

Dear Roland/Gunther

I hope you both are happy by the grace of God, I am here well. I have sent you one E-mail About cloud burst/ Flash flood in Ladakh few days Back. It is inform that, it is one of the worse natural disaster in Ladakh which h we could not explain, how it is so destructive. Here, I would like to give the detail information about the destructive in Ney village.

Mrs.s Stanzin who was attendant at Thigchokling Meditation centre buried in the flood and her daughter Palmo who was the cook cum peon at lochos Mahabudhi School died in the flood.

Their house was totally washed away, now their family is staying in the tent. Half of the Villagers cultivable land were damaged, and standing crops totally washed away. The roads and bridge in the village washed away,

One of our School Teacher Mrs Stanzin house washed away in the flood. The newly constructed 3 room class room is damaged are need to be re-constructed. The first floor of the other hall filled with mud and stone and broken door and windows. The cook house and the store room is also filled with Mud and stone. Half of the School play ground filled with mud and stone about 3 to 5ft height.

So far we cleared the mud filled rooms and made the rooms for children for study. All the School furniture, floor carpet buried in mud, and damaged. Now, we cleared the debris from the school play ground by crane machine..

The immediate need is the re-construction of damaged 3 class rooms, broken door and windows purchase of furniture and floor carpet. Construction of damaged local toilet for children and staff,

Yesterday I contacted with Mr.Gunther on phone. Sorry I could not write you as my self was out of Leh for one week. It is requested that about Rs.500000/-lac (₹500E) may kindly be deposit in the school account. So, that and replacement of broken door and we could able to constructed the 3 class room, window purchase of furniture and floor carpet.

With regards.


Tsewang Tundup.

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Minutes of the meeting of Lochos Mahabodhi School Management Committee and MIMC
Executive Committee held on 1st of November 2010 at MIMC

Members present:-

Ven. Jinananda, Treasurer/Administrative Officer, MIMC
Dr. S.T. Phuntsog, Vice President, MIMC
Mr. Tsering Namgyal, Secretary General, MIMC
Mr. Sonam Nurboo, Project Officer, MIMC
Mr. Tsewang Tundup, LMS Ney MC
Mr. Tsewang Rigzin, Cashier, LMS
Mr. Tsering Sonam, President, VT Association Ney
Mr. Tsering Angchuk, Member, VT Association Ney
Mr. Sonam Dorjay, Member, VT Association Ney
Mr. Rinchen Tundup, VEC, Chairman Ney

Consequent upon the receipt of mails from Mr. Gunther, the representatives of the School Management Committee of Lochos Mahabodhi School and the members of the VT Association of Ney village, visited MIMC to have a meeting and discussion on issues relating to the LM School. Mr. Tsewang informed that he had written three letters to Mr. Roland and Mr. Gunther prior to the one he wrote on 29th of September, 2010. The September letter contained details of the flood devastation and damages caused to the school premises, building and one of its staff who lost her life in the flash flood.

Re-construction of damaged class rooms: The committee informed that they managed to clear the mud slush from inside the class rooms and the school compound by engaging a Backhoe Excavator (JCB) for 35 hrs and incurred an expenditure of Rs. 35,000/-. They also engaged labours for which Rs. 13,000/- was spent. Four doors were replaced which cost them Rs. 6,200/- The committee informed that all the class rooms will have to be demolished and re-constructed although some construction materials are available but some will have to be replaced like some roof logs, windows, etc. The committee will make a proposal/estimate in the next few days and send them to the donors.

Construction of new class rooms: The donors were earlier informed and are aware of the construction of additional class rooms on the first floor. An Engineer is in the process of preparing a detailed cost estimate of the construction and very soon will be sent to the donors. The committee informed that plenty of boulders are brought in by the flood which would need to be broken and shaped for construction which would involve some labour charges. This will save them from purchasing stone from elsewhere and the costs will also be reduced to an extent.

Salary enhancement: The Government of India and the state government have introduced the 6th pay commission resulting into enhancement in the salary structure of government employees including school teachers. As per the government's instructions and the CBSE (Central Board of School Education, New Delhi) rules and standing instructions, it has to be introduced in all private schools too. The other private schools in Leh have all introduced and Mahabodhi schools will also be following from 1st of November, 2010. The committee felt that Lochos Mahabodhi School will also have to introduce the new pay structures and have made a unanimous decision to tentatively introduce from 1st of November, 2010 if funds are available from the donors. The

new pay structure will be as per the Mahabodhi branch schools which are a bit lower than as compared to the main school. As soon as the branch schools submit the details of the new structure, the committee will discuss on it and send a requisition to the donors.

Furniture and fixtures: The committee informed that many of the tables and benches in classes were ravaged by the flood including the floor mats which will all have to be replaced. A proposal will be made soon and requisition sent to the donors. Since LMS school children are all on freeship, revenue generation through tuition fee like other schools is ruled out.

The committee members further informed that all re-construction and new constructions will begin in early spring of 2011. If funds are available during the winter months, construction materials could be stocked for an early start next year.
