

# Assam Talks End Without Solution P2

From Our Special Representative

**NEW DELHI, Nov. 3.**—The Assam talks ended here today without any solution to the main question of dispersing the "foreign nationals" who had entered the State between 1961 and 1971.

## 10-Party Alliance In Assam

**GAUHATI, Nov. 3.**—Ten parties in Assam tonight unanimously agreed to form a left and democratic alliance on the basis of a 12-point programme, reports PTI.

A spokesman of the parties said late tonight that they would finalize tomorrow the question of submitting to the Governor, Mr. Prakash Mehrotra, their claim to form a Ministry in the State.

The spokesman said that most of the major issues on the formation of a joint front to provide a Ministry had almost been settled in day-long discussions today.

The alliance comprises the Janata Party, CPI (M), CPI, RCPI, Assam Janata Dal, Congress (S), Progressive Democratic Front, SUCI, Lok Dal and the RSP.

There was also no meeting ground between the Centre and leaders of the agitation in the State on the modus operandi for detecting foreign nationals.

The current five-day discussion was the 14th round of talks held since the negotiations between the Union Government and the leaders of the agitation began in February 1980. It was not known here today when the next round of negotiations would take place.

It was given out by official sources that the next round would be held from November 19. There was no confirmation of this indication either from the All-Assam Students Union or All-Assam Gana Sangram Parishad.

The ASSU president, Mr. Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, told reporters that nothing much had been achieved at the discussions, except an understanding on securing the border against future infiltration by foreign nationals.

In sharp contrast, Mr. T. N. Chaturvedi, Union Home Secretary, said "there has been a fair amount of meeting of mind".

The five-day negotiations were held on the 17-point draft proposals of the two organizations leading the movement in the State. The differences between the Government and the leaders of the agitation were mainly on the following issues: formula for identifying the foreign nationals, deletion of their names from electoral rolls and their deportation or dispersal from Assam and denial of citizenship to the progeny of illegal infiltrators and erstwhile Pakistani citizens.

Mr. Mahanta said the Government would not commit itself one way or the other on their draft proposals. "So far as we are concerned, we will stick to our proposals, and it is for the Government to accept or reject them" he said.

The leaders of the agitation indicated that the Union Government should have the "political will" to disperse foreigners in the 1961-71 stream in other States.

Mr. Chaturvedi was reported to have said that the Government did not lack a will to find a solution.

The Assam leaders pointed out that they had exhausted all their arguments and vocabulary on the question of dispersal of foreign nationals and wanted the official delegation to disclose its stand. If the Government agreed to the demand for dispersal, there would be no difficulty on a detection formula acceptable to both sides the Assam delegation said.

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