



1. considering the significance of Himalayan region, the Govt needs to regulate the construction of hydroelectric projects, substantiate.

Himalayan region remains to be significant in terms of climate, culture, geopolitics. The recent disaster in the region highlights the anthropogenic disturbances.

i) Most of the Northern rivers has Himalaya as its origin. Almost 70% of India's glacier is located in Himalaya. Disturbing this area will stress India's freshwater need which is already in overstrained.

ii) The recent IPCC report has indicated the anthropogenic disturbances in Himalaya has a direct impact on its $1.5^{\circ}\text{C} - 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ temperature maintenance.

iii) Already, Himalayan

lies in Zone V in floods, earthquake, landslide such calamities. Knowingly,

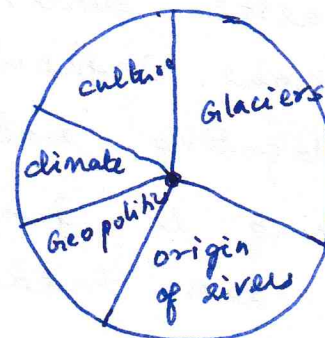


Fig 1: Pie chart indicating significance of Himalaya.



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constructing hydro project will further accelerate the disaster.

iv). As rightly stated by the environmentalists constructing hydro projects in disaster prone zone will accelerate the loss to the country than profit when it gets collapsed. Hence, Govt should re-think about its profits vision.

v). India being poor in mitigating measures loses around considerable human lives during every disaster. Hence, without improving mitigating measures trying to jump to the last ladder is an meagre act of foolishness.

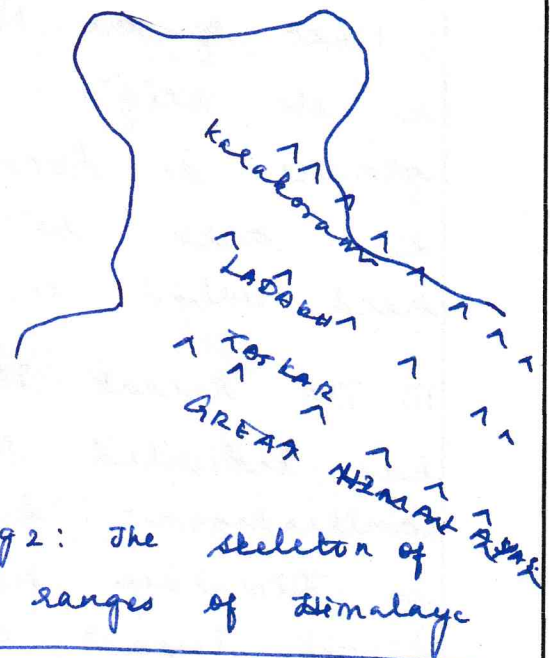


Fig 2: The skeleton of ranges of Himalayas

Hence, with the above significance & consequences Govt should regulate any construction activity in Himalayan region.