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On Aliens Issue

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NEW DELHI, Sept. 30—The Government of India is still studying the modified draft of the AASU and the AAGSP for the solution of the foreigners' problem in Assam. Their reactions are not expected to be forwarded before the end of the Puja holidays. However the Cabinet, Secretariat and the Home Ministry are now too preoccupied with the hijacking of the Indian Airlines plane to Lahore yesterday to discuss the issue.

The reactions of the Government would be conveyed to the agitation leaders either through the Government of Assam or through the middleman, who has been working as a go between the Central Government and the agitation leaders.

The official sources have noted the change in the attitude of the agitation leaders which they feel has become more stiff.

In the earlier discussions the agitation leaders agreed to consider certain conditions to retain some entrants between '61 and '71 from Bangladesh in the State. The latest draft suggests that all those who entered Assam between these years should be deported without exception.

The other condition is that the verdict of the Tribunals to be set up under the Article 223 of the Constitution for deciding the eligibility of a person's stay in Assam should be binding and no appeal against it would lie with any court of appeal. The official circles feel that such a condition would be repugnant to the personal liberty granted under the Article 226 of the Constitution.

It is however necessary to mention that the draft proposals have been kept a secret till now. In the meantime the AASU would have its session at Bongaigaon on Saturday and Sunday, where they might reveal some of the latest proposals they have made to the Government of India. The Adviser to the Governor of Assam, Sri R. V. Subramaniam, who is here declined to make any comments or give his reactions to the proposals. He, however, carried the modified draft to the Cabinet Secretary, Sri Krishnaswamy Rao Saheb.

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