

Assam Talks To Resume Today

NEW DELHI, July 12.—Talks between the Assam movement leaders and Home Ministry officials will resume tomorrow after a day's break today, reports PTI.

A meeting between them was earlier scheduled for this afternoon. Home Ministry officials, according to Mr Nibaran Bora, the All-Assam Gana Sangram Parishad leader, informed his group and the All-Assam Students' Union that there would be no talks today and they would be held tomorrow.

AAGSP and AASU leaders said that a "broad consensus" had emerged at the mini-committee meeting yesterday on a detection formula on "foreigners" and allied measures.

The leaders said the officials had told them they would discuss the formula with the Home Minister, Mr Zail Singh, last night after which they would meet them. In view of this postponement of talks today was "rather unfortunate", Mr Bora said.

Mr Bora expressed the hope that "something concrete" would emerge in the resumed talks, failing which the Assam movement leaders might have to reconsider their stay in the capital.

UNI adds: AASU and AAGSP spokesmen described as "incorrect" a news agency report that some new formula had emerged at the discussions yesterday. Mr Mahanta said "nothing was evolved, not to speak of a new formula"

Mr Bora, Mr Sarma and another AAGSP convener, Mr Jatin Goswami, denied that any new proposal had been put forward by the agitating organizations.

"What was discussed yesterday was our October 1980 proposal on the principles of detection and deletion. We reiterated our stand yesterday", said Mr Bora, who has participated in the talks with the Government since last year.

He said the officials reserved their opinion and said they needed to consult the Home Minister, who would be available later in the night.

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