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# Grievances Of NC Hills District Placed Before PM

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From Our Special Representative  
NEW DELHI, Sept. 7—A delegation from the North Cachar Hills District Congress (I) Committee met the Prime Minister and presented to her a memorandum detailing some of the needs of the district.

The delegation felt that the District Council which is ruled by the Janata Party has failed to take measures for the development of the district as expected of them. It had, therefore, become necessary for them to approach the Prime Minister for action.

The delegation suggested that the Kopili Hydel Project which is designed for generating 500 MW of power should be converted into a multi-purpose project so that besides generating power it could irrigate 10,000 hectares of land in the Kopili and Diyung Valley. This could very easily make the district new a deficit one, self sufficient in food production.

The memorandum regretted that even in spite of 34 years of independence, the district does not have an all weather road connection. Surface communications remain suspended during monsoon. It, therefore, requested the Prime Minister that steps should be taken to improve the road communications. It also suggested that the main artery in the road communications, the Dibru-Lumding Silchar-Road should be converted into a National Highway. This road is the link of the district with both the Brahmaputra and Barak Valleys.

It also demanded establishment of an All India Radio centre in the district. There should be direct telephone lines between Haflong, the headquarters of the district and Gauhati the State capital. In addition there should be direct telex and teleprinter services between these two points.

The railway line running between Lumding and Barcapur which touches Haflong

should be improved. Because of the weakness of the bridges and culverts, there are frequent derailments and delay in running of trains causing difficulties to the travelling public.

The memorandum has also demanded a Central School in the district since the Assam Government had decided to introduce Assamese as the sole medium of instruction in its schools. The tribal boys of the district would prefer to study either in English or Hindi.

The memorandum also expresses the lurking suspicion that huge amounts allotted by the Central Government both under plan and non-plan heads have been misused. Nothing perceptible in the sphere of development has been seen except for some departmental buildings. The delegation members felt that this needed some probe and hence the Government of India would do well to depute some Central team to go into it.

## Doctor Arrested At Bhawanipur

By A Staff Reporter  
GUWAHATI, Sept. 7—Police arrested Dr. Mridendra Nath Choudhury early this morning from his residence at Bhawanipur in BARPETA sub-division allegedly on charges of involvement in the recent bomb blast cases.

According to information received here a police party from Guwahati on orders from Dispur made the arrest. He was brought to Guwahati police station.

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## Bill To Take Over Two Rly Companies In Assam Introduced

From Our Special Representative  
NEW DELHI, Sept. 7—The Railway Minister, Sri Kedar Pande, today introduced a Bill in the Lok Sabha for taking over by the Government the privately owned Chaparmukhi Silghat Railway Company and the Katakhal Lalabazar Railway Company in Assam.

The two companies are at present being worked and managed by the North East Frontier Railway in accordance with the working agreement. As the assets of the two companies are not efficiently maintained and the companies are not in a position to rehabilitate them it has become necessary to acquire the undertakings of the companies in relation to the aforesaid railway lines which of vital importance to the North Eastern region of the country and to protect the links of communications between the said areas and the rest of the country. This was stated by the Minister in the objects and reasons for taking over the lines.

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