could obtain a token by producing a valid identity document such as an Aadhaar Card, Voter ID, or any other government issued proof of identity. The token should be issued only in the name of the applicant and should not be transferable to any other person.

To prevent misuse, the concerned department could maintain a proper record of all token holders. In addition, a person should be allowed to receive only one domestic LPG cylinder within a period of 30 to 40 days. Such safeguards would help ensure that the system is used only for genuine household requirements while preventing hoarding, unauthorized resale, black marketing, or any other misuse. A token based system could provide relief to many consumers, tenants, and residents who currently face difficulties in accessing domestic LPG despite being genuine users. At the same time, it would ensure that the distribution process remains fair, transparent, and properly regulated.

This report is not intended as criticism but as a constructive suggestion from a concerned citizen. The government has been making efforts to address supply related challenges, and those efforts deserve recognition. At the same time, it is hoped that the issues of irregular LPG supply and the lack of access for people without consumer cards will also receive due consideration. A practical and timely solution would bring relief to many residents and help ensure that domestic LPG reaches all genuine users in a fair and transparent manner. It is sincerely hoped that the Government of Sikkim and the concerned authorities will examine this matter and consider appropriate measures in the larger interest of the people.

KUSHAL CHHETRI
Concerned Citizen/Student

Yashoda Hospital specialists hold clinics in Sikkim, extend advanced medical care to patients

KUNALRAI

GANGTOK, June 17: Doctors and specialists from Yashoda Hospital, Hyderabad, are conducting special medical clinics in Sikkim, bringing advanced healthcare services closer to patients across the State.



Addressing the media, Sikkim Coordinator of Yashoda Hospital, Hyderabad, Gopal Darnal said the hospital has been empanelled with the Government of Sikkim and has since been facilitating a wide range of medical treatments for patients from the State, including organ transplants.

He informed that Sikkim patients receive a 35 per cent discount on diagnostic tests, investigations and bed charges. The hospital also provides complimentary airport pick-up and drop services for patients travelling from Sikkim for treatment.

"In addition, we provide air-conditioned accommodation free of cost for attendants accompanying patients. The rooms can accommodate up to three family members," Darnal said. He added that these facilities are exclusively available to patients from Sikkim and have been made possible through the support and guidance of Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang-Golay and the management of Yashoda Hospital.

Consultant Robotic and Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgeon Dr. Manjusha Bale said Yashoda Hospital operates 65 departments and is among the leading healthcare institutions in the country for pulmonary medicine and thoracic surgery.

"We perform both open and Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery (VATS), and our success rate has been exceptional. Our objective is to provide the best possible treatment to patients suffering from lung-related ailments so that they can lead healthy and comfortable lives

Yashoda Hospital, described the treatment and support provided by the hospital as exceptional.

"Before approaching Yashoda Hospital, I had been undergoing treatment at a hospital in Delhi. However, my condition relapsed after eight months and became more serious. I later underwent surgery at Yashoda Hospital, which has greatly improved my health. I am confident that I will be able to lead a normal life in the coming days," she said.

The patient also welcomed the initiative of bringing specialists to Sikkim, saying it would greatly benefit patients requiring consultations for lung, pulmonary and thoracic conditions.

"It is reassuring to meet and consult the same doctors here in Sikkim. This initiative will make specialised medical advice more accessible to patients across the State," she added.

GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
TASHILING SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK

No. 359/H & FWD/2026-27;

Dated: 17/06/2026

NOTICE

Ms. Tenzing Gentsel Bhutia, Staff Nurse (Adhoc) d/o Mr. Thupden Nima Bhutia, r/o Kyongkong, Gangtok who has been transferred and posted to State Central Prison, Rongyok from Phodong PHC under District Hospital, Mangan vide O.O. No.136/H & FWD/2026-27; Dated: 07/05/2026 and relieved from her duty from 13/05/2026, has not joined her new place of posting till date, and her whereabouts is also not known.

Therefore, the above mentioned employee is hereby directed to report to her new place of posting i.e. State Central Prison, Rongyok, within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which an appropriate action will be initiated. This may be treated as Final Notice.

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R.O. No.: 90/IPR/PUB/Class/26-27 Health & Family Welfare Department, Gangtok
Date: 17.06.2026

MoS participates in 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' programme at Smriti Ban



GANGTOK, June 17 (IPR): The Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Labour, Government of India, Shobha Karandlaje, today participated in the nationwide environmental campaign "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" at Smriti Ban, Bulbulay.

Upon her arrival, the Minister was warmly received by officials of the Forest and Environment department, Government of Sikkim, along with other dignitaries. As part of the programme, she planted a sapling under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative, which aims to encourage citizens to honour their mothers through tree plantation while promoting environmental conservation and sustainable development.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister lauded the Forest and Environment department, Government of Sikkim, for its innovative afforestation initiatives that actively involve local communities. She particularly appreciated the "Mero Rukh, Mero Santati" scheme under which 108 trees are planted in the name of every newborn child along with a financial deposit for their future. Describing the concept as visionary, she stated that the initiative beautifully links the growth of children with the growth of trees, fostering environmental stewardship from an early age.

The Minister noted that since its launch in 2023,

nearly 10,000 children have been registered under the scheme and more than one million trees have been planted across the State. Congratulating the Government of Sikkim and the Forest and Environment department for the successful implementation of the programme, she expressed hope that the initiative would serve as a model for the rest of the country.

Referring to the nationwide "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign launched under the vision of the Prime Minister, she urged citizens to plant trees in honour of their mothers and to contribute towards building a greener and more sustainable future for generations to come.

The programme also witnessed the participation of Master Tenzin Namsey Bhutia and his mother, Sonam Lhamu Bhutia of Bojoghari, who took part in the event under the Mero Rukh, Mero Santati initiative. On the occasion, a passbook under the scheme was formally handed over to the child, symbolising the State Government's commitment towards nurturing both the future of its children and the environment through sustainable afforestation activities.

The programme had the presence of CF (T) Sonam Choden Bhutia, DFO Gangtok Kshiti Saxena, Gangtok RO Ashish Gurung, Gangtok RO Binod Chettri, BJP State president DR Thapa along with officials from Forest department and local gentry.

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

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POWER DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM, GANGTOK

No.1293/Power/Adm

Dated: 15/06/2026

Advertisement for filling up 1 (one) post of Chairperson, Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SSERC)

In accordance with sections 84, 85 & 89 of the Electricity Act 2003, the Government of Sikkim invites applications for 1 (one) post of Chairperson, Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SSERC) from persons who meet the following criteria:-

- In terms of Section 84 (1) of the Electricity Act, 2003, in order to be appointed as the Chairperson of the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SSERC), the applicant should be a person of ability, integrity, and standing, having adequate knowledge of, and have shown capacity in dealing with problems relating to engineering, finance, commerce, economics, law or management. The person should not have any financial or other interest with any corporate entity dealing with Generation, Transmission, Trading and Distribution of electricity in Sikkim, which is likely to affect prejudicially his or her function as a Chairperson of the Commission. The person must give a certificate to this effect while applying for this post.
- In terms of the provision in Section 89 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Chairperson shall hold office for a term of 5 (five) years from the date he/she assumes Office or till he/she attains the age of 65 (sixty five) years, whichever is earlier.
- The salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson shall be governed by the Sikkim Electricity Regulatory Commission (Salary, Allowances and Other Terms and Conditions of Service of the Chairperson) Rules, 2011 read with the Sikkim Electricity Regulatory Commission (Salary, Allowances and Other Terms and Conditions of Service of the Chairperson) (Amendment) Rules, 2019.
- The Selection Committee constituted vide Notification No. 19/Power/2021 in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 for purpose of making the selection to the aforementioned post, reserves the right to consider and recommend any other person fulfilling the criteria laid down in the Act for the post of the Chairperson apart from those who have applied against this advertisement. The Head Quarter of the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission is in Deorai, Gangtok.
- The interested persons may send their applications neatly typed in English and duly signed along with self-attested copies of certificates/documents in respect of proof of age, basic/essential qualifications, experience and "No Objection Certificate" from the concerned organization, where already employed. By Registered Post or in person in a sealed cover superscribed "Application for the post of Chairperson, Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission" to **Smti. Bikash Deokota, Secretary, Power Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok-737 01, Sikkim** by 4 P.M. of 14th July, 2026.
- Applicants in Government Service should apply through proper channel.
- The advertisement along with the application format and undertaking can be downloaded from the Power Department's official website- power.sikkim.gov.in (under the section -more menu-latest updates).

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Joint Secretary
Power Department
Government of Sikkim
Gangtok

R.O. No.: 87/IPR/PUB/Class/26-27
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