

Arms dump unearthed in Assam

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The Assam Government have captured a big dump of arms and explosives and sketches of oil installations in Assam from Gauhati, possibly to be used by the Assam agitators for violent activities.

The Union Home Ministry had received a report in this connection from the State Government. But on Thursday, two CPM MPs, Mr. Hariskishan Singh Surjeet and Mr. Saamer Mukherjee also brought it to the notice of Home Minister Zail Singh.

The CPM leaders have complained to the Home Minister that students belonging to minority communities (non-Assamese) are being harassed and maltreated by the agitators. They have given some instances in which the students of minority communities were not allowed to seek admission in educational institutions, their certificates torn and of harassment in buses.

The CPM has claimed information that arms and ammunition dump which has been found by the authorities also contained literature of some foreign country and they believe that "imperialist" powers are helping the agitation in Assam.

It is stated that a Sub-Inspector of Police of Tulsi Bari police outpost in Gauhati was going home around 8 p.m. after doing his duty when he was surrounded by four armed men and attacked. The Sub-Inspector, who was known as a very strict policeman, was injured seriously and removed to hospital. The police raided various places as a follow up this incident and arrested two persons, a peon working in the employment exchange and a student. Two persons are still to be arrested.

During the raid at the peon's residence, police recovered a big dump of arms and ammunition. Besides arms, it included devices to make explosives, time-bombs fitted with battery and wrist watches. Hand grenades, gelatine sticks, fuse wires, detonators and sketch of oil installations in Assam.

The Union Home Ministry has sought a report from the Assam Government on the information supplied by the CPM leaders regarding the recovery foreign literature during these raids which could connect any foreign hand with the agitation as indicated by them. But the Home Ministry has already received some information on harassment to non-Assamese students and it has been explained by the State Government that immediate action was taken in the matter as soon as such instances came to its notice.

UNI adds: Two Mizo youths were arrested and a huge amount of detonators was recovered from them in the Narengi area near the Oil India pipelines headquarters on Thursday, police said here today.

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