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**Brief Write-up for AAP 2013 – 2014.**

*The forest under Gorkhaland Territorial Administration consists of, Resume land, & Tea Garden Resume land (Un classed State Forest) and Protected forests. These forests are scattered and interspersed within the Tea Garden & Khasmahal Land. Total Forest area under Gorkhaland Territorial Administration is 6952.36ha. Out of which 2352.20 hac is managed and under the control of Social Forestry Division (Hills) and rest 4600.15hac is managed by Darjeeling (Territorial) Division, GTA. As a result the forests are in severe biotic pressure and a substantial portion of land of the region is also very prone to some process of land degradation and slides. Therefore an immediate eco - restoration & conservation measure is needed. These interventions for protection & conservation of transferred forests are required to be undertaken with the participation of fringe village people only.*

*As such with the direction of **Executive Sabha Member, and Executive Director, Forest Department, GTA**, the new forest protection committees were formed with revival of old existing Forest protection committee in both the Divisions. As a result of the effort at present there are 22 nos. of forest protection Committee (FPC) under Social Forestry Division (Hills), and 15 Nos. of FPCs under Darjeeling Territorial Division, covering more than 50 fringe villages. So for the economic development as well as protection of forest different joint forestry management activities like, direct employment through plantation and nursery activities, and employment generation through engagement for forest protection works like fire lines and patrolling paths etc. Self-employment schemes such as Mushroom cultivation, Beekeeping, piggery, poultry, animal husbandry, fishery etc. and horticulture activities and for good harvest composting & Vermi composting technique etc. have been proposed. For less smoke & fuel economy Matola, Gorkhay chullah & other improvised devices have been decided. For community development construction of community halls, maintenance of drinking water supply, repairing of school, culverts roads etc. have to be under taken in different Range FPC Villages. There are many vulnerable and land slide prone area inside the forest and adjoining area and FPC villages, So eco- restoration & conservation measures like Soil & Moisture Conservation(SMC) works by vegetative method palisade, watt link have been proposed with light engineering works as per requirements. During dry season the forests are very prone to accidental fires, therefore seasonal clearance of dry matters need to be done by creation of fire lines in different fire prone forest areas of Ranges and maintenance of patrolling paths, inspection paths for regular patrolling duties and plantation need to be done for overall protection of plantation and forest. Since long time there is no repairs and maintenance of existing staff quarters situated in different Range, many of the staff quarters are totally damaged. These require immediate major repairs.*

**BRIEF WRITE – UP FOR A.A.P. 2014 -2015.**

*The plantation in an area of 50.00 hac each divisions will be raised in different degraded area of forests at Kurseong Darjeeling Kalimpong, Sukia - Rimbick, Lava, under S.F.Division likewise Panighatta ,Kurseong, Darjeeling (T) Ranges of Darjeeling Territorial Division. The maintenance of 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> year old plantation already raised by both the Divisions in an area of 113 hac (S.F.Division) and 69.5 hac in (T) Division respectively will be done by weeding, cleaning, mulching and beating up casualties with fresh and healthy nursery raised seedlings. The existing nursery structures including supply of potting materials, seeds, agro nets, poly pots etc. have been proposed for raising quality planting materials (QPM).*

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<b>UNDER S.P. (STATE PLAN)</b>				
<i>Name of sector : Darjeeling Social Forestry &amp; Territorial Division G.T.A.</i>				
<i>Sl no.</i>	<i>Name of Schemes</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Budget Allocation (Rs. in lakh)</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1	2	3	4	5
<b>A. Darjeeling Social Forestry Division (Hills) GTA.</b>				
1.	<i>Joint Forestry management and Development activities in the FPC Villages by providing self- employment, alternate livelihood scheme and maintenance of Drinking water supply systems, foot tracks culverts roads, schools and also promotion of Village eco –tourism etc.</i>	<i>22 units (22 Nos. of FPC has been formed) and more than 30 Nos. of villages and FPC members will be benefited</i>	40.00	
2.	<i>Soil and moisture conservation (SMC) works in land slips, slide and sensitive areas of forest by making Bamboo Palisades, watt lings,(Bio-engineering) and light engineering works.</i>	3500mt	26.00	

3	Making & maintenance of patrolling path & fire lines in vulnerable areas	Fire lines 75km and patrolling paths = 200km	10.00	
4	Repairs(Major) & maintenance of Staff quarter		10.00	
<b>Sub total</b>			<b>86.00</b>	
<b>B. Darjeeling Territorial Division G.T.A.</b>				
1	Joint Forestry management and Development activities in the FPC Villages by providing self- employment/alternate livelihood scheme and maintenance of Drinking water supply, systems, foot tracks culverts roads, schools and also promotion of Village eco- tourism etc.	15 units (15 Nos. of FPC has been formed) and more than 20 Nos.of villages and FPC members will be benefited	30.00	
2	Soil and moisture conservation by making Bamboo Palisades and creation of Fire lines and maintenance of patrolling paths.	Soil conservation work = 2500 Rmt.	18.75	
3	Making & maintenance of patrolling path & fire lines in vulnerable areas	Fire lines 110km and patrolling paths = 150 Kms.	10.00	
4	Repairs (Major) to staff quarter		15.0	\
<b>Sub total</b>			<b>73.75</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>159.75</b>	
Therefore ,the total requirement of fund under S.P. in respect of both Forest Division 86+73.75 =159.75				
(Rupees (tOne crore fifty nine lakh seven thousand) only				
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**UNDER SCA (SPECIAL CENTRAL ASSISTANCE)**

**A. Darjeeling S.F. Division( Hills)**

Sl. No	Name of Schemes	Target	Budget Allocation (Rs. In Lakhs)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Creation of plantation in degraded forests area at Kurseong Mirik Sukhia and Kalimpong and Lava Ranges.(Advance & Creation)	50.	18.80	
2.	Mantenance of 1 <sup>st</sup> year to 5 <sup>th</sup> years.	113 Ha.	5.97	

3.	Maintenance of existing nursery		5.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>29.77</b>	
<b>B. Darjeeling (T) Division,GTA</b>				
1.	Creation of plantation in degraded forests area at Darjeeling Panighatta & Garidhura Ranges (Advance & Creation)	50 Ha	18.80	
2.	Maintenance of 1 <sup>st</sup> year to 5 <sup>th</sup> years.	69.5	3.34	
3.	Maintenance of existing nursery		3.00	
<b>Sub- total</b>			<b>25.14</b>	
<b>Grand total</b>			<b>54.91</b>	
<b>Therefore the total requirement under SCA in respect of both the Forest Divisions = 29.77+25.14= 54.91(Rupees fifty four lakh ninety one thousand)only</b>				
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