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CM's Charge Termed As Pure Figment Of Imagination

GUWAHATI, Jan. 30—The All Assam Students Union (AASU) today described as "pure figment of imagination" the State Chief Minister's charge that the sponsors of the movement of foreign nationals issue were resorting to any activities which were tantamount to "parallelism or secessionist" amongst Government reports PTI.

Sharply reacting to the Chief Minister's observation at a Press meet here yesterday, the AASU leaders said that they had not thought of establishing a "parallel authority."

Defending the call to observe "people's curfew" on the Republic Day, Sri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta and Sri Bhriku Kumar Phukan, President and General Secretary respectively of the AASU, told pressmen here it was only a part of their "non-cooperation movement" against the Government.

The AASU leaders asserted that non-cooperation was part of the Gandhian movement

and all the programmes were chalked out on that line.

If the Government termed "non-cooperation" as running a parallel authority then it would be denying the Gandhian means of independence movement itself.

They claimed the detention of people "peacefully" as part of non-cooperation was nothing wrong.

Sri Mahanta and Sri Phukan said that the secessionists were those giving shelter to the foreign infiltrators who could be found even in the ruling party and not the supporters of the movement demanding deportation of foreigners.

The AASU leaders accused the Government of "vitiating" the climate for tripartite talks by not releasing the arrested persons in connection with the movement including those detained under the National Security Act (NSA). The NSA detenus were also denied the required facilities as directed by the Supreme Court.

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