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Assam leaders invited to joint meet in Delhi

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NEW DELHI, Dec. 11—The Union Government has invited the All-Assam Students Union and the All-Assam Gana Sangram Parishad for talks here on the foreigners' issue and has also informed them of the decision to associate leaders of the opposition groups in Parliament in these discussions.

Union Home Secretary T. N. Chaturvedi, in a communication today, informed the leaders of the Assam agitation in detail of the decisions taken at yesterday's meeting between the Prime Minister and the opposition groups in Parliament.

He has suggested that an early combined meeting of the AASU and the AAGSP representatives be held with Government representatives and a small group of opposition leaders in New Delhi. The date for the meeting will be communicated to them later.

They have been informed that representatives of the Government and the Opposition will also discuss the problem with the minority and other groups in Assam which are vitally interested in an amicable solution through negotiations.

While an intimation regarding

the decision taken at yesterday's meeting was sent to them today, the Home Secretary last night wrote to the AASU repeating his invitation to them to come to Delhi for resumption of the talks on the foreigners issue. He told them that the difficulties in having formal talks with them at a place outside Delhi had already been explained to them during their last visit here, and did not, therefore, need reiteration.

The Home Secretary has also reportedly drawn their attention to the threat of resumption of agitation by the AASU and AAGSP saying that this would not help in an amicable solution of the problem.