

APCC-I for quick solution to aliens issue

GAUHATI, Nov. 8 (PTI)—The Assam Pradesh Congress Committee-1 has stressed the need for bringing about immediate settlement of the foreign nationals issue in the State.

A resolution adopted by the re-constituted executive committee of the APCC-I at its first meeting here today, said the Congress-I had a positive role to play in solving the foreigners' issue as any other problems of the State.

The meeting decided to apprise the Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi, who is also the Congress-I President, of the State unit's stand on the issue and also on various other problems including speedier economic development so as to bring Assam on par with the advance regions of the country.

The foreign nationals issue, the resolution said, was the outer expression of all the problems accumulated over a century from the time of colonial rule and intensified further by the exploitation of this backward region.

Quicker pace of planned development by expanding the public and co-operative sectors alone held the key to the solution of the problems, it said. However, the prolonged agitation on foreigners issue had greatly hampered the process of development and also proved counter-productive, the resolution said.

Earlier, addressing the meeting the APCC-I president, Mr Dharanidhar Das, asked partymen to guard against the "reactionary" forces which were working against Congress-I and trying to destabilise the entire north-eastern region.

The Assam Congress-I Legislature Party leader, Mrs Anwara Taimur, told the meeting that various political parties in the State were out to put hurdle in the way of Congress-I forming Ministry in Assam.

Miss Mahmuda Begum, MP, joint secretary, AICC-I, Mr Ghulam Nabi Azad MP, president of ALL India Youth Congress-I and Mr P. Thunggan, Union Deputy Minister, also addressed the meeting.

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