

CHAPTER - 3

3.1 Research Questions:

The following research questions were taken for scrutiny in the present work.

1. To what extent has the politico Administrative Development in contemporary Darjeeling constituted to building democratic institution in terms of the various movements in Darjeeling.
2. How far and to what extent have the contemporary district administration and the DGHC been successful in achieving the aimed goals and objectives of the political and administrative development?
3. How was the grassroot level participation ensured in the Politico-administrative structure?
4. What administrative and political institutions have contributed to the politico-administrative process of development in the pre DGHC Darjeeling?
5. What is the extent of voting pattern, voting behaviors to indicate the Political awareness consciousness and political process relating

to electoral politics in Darjeeling as because voting is the “most important process of political participation in democratic societies?”

6. To what extent administration in Darjeeling district has helped develop to improve the quality of life through various administrative agencies.
7. What has been the relationship between DGHC, District Administration and the State and Central Government in operationalizing DGHC as a sub-State level governance structure?
8. What are the grey areas of the above relationships?
9. What are the areas of cooperation, conflict and collaboration in such relations?
10. Have people of Darjeeling experienced with duality of administration in the last twenty years?
11. What are the areas of discontents, if any, between the state and the DGHC?
12. Is the recent resurgence in Darjeeling hills a cause due to failure of DGHC administration.
13. What are the policy options to be prescribed?

3.2 Methodology:

The present study will follow the Historical Method in order to unearth the history of the district administration in Darjeeling. Besides the empirical Method (Including document analysis method) will also been adopted to make an evaluation of the study

I. Of the powers and functions of District Administration and DGHC and

II. Of the development programs and their beneficiaries in Darjeeling its areas of jurisdiction and interaction between district administration and the municipally on their everyday working. The study will also reflect the jurisdiction of the work of the district Administration and the frictions of everyday working between them. On the basis of an Interview Schedule (where closed and open ended questions will be used) the BPL (Below Poverty Level) beneficiaries for whom the district administration and DGHC have been working will also be interviewed. A study will also be conducted to obtain the views of the elites of Darjeeling hills on the performance of District Administration and political parties and the relationship between them. Therefore on the basis of another interview schedule (where open ended questions along with closed ended questions with multiple choices will be used) the political leaders

administrators of district Administration and DGHC, professionals and people representing different Associations and Organizations Political parties will be covered. The Government Reports, Records, Guidelines, Committee Reports and such other relevant documents have also to be studied. Finally the data obtained is to be edited, compiled, and categorized processed and analyzed in accordance with the objectives of the study.