

# AASU's Appeal To Join 'Rasta Roko' Programme

By A Staff Reporter

GUWAHATI, Nov. 24—The All Assam Students Union has appealed to the people to make the 'Rasta Roko' programme of November 30 next successful by blocking all road traffic except for the Army, the police and the Fire services.

In a joint statement here today, Sri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta and Sri Bhriugu Kumar Phukan President and General Secretary of AASU, said the air, rail and water transport will be exempted from the programme. The statement appealed to the workers, employees and officers concerned with different transports to cooperate with the 'Rasta Roko' programme by not plying their vehicles on that day.

The statement also appealed to the people to come out on the streets on November 30 and give the slogan 'Deport Foreigners'.

## PM's CHARGES DENIED

Commenting on the Prime Minister's recent statement, AASU said it was deplorable that the Prime Minister herself was making a false propaganda by saying that AASU had gone back on its words. The AASU representatives had never given commitment to any proposal mooted by the Centre at the Delhi talks, the statement said.

The statement reiterated that AASU representatives at the talks had always stated that they would place the relevant points for consideration before its Executive Body in line with the accepted policy of any democratically-run organisation.

Sri Mahanta and Sri Phukan said that AASU representatives had, during the discussions, insisted on keeping minutes, which was strongly opposed by the Government because of its 'weakness'.

They alleged the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister had rather 'backed out' from their earlier assurances.

They pointed out that though the Home Minister during a discussion in Guwahati had assured that all the foreigners would be deported, Sri Zail Singh was now speaking of 1971 as cut-off year, national commitments, humanitarian grounds and such other things.

The AASU leaders also alleged that the Assam Governor's 'refusal' to permit the holding of a rally on November 10 at Guwahati was 'politically motivated'. They said 'there is a gulf of difference between the words and deeds of the Governor, which has caused resentment and disappointment among the people of Assam'.

They hoped that the Governor by his 'intimidatory actions' would not create a barrier between him and the 'indigenous' people of Assam.

Sri Mahanta and Sri Phukan urged the Governor to show determination and efficiency in the detection of foreigners.

The statement said the AASU could not be cowed down by the 'repressive measures' of the Government as they relied on the unity and strength of the people.

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