

# Any Move For Formation Of Cong (I) Ministry With PTCA Opposed

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NEW DELHI, Sept. 25 — The plains tribal educated youth of Assam has opposed any move for the formation of a Congress-I Ministry in the State with the help of the Plains Tribal Council of Assam (PTCA), reports—

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A memorandum submitted recently to the Prime Minister, Smti. Indira Gandhi, a 21-member delegation of the organisation, headed by Sri D Brahma, President of Kokrajhar District Youth Congress-I, said the PTCA had hardly any following and was 'opportunistic in character, sectarian in outlook and an exploiter of tribals'.

The delegation also met Sri Rajiv Gandhi, M P, and several Central Ministers including the Home Minister, Sri Zail Singh, and the Commerce Minister, Sri Pranab Mukherjee during its stay in the capital in the past few days.

The memorandum alleged that the PTCA as a partner of the Janata Government in Assam had mismanaged the plains Tribal Development Corporation to such an extent that a considerable portion of Rs. 95

lakh earmarked for consumption loan to poor tribals went to its M L A s and M P.

The memorandum suggested that for the proposed Assam Land and Revenue Regulation Amendment Bill, 1980, which is likely to create a problem of rehabilitation of about five lakh non-tribals from tribal belts and blocks, the cut-off year should be fixed at later than 1947, when protection against alienation after stringent measures should be taken to implement the provisions in regard to tribal belts and blocks, it said.

The memorandum also demanded recognition of Bodo as an associate official language in Assam, its inclusion in the Eight Schedule of the Constitution, continuance of english as a medium of instruction, reservation for tribals in recruitment to Government departments and public undertakings like O N G C Oil India and establishment of a tribal development authority on the Bihar pattern with suitable modifications for Assam.

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## Governor's Assurance To Opposition MLAs

By A Staff Reporter  
GUNTUR, Sept 25 — The Governor of Assam, Sri Prakash Mehrotra, is reported to have assured a deputation of Opposition M L A s to look into the alleged anomalies in the appointment of Chairmen of various public undertakings and Tribal Development and Sub-divisional Development Boards in the State.

pointments.  
The deputationists also pressed for opening of a new division of the PWD under NEC for opening avenues of appointment and other facilities for the Tribal people in the hills, while the Divisions under NEC at Tinsukia and Jorhat should usefully cater to the need of the region.  
The deputation include of Sri Sarat Chandra Sinha (Congress (S) ), Sri Ramesh Mohan Kauli (Lok Dal), Sri Dulal Baruah (Janata), Dr. Tarini Mohan Baruah (Assam Janata).

The deputationists in course of their discussion with the Governor, today raised various matters regarding the 'serious anomalies' in the ap-