

Indira-Mujib Pact No Bar

To Delete Foreigners' Name : Vajpayee

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 GUWAHATI, Oct 24—Sri Atal Behari Vajpayee, President Bharatiya Janata Party asserted that Indira-Mujib accord did not prevent the Government of India from deleting from voters' lists the names of those who entered India (Assam) without valid documents before 1971.

Addressing a Press conference here this morning Sri Vajpayee said that inspite of categorical Government assurance that all foreigners who came after 1971 would be deported, no steps taken even to detect the foreigners who came without valid documents during the last 10 years.

Under the Indira-Mujib agreement, it was agreed to take back those who came after March 25, 1971. Bangladesh should not be allowed to violate out of agreement.

Referring to talks between the Government of India and Assam agitation leaders, Sri Vajpayee said that 12 rounds of talks between Assam agitation leaders and the Government of India were held so far but solution to the foreigners' issue was not in sight.

It was the Government and agitation leaders to take the people into confidence and inform people if any progress was achieved. The Government of India should publish a white paper.

Last round of talks, Sri Vajpayee said, centred round the principles and process of determining who among the people coming to India between 1965 and 1971 were foreigners. In that case the best course would be to treat all such persons as staying for the time being. It is indeed regrettable that no steps have been taken to stop further infiltration. A Central team which visited Assam border recently was yet to submit proposals for

Sri Vajpayee charged the Government of India with lacking a political will to save Assam and other areas of the North-east from being swamped by foreign nationals. The foreigners' issue was not a baby of the Janata Government as the Minister of State for Home Sri Venkatasubblah has liked the people to believe. Successive Congress Governments in Assam have not only acquiesced in but actually encouraged influx over the past three decades. Foreigners were functioning as reliable vote banks for the ruling party.

Sri Vajpayee demanded that a time limit be fixed for finding out a solution to the foreigners' issue. The matter cannot be dragged on indefinitely, he said.

BJP Wants Dissolution Of Assam Assembly

By A Staff Reporter
 GUWAHATI, Oct 24—Sri Atal Behari Vajpayee, Chairman Bharatiya Janata Party today strongly opposed formation of any ministry in Assam and demanded immediate dissolution of the State Assembly, now being kept in animated suspension.

Sri Vajpayee told reporters here this morning that members of the Assam Assembly had lost confidence of the people. They should seek a fresh mandate. Last time, a Government of defectors headed by Svedha Anwar Taimur was imposed on Assam. The Governor did not ask Srinati Taimur to demonstrate her strength. It should not happen again, he said. The BJP will resist inside the parliament and outside all attempts to impose another ministry in Assam.

Referring to Srinati Taimur who is trying to form another ministry, Sri Vajpayee said that the senior officials in the State were still taking advice from her. Her words carry more weight with the Home Ministry than advice given by the Governor of Assam. Under President's Rule the council should act independently without any political consideration. Sri

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