

Assam talks to be resumed soon

NEW DELHI, September 14 (PTI): Talks with the Assam agitation leaders are likely to be resumed soon, the minister of state for home, Mr. Yogendra Makwana, told the Rajya Sabha today.

Replying to a combined debate on the Assam state legislature (delegation of powers) bill, 1981, and a statutory resolution moved by Mr. Dinesh Goswami (Ind.) disapproving the Assam finance (No. 2) ordinance, 1981, Mr. Makwana said talks on the officers level were going on. "There is a break. Soon we will resume", he said.

The house later passed the bill and rejected the statutory resolution.

Meanwhile, Mr. Zai Singh, Union home minister, told the ministry's consultative committee that the Assam talks were now progressing "quite satisfactorily."

UNI adds:

In Gauhati, the leaders of All-Assam Students' Union (AASU) and the All-Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (AAGSP) today discussed inconclusively the four-page proposals put forward by the government for a solution of the foreigners issue.

A final decision on the government proposal and on participation in the next round of talks was expected to be taken at a meeting on Friday, an AAGSP source said.

Meanwhile, official sources said that the talks were expected to be resumed on September 20.

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