

# AASU Urges Governor's

## Intervention

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**GUWAHATI, Oct. 29—**The All Assam Students Union in a memorandum to the Governor of Assam, Sri Prakash Menotra, drew his pointed attention to various issues affecting the interests of the State and pleaded for his intervention.

Drawing his attention to the cancellation of ASEB recruitment test, AASU said the scheduled recruitment test of ASEB for the posts of Assistant Divisional Accountants has been cancelled by the Chief Secretary. Although the reason has not been explained. The recruitment test included a paper on the knowledge of Assamese language which promoted the Chief Secretary to cancel the test, though the policy to introduce a language paper is legally tenable.

The memorandum says — the order of the Chief Secretary undoubtedly constitutes a damage and an insult to the status of the regional language of Assam. AASU apprehends it to be part of a greater political design to create division among the people and to prevent growth of a harmonious relation between the indigenous people of Assam and the new Governor.

On the administrative re-  
sion by the Taimur Ministry memorandum further said, the last so called popular Government removed many efficient and reputed indigenous officers from key posts of the State administration as they were not trusted for promotion and appointment in Home and Political Departments. The statement alleged that most of the appointees during the last regime received political patronage. They are also supported by some groups without any sense of belongingness to Assam. These groups frequently visit New Delhi corridors of power with an object to oppose language, culture and identity of Assam. Their passage to the Prime Minister and the Home Minister is easy and they are given patient hearing in New Delhi. This does not help in sustaining an atmosphere of harmony among different sections

of the State.

The AASU further stated the establishment of Railway Service Commission for N E Region is a recognition of the fact that indigenous qualified youths of the seven States have long been badly deprived of job opportunities in the Railways. The available statistics unmistakably confirm the negligence meted out to the candidates, outside a particular linguistic community. The ray of hope generated by the formation of the Commission has become blurred following sudden termination of service of Dr. E N Saikia from the chairmanship of the organization. The refusal of the Railway Board to assign any reason for termination has only succeeded in reviving suspicion in our minds.

Regarding the Regional Recruitment Board for the nationalised banks, AASU stated lack of sincerity on the part of the State Government to respond to the hopes and aspirations of the people of Assam stands exposed by the delay in making the Board functional. The Chairman's post has not been filled up till today, though the formation of the Board was announced in Parliament, and a Secretary appointed. But advertisement for recruitments continue to appear from Calcutta. It is really frustrating. The AASU drew attention to the memorandum submitted to the previous Governor on July 9, 1980. The suggestions contained therein should be implemented in the best interest of Assam and any move to make appointments from Calcutta would be opposed by AASU, the memorandum said.

## Statement By Asom Jatiatabadi Dal

GUWAHATI, Oct. 29—

The Asom Jatiatabadi Dal in a statement has denied reports appearing in a section of the Press that Sri Girin Barua, President of the Dal, has backed out of the AAGSP team for the Delhi talks which started today.

Terming the report as baseless, the statement added the Dal did not favour the continuance of the 'informal talks' any further after the 10th round was adjourned on August 23 last and the Dal had passed a resolution to this effect.

The statement said any further informal talks was meaningless particularly after the submission of the Final Draft of proposals on September 23 last.

The statement also said Sri Barua objected to his inclusion in the AAGSP team at its meeting on October 26 in deference to the Dal's decision. The Dal however favours resumption of formal talks.

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