

# 18-Member Team To Join Tripartite Talks On Jan 18

BY A STAFF REPORTER  
GUWAHATI, JAN. 16—  
A 18-MEMBER DELEGA-  
TION OF THE AASU  
AND AAGSP WILL TAKE  
PART IN THE TRIPAR-  
TITE TALKS TO BE  
HELD IN NEW DELHI  
FROM JANUARY 18.

The 18-member delegation includes eight members from AASU and ten members from AAGSP. The AASU members are: Sri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, President, Sri Bhriku Kumar Phukan, General Secretary, Sri Nurul Hussain, Vice-President, Sri Lalit Rajkhowa, Sri Nagen Sarma, Sri Digen Bora and Sri Arun Bora.

The AAGSP members to join the talks are among others, Sri Nibaran Bora, Sri Khanindia Chandra Baruah, Sri Biraj Sarma, and Sri Atul Bora, both conveners. Five of the 18 members two of AASU and three from AAGSP left for New Delhi this afternoon, the rest will leave tomorrow.

Meanwhile, AASU President, Sri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta and General Secretary, Sri Bhriku Kumar Phukan in a statement issued here today demanded of the Government of India to stop all repressive measures in Assam and only then, they said, the sincerity of the Government to find out a solution will be evident.

Sri Mahanta and Sri Phukan said that the people of Assam were indignant today at the double dealing of the Government of India in talking about a conducive climate for talks and at the same time continuing a reign of terror. The Government has invited the AASU and AAGSP for talks and at the same time it has detained seven executive members and some Karmachari Parishad functionaries under NSA. Police and CRP atrocities have been continued unabated in Mangaldai and Jorhat. The General Secretary of the Mangaldai District Students Union, Sri Paramananda Rajbongshi has been kept in lock-up for 119 hours. Two girl students of Dhemai who were beaten up by police during civil disobe-

dience programme were still in hospital.

Sri Mahanta and Sri Phukan have pointed out that Sri Gopal Medhi (student) was killed by the anti-movement elements supported by a left party. But the authorities to cover up their failures have started false charges against some agitators. The AASU has declared Sri Medhi as a Swahid.

PTI adds: Sri Mahanta and Sri Phukan told PTI after the Executive meeting of the AASU that the decision to its joining the tripartite talks had been communicated to the Government.

The AASU leaders said that they would insist that the basis for the talks for solving the issue should be the 17-point draft proposals submitted to the Government by the Assam movement leaders at the last round of official level talks.

A New Delhi message says: Hope is centred on the tripartite talks on Assam opening here on Monday to thrash out a solution to the vexed foreign nationals issue with participation widened to include representatives of opposition parties in Parliament.

Talks spanning several months between the movement leaders and the Centre failed to resolve the problem. This is the first time that leaders of the opposition parties—CPI-M, CPI, BJP, Janata and Congress-S—will join representatives of the All Assam Students Union (AASU) and All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (AAGSP) and of the Union Government in the search for a solution.

The movement leaders are expected to arrive tomorrow for the talks and Government has indicated that it will take into account views also of the various other interested parties in evolving a solution to the foreign nationals problem.

## Women's Appeal To PM To Stop CRP Atrocities

By A Staff Reporter  
GUWAHATI, Jan. 16—A delegation representing the women of Guwahati submitted to the Governor here today a memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister, appealing her to stop the CRPF and Police atrocities unleashed on the citizens specially women in Assam.

The delegation which included Srimati Hema Bharali, Srimati Girija Barua, Srimati Indira Devi and Srimati Nilima Kakoti met the Governor, Sri Prakash Mehrotra and received an assurance from him to conduct an inquiry into two of the cases of atrocities cited by them in the memorandum, a member of the delegation said.

Incidentally, Sri A C Saikia, DC, Darrang who was present at the Raj Bhawan, is stated to have refuted the allegations of illtreatment of Srimati Bijaya Chakraborty who is now detained at Bhalukpung. He has reportedly invited the delegation to visit Bhalukpung to see it for themselves.

The delegation also said that they had received permission from the Governor to hold a silent procession in Guwahati of women in protest against the atrocities on citizens particularly women by the CRPF and police.

## CRPC's Threat To Launch Counter-Agitation

NEW DELHI, Jan. 16—The Citizen's Right Preservation Committee of Assam today threatened to launch a counter-movement, if the Government reached any settlement with the agitation leaders on the foreign nationals issue, which was not acceptable to all sections of people in the State.

A three-member delegation of the Committee demanded at a Press conference here that the Government must also hold discussion with representatives of the Committee and other bodies of religious, linguistic and ethnic minorities in Assam before arriving at any settlement.

The delegation came here to meet the Government representatives and leaders of Opposition parties before the proposed tripartite talks on the foreign nationals issue on January 18. Its members are: Sri Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar, former Minister of Assam and patron of the Committee, Sri Nripati Ranjan Choudhury, former MP and Committee Vice-President, and Sri Naresh Chandra Das, Joint Secretary of the Committee.

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