

# SUMMARY OF TRIPARTITE MEETINGS

DATE OF THE TRIPARTITE MEETING : 23-01-1990

## POINTS DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING:

1. **Special Provision:** AASU wanted a new provision 35 (A) to be incorporated in the Indian Constitution to give special power to the State Legislative of Assam to make laws for employment, requisition of properties, admission in educational institutions, settlement in the state for different classes of people in Assam.

(Union Home Secretary observed that the above special provisions seemed to flow from the concept of dual citizenship. A discussion is to be held in Feb./March 1990 with representative of different states on dual citizenship).

2. **Applicability of certain Constitutional Provision:** AASU proposed that applicability of article 3, 249, 258(A) & 347 of the Indian Constitution should have effect in so far as Assam is concerned only with the express concurrence and approval of the majority of the members of the state Assembly voting & by two – thirds majority thereof.

(Union Home Secretary observed that though these proposal have been rejected earlier, the proposed amendments would be re-examined)

3. **Protection under Article 30 of the Constitution:** AASU proposed that Article 30 of the Constitutions should not be available in Assam to the foreigners who have become Indian Citizens in terms of Assam Accord.

(Union Home Secretary observed that compulsion/force to learn a particular language may lead to dangerous results. However, suggestion would be re-examined)

4. **Delimitation of Constitutions:** AASU stated that Article 170 of the Constitution imposes restriction on delimitation of Constitutions upto 2000 A.D. They wanted it to be waited in respect of Assam. (It was agreed that the suggestion would be re-examined)

5. **Amendment of Section 3 of the Indian Citizenship Act. 1955:** AASU delegates pointed out that the section 3 of the Indian Citizenship 1955 did not bar any person to acquire Indian Citizenship be birth whose parents were foreigners and entered India illegally.

(It was pointed out that the said Act was already amended in 1985 where one of the parents had to be an Indian Citizen)

**Register of Citizens:** Issue of preparation of a register of citizens. \_

6. **Treating North Eastern region as a Separate National Zone:** Setting up of head offices of certain major Govt. institutions in the North East. NE should be treated as a separate Zone. (There is no concept of Zones for any purpose and no formal declaration of Zones could be made)

**Paper Utilization of Water Resources:** AASU suggested that river Brahmaputra and its tributaries are to be transferred in to productive assets through schemes for controlling floods, utilization of the water for generation of hydro-electricity & navigation (matter would be brought into the notice of the Ministry of Water Resources)

7. **Optimum utilization of Oil & National gas:** AASU delegates strongly opposed the burning of national gas for last 20 years & requested early approval of the State Govt.'s proposal for a Gas Cracker Complex.

(Under the consideration of the Deptt. of chemicals & Petro chemicals)

8. **Income from Tea Gardens:** AASU observed that present income from Tea Gardens is classified as business & Agricultural income in 40:60 rates. All income should be classified as Agricultural income so that State Govt. ...

(Proposal need to be viewed in context of centre – state financial relation and will be referred to Finance Minister )

9. **Transport Subsidy:** AASU Stated that central Govt. has already allowed transport subsidy to certain items it transported by road beyond Siliguri, West Bengal. However, the quantum of subsidy seen to be negligible and did not cover transport by rail. This, Transport subsidy should be available for maximum transit distance of 2000 Km or actual transit distance, whichever is less.

(Matter would be referred to the concerned Ministry)

10. **Special incentive for economic development:** AASU stated that in view of clause 7 of the Assam Accord, need for economic development in the state. To enable Assam to catch up with rest of the community in Industrial Development, increased subsidies could (& other special incentives) be afforded to establish industries in Assam.

(Matter would be referred to the Ministry of Industries (in consideration))

11. AASU stated that the absence of the Central Govt. employees who participated in Assam Agitation should be regularized as Ministry of was already done by the state Govt. & Railways.

(Dept. Of Personnel has already issued instructions to various dept.s in this regards to regularize the absence up to 15-11-1980)