

SUMMARY OF THE TRIPARTITE MEETING

DATE OF THE TRIPARTITE MEETING : 14-02-2003

POINTS DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING

Influx of illegal migrants:

- i) AASU suggested that a joint Parliament session should be convened, as was done in case of POTA, to repeal the IMDT Act.
- ii) The progress in detection and deportation of foreigners under IMDT Act was reviewed and found far from satisfactory. State Government was requested to have a relook on IMDT Act and identify any loophole that need to be plugged to make its Implementation more effective.
- iii) State Government representative pointed out that out of 224 km of IB< 152 km had already been completed. Out of the remaining length of 71 km, some stretches were riverine across-river tracts. It was reported by the State representative that it would be possible to complete the balance work by December, 2004.
- iv) BSF mentioned that they had 2 motor boats, 27 speed boats, 10 country boats, 32 engine-fitted boats and 2 floating BPOs would be available with them by March/April, 2003. The patrolling was restricted to entry point and middle of Brahmaputra and the creeks. It was mentioned by State Government that they had submitted a proposal for sanctioning of Riverine Bn. To MHA.
- v) Joint patrolling had been agreed to but modalities were still to be finalized.
- vi) BSF representative mentioned that no system existed for issue of identity cards to villagers on the IB.

Flood-lighting of border fencing in some vital stretches had been agreed to but the work was yet to start in this regard.

1) Preparation of NRC:

- i) AASU said that earlier it was decided that the existing NRC will be protected, updated and computerized which had not yet been done by Government.
- ii) State Government said that order computer hardware has been placed software has been developed by NIC, Govt. of India has already sanctioned Rs. 5 lakhs and proposal to release more funds have been submitted.

- iii) Govt. of Assam mentioned that full records of citizens were not available with them and as 100% registration of birth and death was not being done in the State, updating of NRC may not be foolproof.

Govt. of India said that while preparing NRC, Scheme of MPIC be kept in view & dovetailing of NRC with MPIC would be necessary.

2) Gas Cracker Project:

- i) Implementation of the proposal had been held up because of non-resolution of feed stock issue and the acquisition of land. The capacity of the plan approved by the Cabinet is 2 lakh ton per annum. As adequate gas was not available, LPG would be given which is more costly to make up the shortfall. Hence availability of funds for the project subsidy was to be decided.
- ii) Proposal was being submitted to Cabinet for making available the required funds for the subsidy on account of supply of gas/LPG.

Govt. of Assam mentioned that the land required for the project is 1100 acres, the same had been identified and it could be handed over once the payment is made to the State Govt.

3) Flood Control:

- i) Brahmaputra Board mentioned that while the funds allocated during 9th Plan was Rs. 450 crore, during 10th Plan Rs. 150 crore only had been provided.
- ii) A meeting will be held between the Chairman, Brahmaputra Board and AASU representatives to explain the work being done by Brahmaputra Board and identify which other projects could be taken up in Assam.

On the demand of the AASU to declare that Assam flood as national problem, Secretary (BM) stated that Central assistance was being made available to all States including Assam to address the flood problem.