

**RECONNAISSANCE GEOLOGICAL REPORT OF PROPOSED SITE OF SHRI
DINESH KUMAR S/O SHRI ASHADU FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF OWNER
DRIVEN CONSTRUCTION FOR HOUSING (ODCH)
VILLAGE-RAMAGAWAN , TEHSIL- PUROLA DISTRICT- UTTARKASHI**

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In a 'World Bank' funded programme, Government of Uttarakhand has provided teams of Consultant Geologists and Consultant Associate Geologist to Director, Geology and Mining Unit, Uttarakhand for geological studies in proposed site for Owner Driven Construction For Housing (ODCH) in disaster affected districts of Uttarakhand.

Director, Geology and Mining Unit, Directorate of Industries, Uttarakhand has issued an Office Order No. 1612 Aa. Pra./Bhu.Ni./Bhu.Khani.E./2013-14 dated 10th December 2013 regarding geological studies in disaster affected five districts of Uttarakhand, Uttarkashi is one of them. Thus, undersigned have taken geological observation during traverses and collected field geological data under the management of cosignatory departmental 'Assistant Geologist'.

In the above mentioned questioned area, the reconnaissance geological investigation was carried out in the presence and co-operation of Shri J. S. Rana, Revenue Sub-Inspector, Ramagawan. The proposed site is 15Km approx from Tehsil Headquarter Purola, District Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, 1km by foot and on road head on motor road. It falls on coordinate – N 30^o 55' 44.6" E 78^o 6' 26.6" El. 1528m. At 200m horizontal distance Besti Gad in SW direction is present and 300m from proposed site Kamal River is present in E direction.

The site is located on colluvial deposit and man-made cultivated step terraces with less vegetation are present. The thickness of overburden is varying at places in between 2-5m approx with boulders embedded in the soil at the proposed site. The boulders of Quartzite and gneiss, general slope are 10^o -15^o and 20^o -25^o hill side in S direction. At around the site location less vegetation is present.



Close view of the proposed site

At the proposed site, thick and consolidated soil cover with rock fragments of quartzite and gneiss varying in size from 5-10cm, with fined grained light brownish clay soil matrix are found. The trees near the proposed site are standing straight which shows there is no active movement in the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

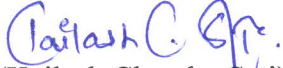
Based on above surface geological observations, the proposed area seems geologically suitable for the proposed building construction. The following remedial measures are recommended for safety:

1. Inclined retaining wall at the uphill and downhill road side with depth of foundation more than the foundation depth of the house with provisions of weep holes and sufficient gap of about 0.5-1.0m in between the backside retaining wall and the proposed construction should be constructed. And also, proper drainage system between the retaining wall and the wall of house should be developed.
2. The surface drainage should be properly planned through lined drain/pipe, so both, rainwater from uphill side as well as waste water from the existing houses to be release safe place at down-hill along a channel with more dimensions than that of maximum possible volume of water.
3. The foundation depth of the houses must be as per the compactness of the overburden material in the proposed site.
4. Inclined retaining wall at the toe of the proposed site with provision of weep holes at specific distance should be constructed
5. Massive plantation of trees, bushes and grasses which can hold the soil mass and retained the debris with dense and long rooted, wide/broad leafed flora must be done to protect the soil erosion and minimize the surface erosion of the subsurface rocks.
6. The soakpits and toilet foundations must be quiet away from the house so that the foundations are not directly affected from subsidence due to excessive seepage.
7. The premises of house must be made 'pukka' to prevent excessive subsurface seepage and downward percolation of water and differential settlement.
8. Framed structure must be used and light roof should be constructed, as the area falls in the earthquake zone IV, so it is essential that the house must be constructed with latest earthquake resistive techniques, scientific and technically sound craftsmanship with logical and favourable principles of soil mechanics.


CONCLUSION:

Prima-facie, presently, the proposed site of Shri. Dinesh Kumar S/o Shri Ashadu is geologically feasible for the proposed construction, only if, the above mentioned recommendations will be followed strictly, otherwise, in their contravention; geological suitability will be deemed annulled.

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