

SUMMARY OF THE TRIPARTITE MEETING

DATE OF THE TRIPARTITE MEETING : 18-03-1999

POINTS DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING

(A) **Review of the action taken on discussion of the meeting held on 23-09-1998:-**

(1) Govt. of Assam informed that out of the 546 cases of foreigners of 1966-71 stream pending with state police in Sept., 1998, 545 cases have been disposal off.

(2) Govt. of Assam informed that foreigners Tribunals have been requested to dispose of the balance 10,051 cases expeditiously. As of Dec, 1998 9974 cases are pending.

7 out of 11 Foreigners Tribunals are functioning. Govt. of Assam has taken necessary action to fill up vacancies is balance 4 tribunals by June, 1999.

(It was suggested that about 500 cases need to be disposed off every month, so that all the cases can be disposed of by Dec., 2000)

(3) Govt. of Assam informed 9 out of 16 IMDT functioning effectively. Vacancies have not been filled up. During 1998, 4276 enquiries have been initiated under IMDT Act, 1983. Fund to be released to the tribunals by Govt. of India directly. 3 batches of training will be organized for PIF/MTF in Assam by Dec., 1999 & cost of training to be reimbursed by Govt. of India.

(4) Govt. of Assam informed that the State Govt. after conducting an internal view, has concluded that there is no requirement for addl. Post of FRROS.

3153 posts for inspectors & lower ranks have already been sanctioned. Govt. of Assam agreed to improve functioning of PIF/MTF by stationing atleast 1000 of them as back up to BSF by June, 1999.

(5) The Sub-Committee for examining proposals under clause 6 of the Assam Accord has been constituted. Their second meeting is scheduled on 18-03-1999.

(6) AASU Stated following demands:-

(1) IMDT Act., 1983 should be repealed.

(2) National Register of Citizens should be maintained and updated.

(3) The Citizenship Act. should be amended so that the children of Bangladeshi migrants who have come during 1971-86 are denied Citizenship.

(7) Since the meeting on 23-09-1998, various important developments have taken place:-

- (1)** Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi awarded the Bharat Ratna on Feb. 16, 1999.
- (2)** Srimanta Shankardev Kalakshetra inaugurated by President of India on Nov. 9, 1998. project cost Rs. 18.5 crores.
- (3)** Sri Bhupen Hazarika appointed as President of Songeet Kala Academy of India for a period of 5 years.
- (4)** Kopili HEP (stage I) foundation stone laid by Union Power Minister on Jan. 20, 1999.
- (5)** Smt. Pushpa Lata Das of Guwahati, awarded Padma Bhusan on Jan. 26, 1999.
- (6)** Security related expenditure of Rs. 78.86 crores reimbursed by Govt. of India to Govt. of Assam in Dec., 1998.
- (7)** Rs. 24 crores sanctioned, over & above all assistance, from Central Pool of Resources for Assam for 1998-99.
- (8)** Jyoti Chitraban Film Studio has been modernized and inaugurated by Chief Minister, Assam.
- (9)** First film to be screened in the Indian Panorama Section of International film Festival at Hyderabad in Jan., 1999 was a Bodo Film. Many other Assamese films were also part of Indian Panorama.