



PROJECT HISTORY

Name of the Project: Passenger Ropeway from Pelling to Sangacholing Monastery in West Sikkim

The State Government has envisaged the construction of an eco-friendly Passenger Ropeway from Pelling to the nearby hilltop of famous Sangacholing monastery and the Statue of Lord Chenranji as a new tourism value addition since this place possesses immense tourism potential. Pelling is a town in West district of Sikkim, located at an altitude of 2150m (7200 feet) above the mean sea level (MSL). It is located at a distance of 10 km from the district headquarter of Gyalzing and 142 km from the State Capital Gangtok.

The proposed Ropeway will facilitate trilling joy ride from Pelling to this hilltop which is one of the important places of tourist interest in West Sikkim especially due to the presence of Sangacholing monastery built in 17th century and 108 feet high Statue of lord Chenranji. The tourist attractions also include beautiful painting inside monastery, wonderful Stupas, and spectacular scenic view of serene natural settings away from urban chaos. The entire ambiance of the hills makes it a must visit place for the tourist coming to Pelling. Over the time Pelling has become a major tourist hub and is the second most important tourist destination after Gangtok as this place offers magnificent view of entire range of Mt. Kanchendzonga range beside vast natural attractions.

The tourism experts have considered the proposed eco-friendly passenger ropeway would be highly instrumental in promoting the tourism industry at this place and rendering large scale socio-economic benefits to this region. The Ropeway will facilitate the quick access from Pelling to the hilltop which offers excellent view of surrounding mountains. It would also render exciting cabin ride amidst the alpine forest over viewing sprawling habitation of Pelling township right below. The proposed ropeway would be one of the main attractions to inspire more tourists, motivate repeat visitors and enhancing their retention period in Sikkim.

This would certainly help in promoting tourism in and around Pelling rendering higher spin off benefits and employment generation especially the youth is expected to be gainfully engage in tourism business.

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