

ALL BODO EMPLOYEES' FEDERATION.

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The All Bodo Employees Federation has observed that the world-wide publicised Bodoland agitation spearheaded by the ABSU and the BPAC has not only established the facts of bitter experiences of a round sufferings of the down-trodden Bodo aborigines of Assam for the decades that passed, it has also been able to convince and declare both the Central Govt. of India and the State Govt. of Assam to recognise and consider the problems of the Bodos as political one which need political solutions in the last two Tri-partite talks held in New Delhi on the 28th August/89 and 5th October/89. Immediately after the last round of Tri-partite talk was over, the Bodo people at large hoped the restoration of peace and normalcy in the State of Assam. But though the ABSU and BPAC suspended the agitational programmes, the Assam police forces have not stopped their excesses upon the innocent and peace loving Bodo tribals and Bodo Govt. employees almost everywhere in Assam. Not to speak of the common people belonging to the Bodo community, the intellectuals, members of the Bodo well-to-do families and Govt. employees of all grades and ranks have not been spared by the Assam police from their excesses to the extreme degree during the movement and after the last two round of Tri-partite talks only for their clear and bold support to the movement for realisation and determination for their minimum future. The massive attacks and large scale destructions of Bodo People and their villages by the police forces are still going on specially in Barpeta and Nalbari districts in addition to the continuation of the same excesses in other areas even after the last Tri-partite talk held in New Delhi on 5th October/89. Hundreds of Government and semi Govt. employees have been discharged, arrested, suspended and detained in jails under false cases and thousands have been tortured with untold and

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uncivilised behaviours including female employees. Some have been killed and many have been injured leading to the physically handicaped for life. Instead of trying to solve the problem, the Govt. of Assam is trying to divide the people of various sections of the state and encouraging the purchased antisocial elements for the purpose of defaming the democratic and peaceful movement for Bodoland. Since the on going movement for separate homeland for the tribals of Assam is popular, non-violent and democratic one for the only goal of freeing themselves from the untold exploitation, empirilism, suppressions, repressions and humiliations in all respects; its gaining of momentum and attraction to all is very much common and natural. Moreover it is just constitutional and means for the best safeguard, alround rapid progress and development of the tribal people of Assam.

Hence the All Bodo Employees Federation appeals the Central Govt. of India to intervene into the entire issue and solve the Bodo problem politically through discussions with ABSU and BPAC once for all in no delay. The All Bodo Employees Federation also urges upon both the Central Govt. of India and the State Govt. of Assam to (i) withdraw all the illegal orders against the Bodo employees including discharge and suspensions and re-instate them accordingly; (ii) withdraw black laws like TADA and section 144 Cr. P. C. from tribal areas, (iii) stop police excesses still continue to-day in many places in massive way, (iv) sanction financial compensation for the rehabilitation of the victimised Bodo employees and common people in general, (v) withdraw police camps from tribal areas for the purpose of normalising the situation and (vi) restore congenial atmosphere for the Bodo employees for attending offices and educational institutions as early as possible.

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