

# Employees Protest Against Repression

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GUWAHATI, DEC. 18—  
THE STATE, CENTRAL AND  
SEMI-GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES INCLUDING TEACHERS OF ASSAM TODAY STAGED DEMONSTRATIONS IN PROTEST AGAINST WHAT THEY CALLED POLICE AND CRP REPRESSION LET LOOSE ON THEM FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN DEMOCRATIC AND PEACEFUL MOVEMENT FOR DEFENDING THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE FROM BEING SWAMPED BY LAKHS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS.

In response to the call given by All Assam Karmachari Parishad, the Government and semi-Government employees staged demonstration in their office premises before and after office hours disregarding the organised might of the Government. They shouted slogans demanding immediate solution to the foreign nationals issue and stopping of atrocities on employees. They also demanded immediate and unconditional release of the arrested leaders of the employees.

In Guwahati, bus-loads of CRP personnel were seen patrolling streets of the city in order to "prevent any untoward incident" Employees, however, staged demonstrations as planned earlier. Three employees were arrested at Bamunimaidan near the Government Press for allegedly organising demonstrations. Just on the eve of the protest demonstrations, three conveners of the coordination committee of the Karmachari Parishad, namely, Sri Dinabandhu Choudhury, Sri Kamal Nayak and Sri Bhairab Das, were arrested under the National Security Act. Various employees organisations, AASU and AAGSP have issued statements concerning the arrest

of the employees' leaders as "arbitrary and undemocratic act."

According to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam, Sr. Ramesh Chandra, there was no untoward incident anywhere in the State. About 80 preventive arrests were made. The situation all throughout the day remained peaceful, the Chief Secretary said. The Chief Secretary further said that some people tried to stage demonstration briefly near the Government Press, Reserve Bank of India and State Bank of India offices.

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The employees of the Guwahati Division of the LIC also staged demonstration at a time when CRP men were guarding the premises of the Divisional office at Fancy Bazar here. Statements condemning arrests, under the NSA, of three leaders of the Karmachari Parishad have been received from various organisations of employees and social bodies. While demonstrating today, the employees also condemned these arrests as 'uncalled for and unjust.'

Meanwhile, in a Press release issued from the Central office, the Sadou Asom Karmachari Parishad congratulated the employees, teachers, officers and workers of Assam for observing the Protest Day today inspite of the great terror created by the Government by posting the CRPF and police in all the office premises throughout the State. The employees wanted to raise the voice of protest against the repressive measures without affecting the normal office duties. The posting of police and CRPF to terrorise the employees and workers of Assam is not only a naked example of dictatorial rule prevailing in Assam but also sad com-

mentary on the present administration.

The statement further said that the treatment meted out to the employees of the Assam Secretariate at Dispur surpassed all the savagery of alien rulers.

The Coordination Committee of the All Assam Karmachari Parishads in a Press release has congratulated the Central, semi-Central, State Bank, Electricity and Be-Charkari workers, employees, teachers and officers for successfully staging the protest day with demonstrations today. The coordination committee ridiculed the threatening postures of the Government by posting CRPF and police in front of all offices and "brutally" beating several officials of Chief Engineer (Irrigation) office, including lady employees, thus making a mockery of the democracy.

The Rail Bibhag of the All Assam Central and semi-Central Karmachari Parishad has congratulated the Railway workers for making the 'Protest Day' successful.

The All Assam Central, semi-Central Employees Parishad in a Press release has congratulated the workers, employees, teachers and officers for successfully staging the employees' demonstration today. The Parishad strongly condemned the atrocities by police and CRPF.

Fourteen employees of the Silpukhuri branch of the Purbanchal Bank were arrested by police and CRP while peacefully demonstrating in front of the bank.

According to statement issued by the Reserve Bank Employees Association police and CRP illegally entered bank premises and misbehaved with the guards on duty. The Associations later condemned unwarranted action by the police and CRP. The RBI demonstrated.

The Chandmari Anchalik Karmachari Parishad in a

statement congratulated the employees for successfully observing the Employees Protest Day.

The electricity workers all over Assam demonstrated in front of their offices just after office hours in protest against repression let loose on the employees. The demonstrations were in pursuance of the directives issued by the Coordination Committee of the All Assam Karmachari Parishad. In the headquarters offices of the ASEB at Narangi here officers and staff shouted slogans demanding immediate solution to the foreigners problem to put a stop to repression on workers and employees and to give up discriminatory attitude of the Government.

\*The closing function of college week and prize distribution ceremony of KRB Girls College at 2 pm.

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\*Mouchak's competitions among children: Bargeet at 8-30 AM modern song at 1 pm and one Act play competition at 5 pm.

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