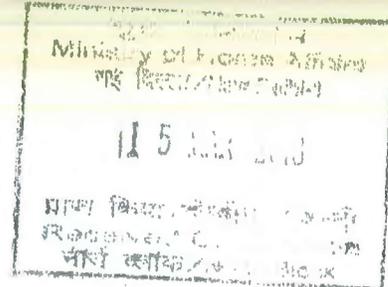


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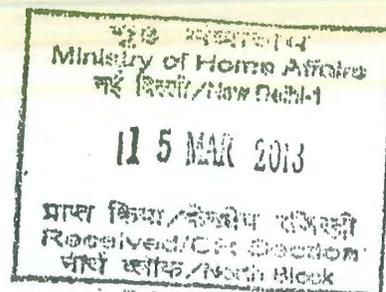
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called Bodoland without having serious consultation with other groups of people who happened to be the absolute majority in the concerned area under ethnic autonomy. Unfortunately government did not respond to those reasonable views and it unilaterally signed those accords i.e. Bodo land accord, Rabha Hassong accord, Tiwa accord, Missing accord and what not, in a ambiguous manner. Rabha accord was signed by the then Hiteshwar Saikia government and Rabha Hasang act was passed in Assam assembly in 1995 even extinguishing the system of Panchayaatiraj violating the provisions of 73rd amendment of the constitution of India. Later on Tarun Gogoi Government has passed the Rabha Hasong (Amendment) Act of 2001 and of 2005 without corrective measures and without any effort to obtain the consent of the majority Non Rabha people including Garoes, one of the oldest tribes in that area. It is to be noted that the Rabha Hasong consist of 779 in South Kamrup and district of Goalpara. Among those villages at least 400 villages are Non-Rabha majority. Now government of Assam is going to have the election of Rabha Hassong without sorting out of the problems arising out of Non-Rabha's demand for exclusion of Non-Rabha villages from Rabha Hasong. We think if union government allow the state government of Assam to go with this kind of irresponsible way, the BTAD like situation would take place in Rabha Hasong also. In this context we like to enclose some of the memorandum's submitted at different times to the government of India and the government of Assam regarding BTC and the ethnic problems as a whole.

Sir, presently though the situation in BTAD has come to be normal to a certain extent in the law and order situation, the problems behind the whole ethnic tangle yet to be solved properly and permanently. More over hundreds of Muslim families are waiting for rehabilitation until today. Seizure of illegal arms

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has not been completed. Non Bodo's are under consistent threat of Bodo extremism. On the other hand, misled by the rulers of Bodoland led by Hagrama, a section of police administration in Kokrajhar and Chirang of BTAD is launching atrocities in the name of investigation after the July massacre of last year, on innocent Muslims and other non-Bodo's there. In this context we want to remind your honour that in the month of August, last year while you were along with the UPA Chairperson Mrs. Sonia Gandhi in the violence trodden Kokrajhar, Dhubri and Chirang. We met you at Panbari BSF Camp (of the District of Dhubri) and explained our views why without reviewing the BTC accord permanent solution to the problems of ethnic conflicts there is not possible. Moreover, problems of other ethnic group i.e. scheduling of Kochi-Rajbangsi and Adivasi should also be solved without delay. So, we hope again, your honour will consider our following demands positively.

Congratulating you,

Yours faithfully,

Brojen Mahanta, Chief Convenor, SJSS *Brojen*

Hareswar Barman, Convenor, SJSS *Hareswar*

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Our demands :

- Review of BTC accord'
- Stop to application of sixth schedule in plains of Assam.
- Exclusion of Non-Bodo majority villages from BTC.
- Complete and unconditional rehabilitation of all the displaced persons in BTAD.
- Complete seizure of all illegal arms in BTC.
- Your intervention in handling the problems of Rabha-Hassong.
- To hold round table conference of all the ethnic groups in Assam to find out the solution to the problem of Tribal Autonomy.
- Concede the demand of scheduling of Koch-Rajbangsi and Adivasi.

List of Enclosures :

1. Memorandum of SJSS submitted to the Honourable Home Minister on 8th November, 2004 along with a Memorandum to Chief Minister of Assam by S.J.S.S. on March 01, 2002., Memorandum to His Excellency President of India by S.J.S.S. on 8th April, 2002.
2. A Memorandum to the Governor of Assam by A.B.M.S.U. on 19 November, 2012
3. A short Memorandum by the Kamrup District Gano National Council.