

ASSAM TUs TO RESIST

'ANTI-LABOUR' POLICY

SHILLONG, Sept. 2 (CNS)

A WORKERS' state level convention of Assam will be held at Gauhati on 6 September. The convention has been jointly called by the State units of AITUC, CITU, BMS and the UTUC (LS) to project against the Union Governments anti-working class policies the ESMO, and against price rise. A joint committee has already been formed for it.

A meeting of the delegates from the districts will be held in the morning to be followed by an open rally in the afternoon.

This is the first State level joint initiative by these central trade unions of Assam.

Meanwhile, five Left parties of Assam, the CPI, CPI(M), RCPI, SUCI and the RSPI held a State

level convention at Gauhati on 30 August. The convention demanded distribution of all essential commodities through fair price shops throughout the State. Stringent action against hoarders and profiteers, nationalisation of foodgrains trade, immediate withdrawal of the Essential Service Maintenance Ordinance, including the Assam order which has declared a number of services as essential in this State, pursuing the food-for-work programme in Assam, withdrawal of prohibitive orders restricting the right of the political parties and other democratic organisations to hold meetings in different parts of the State.

The main issues before the convention, as the demands indicate, were price-rise, civil liberties and the serious flood situation in the State.

A little over one thousand delegates from different districts of the State attended the convention.

The deliberations of the convention were conducted by a presidium consisting of Dhireswar Kalita CPI, Achintya Bhattacharjee CPI(M), Khagen Borborā (RCPI), Indrakamal (RSPI) and Jariul Abedin (SUCI).

The convention, first of its kind in many years, decided to observe jointly 25 September as the 'Demand Day' by organising public meetings and demonstrations throughout the State.

The next phase of the movement will be chalked out after 25 September.

Tribal Council seeks expulsion of infiltrators

The Plains Tribal Council of Assam (PTCA) on Wednesday urged government to take immediate steps to expel the Bangla deshis who have infiltrated into the Amteka area of Goalpara district in Assam, reports PTI.

A delegation of the PTCA which met the Prime Minister Home Minister and the Assam Governor in New Delhi to apprise the situation alleged that the infiltrators indulged in cattle-lifting dacoities and forcible harvesting of crops.

In a statement in New Delhi they wanted the Centre to create an autonomous Tribal Development Authority.

The TDA should also ensure more effective implementation of various schemes of the integrated tribal development projects under the tribal sub-plan the statement added.

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