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It has been told by local that there are three Shompen camp on the East-West Road viz.. 24 KM (18 Shompen), 27 KM (19 Shompen) and 37 KM (7 Shompen). The population of Shompen at Alexandria is 46, Lawful 24, Jhau Nallah 02, Kokiyon 18, Chingen 12. Therefore, the population figure of 219 of census 2011 and 389 of census 2001 is doubtful.

Reached 16 KM East-West Road and inspected the Eco-hut. The hut was in a pathetic state which has been erected recently. The planks were removed, thatch leaves were in dilapidated condition, side walls were damaged, wooden pillars were chopped in various places. The structure requires complete repair / maintenance. Due to humidity, the thatch leaves get damaged very quickly.

Inspected the bailey bridge. It was in a very bad shape and all its ramps were rusted and broken. We crossed the bridge walking over the thin iron bar. Deputy Ranger, four forest officials and AAJVS staff accompanied us. The road from 16 KM onwards after the bridge was covered with thick vegetation and damaged. There was land sliding in many places. We trekked from 16 KM to 20 KM and crossed the 2nd bridge which was also in dangerous state.

We walked further for some distance and could not proceed further due to heavy landslide. We trekked down further in search of Shompen huts but could not trace them. Hence trekked back to 16 KM and then back to Campbell Bay.

The Shompen visiting Shompen Sarai has a special method of indicating in how many days they would return. They tie knots in a thread. One knot indicates one day. We saw examples of one such thread which had 10 knots.