

Shovo-tso, a name which is also pronounced as Shobo, Shubo or Shuvo-tso, is a salt lake at a height of 4 784 m. On the southern shore there are fresh springs and good grass, growing on gray, soft clay. Along the shore-line there are walls of rotten algæ; like the Poru-tso the lake is oblong from S.W. to N.E. The region at the S.W. corner is called Loang-karmo.

The road proceeds north-westwards over gravelly ground and soon crosses a dry watercourse some 50 m broad and 2 m deep, carrying water only after rain; it comes from W.S.W. where its valley is called Dsom-nakpo. The road goes up through the valley Sakchu, which is broad and dry, and leads to the pass Tela-mata-la, 5 160 m high, and with a far-commanding view. Of the Surla range only the southern part, south of Kugurung-la, is within sight, with its peaks and glaciers. To the W.N.W. are the low ridges between Lavar-tsangpo and Yumba-matsen with the pass Sige-la. The snowy mountains of Lavar-gangri appear to the S. 70° W., and, north of them and their neighbours, one has a fine view of the great plain of Selipuk, which seems to stretch N.W.—S.E. parallel to the ranges. Close west of the pass is a valley Oang-tsuk, and there is a spring called Na-gyata; a valley W.N.W. is called Ganglung, Camp 435, Sermo-kunglung, is at 5 041 m.

A steep and gravelly slope takes us up to the pass Tayep-parva-la, 5 452 m high. To the S.E. one has again a fine view of the Surla range, to the N.W., and N.N.W. are the greatest parts of Nganglaring-tso; otherwise the view is hidden by neighbouring mountains. Between N.W. and north, beyond the lake, the country looks more flat and even than usual, and only N. 5° W. is there visible a little snow-field on a flat top; there are no high peaks at all in that direction as far as the eye can reach. The lake is long and stretches east and west, and its shore-line is very irregular, with peninsulas, headlands, bays and islands. Four islands can be seen, the largest of them is in the eastern part of the lake and near the southern shore.