

Governor Assures Not To Impose Minority Govt

BY A STAFF REPORTER
GUWAHATI, OCT. 25—
SRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA, GOVERNOR OF ASSAM, ASSURED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEFT AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES OF ASSAM THAT THERE WOULD BE NO IMPOSITION OF A GOVERNMENT IN MINORITY IN THE STATE.

The assurance was given when the representatives of ten political parties of Assam called on the President, Sri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, at the Kaziranga National Park yesterday, where the Governor was present, according to a statement issued here today by the parties.

A memorandum was also submitted to the President, vehemently opposing the imposition of a minority Government upon the people of Assam, evident from the move of Srimati Anowara Taimur, leader of the Congress (I) Legislature Party, the statement said.

The statement added the left and democratic parties pleaded for an opportunity to explore the possibility of forming a popular Government in Assam to end the President's Rule and satisfy the desire of the people of Assam for a representative State Government.

The parties drew the President's attention to the burning problem of foreign national issue which has been agitating the needs of the people of Assam for more than two years but a solution to which has not only been delayed but also wilfully and on various pretexts dragged on by the Government, to serve certain political interests of the ruling party, the statement further said.

The statement said further delay in solving the problem will severely jeopardise the vital interests, not only of Assam, but also of the North-East in particular, and of the country in general. The deputationists pleaded the Presi-

dent to prevail upon the Government to find an early and just solution to the problem on the broad framework of the Constitution of India, the relevant laws, the international agreements and the national commitments.

The deputationists also expressed grave concern that the communal and divisive forces have been very active, and are operating vigorously, jeopardising the cultural integrity of the State.

The Government, on the other hand, on one pretext or the other, have curtailed civil liberties of the people and police forces have been used to suppress the legitimate movement of the working class, the memorandum said.

The deputationists also raised before the President the people's problem and their sufferings on account of the Government's anti-people policy, high price-rise, non-remunerative prices of agricultural produces, particularly of jute, paddy, and sugarcane, reckless imposition of ban on meetings, processions and ventilation of public grievances.

Drawing attention to the long-standing major problems of State, repeatedly represented to the Government of India, the deputationists pleaded for the speedy economic development of the State and its effective industrialisation to cope with its unemployment problem.

The memorandum also said that Assam has high potentiality of rapid economic development but, what is wanting is the political will of the Government to explore, plan and execute it.

The deputation, consisted of Sri Nandeswar Talukdar (CPI), Sri Asit Bhattacharyya (SUCI), Sri Promod Gogoi (CPI), Sri Banerwar Saikia (RCPI), Sri Dulal Chandra Barua and Sri Nagen Baruah (Janata), Sri Purna Borah (Asom Janata), Sri Premadhar Bora (PDF), Sri Paresch Barua (RSP), Sri Ramesh Mohan Kouli (Lok Dal) and Sri Sarat Chandra Sinha (Congress (S)).

Cong-I Memorandum To President

From Our Correspondent
JORHAT, Oct. 25—Eighteen Congress (I) MLAs and two Rajya Sabha members, Sri Syed Abdul Malik and Sri Bijoy Krishna Handique, led by Srimati Anwara Taimur, leader of the Assam Congress (I) Legislature Party and Sri Dharanidhar Das, President, Assam Pradesh Congress (I) submitted a six-point memorandum before the President Sri Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, last night at Kahara Tourist Lodge, where the President after visiting the Kaziranga National Park stopped for the night.

The memorandum while welcoming the President requested him to end President's Rule in Assam by instailing a popular Government by the Congress (I) Legislature Party which is in a position to form a Government, in Assam having working majority in the House as there is doubt as to the capability of any other party to form a Government.

They requested the President to call upon Congress (I) Legislature Party to form Government in Assam and to issue necessary instructions to expedite the matter.

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