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A MEMORANDUM TO

SMTI PRATIBHA DEVISING PATIL HER EXCELLENCY, HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA RASTRAPATI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110004.

> SUBMITTED BY-**BODO SAHITYA SABHA** H.Q. - KOKRAJHAR, BTAD, ASSAM DATED THE 22ND MARCH, 2011



ON DEMANDS OF-

PROPER REMEDIAL MEASURES OF THE DISCRIMINATIONS METED OUT BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM AGAINST BODO MEDIUM EDUCATION BY-

- NOT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL POSTS OF CONTRACTUAL APPOINTMENT TO BODO MEDIUM IN THE MIXED MEDIUM (ASSAMESE AND BODO) SECONDARY SCHOOLS.
- NOT PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROPERLY TO THE BODO MEDIUM IN THE MIXED MEDIUM (ASSAMESE AND BODO) L.P., U.P. SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES AS PER NEED.
- NOT PROVIDING TEACHERS AS PER NECESSITY TO BODO MEDIUM L.P. AND U.P. &HOOLS FROM THE RECENT APPOINTMENT OF 15643 ADDITIONAL TEACHERS POST.
- IMPOSING ENGLISH IN CLASS- I TO V AS OVERLOAD IN THE MOTHER TONGUE EDUCATION WITHOUT PROVIDING ENGLISH TEACHER IN LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOLS.
- NOT PROVIDING ADEQUATE NUMBER OF TEXT BOOK IN TIME (TILL DATE) IN A PROPER MANNER.
- NOT IMPLEMENTING THE R.T.E. ACT,2009 PROPERLY IN THE MOTHER TONGUE EDUCATION OF THE STATE SPECIALLY FOR BODO MEDIUM EDUCATION.

Her Excellency.

With high veneration, we the undersigned, for and on behalf of the Bodo Sahitya Sabha, the highest Socio-Literary organization of the Bodos, have the honour to lay before your honour the following few lines of discriminations meted out by the Education Department of provincial Government of Assam towards Bodo Medium Education. That Madam,

- Though the Govt. of Assam has already appointed additional 3(three) posts of (1) teachers on contractual basis in every High and Higher Secondary schools, Bodo Medium have been deprived from such facility in the mixed medium schools where Assamese and Bodo Medium is simultaneously running. The posts have been provided for the Assamese Medium only. It is unfortunate that the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council under Sixth Scheduled is also giving no importance to the contractual teacher appointment and because of that the Secondary Schools of Karbi Anglong District have been deprived from getting additional 3 (three) posts of teacher for each medium.
- (2) At the same time, though the Hon'ble Education Minister, Assam agreed to provide equal benefit of financial assistance to the mixed medium schools (Assamese and Bodo) but, unfortunately some of the Bodo Medium Schools within BTAD and outside BTAD areas have been deprived from that facility.



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- (3) Unfortunately, without proper planning and policy and also without arrangement of necessary infrastructure, the Government of Assam has decided to bifurcate Class- V from Upper Primary school and directed Education Department (Elementary) to marge up Class- V with Lower Primary School. In this way the Government has declared 15643 posts for appointment to accommodate the L.P. Schools. In this case also most of the Bodo medium L.P. Schools have been deprived from the facility. Because, most of the Bodo Medium L.P. Schools having less enrolment have been dropped from the list of the accommodation. But to our surprise, in every single teacher school, though fewer enrolments, he/she must teach at least 24 subjects or periods from K.G. to Class- V in a day and in the schools of large enrolment having 3 or 4 teachers will teach the same 24 subjects or periods from K.G. to Class- V in a day. We feel it negligence to the Elementary Education.
- (4) Discrimination is also seen in providing Text Book of mother tongue education of Bodo Medium. The Text Books of Class- I to VIII of N.C.E.R.T. course were undertaken by SCERT, Assam for translation and the MIL were adopted by some experts of Bodo Language who were related to Bodo Medium Education. All those Text Books were ready for print in the month of October, 2010. But unfortunately though printing of Text Books of Assamese and English Medium have been completed, the Text Books of Bodo Medium have not been completed till date. In some of the printed Text Books, some anomalies have been found. As for example in the Bodo MIL "BITHORAI" of Class-II supplied to Lakhimpur District from 17 to 31 pages, the Assamese matters are found. Surprisingly, the same Text Book supplied to Odalguri district, only the cover page was found in Bodo, but entire matters inside have been found "BENGALI" language. It is the example of negligence of Assam Text Book Production and Publication Corporation Ltd., Assam. The above mentioned Text Book was printed at LABANYA PRINTING PRESS, Guwahati under the supervision of an ACADEMIC OFFICER of Bodo Language of the Corporation.
- (5) In Assam, English is introduced in L.P. Schools from Class- I. The Bodo Sahitya Sabha has nothing to say against it. But, we would like to draw attention to your Excellency initially, this is only one preparatory Class in L.P. school in Assam. No teacher is appointed to teach English and because of that they are not taught English properly and in this way without having proper knowledge of English Language, they are given the big volume of Text Book of CBSE Course in Class- I to V which is beyond their capacity. On the other hand most of the teachers are not qualified to follow the Books. Therefore, it seems to be a over burden to the pupil of mother tongue education. For effective implementation of that policy, medium wise English teacher must be appointed in the Lower primary schools of mother tongue education and textbooks must be changed.
- (6) It is observed that the Mother Tongue Education, specially Bodo Medium Education is badly neglected by the Government of Assam. Truly speaking, the Government of Assam is trying to smash down the Bodo Medium Education. Most of the Bodo Medium Schools are waiting for provincialisation for long long years and running in the deplorable condition. On the other hand, this medium is also getting no teacher as per requirement in the provincialised and mixed medium (Bodo Section) Schools. We feel, this is an act of violation of R.T.E. Act-2009 by Govt. of Assam. To wipe out such discrimination, we urge upon your honour to strongly instruct the Government of Assam to implement the R.T.E. Act 2009 properly and in this way to take proper step of provincialisation of Bodo Medium Schools and to provide necessary posts in the provincialised Bodo Medium and Mixed Medium (Bodo Section) Schools.

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Respected Madam,

The Bodo is a downtrodden tribal community of Assam struggling long years for its survival. Bodo is a developing language and struggling to cope with other developed languages. The medium of this language is getting ill treatment from the Government of Assam since implementation and because of that this medium may be extinguished in the days to come.

Therefore, we urge upon your honour to strongly instruct the Government of Assam to take the appropriate steps of development of Bodo Medium education in every walk.

Lastly, we pray for your sound health and long life.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Kameswar Brahma) President, B.S.S.

(Bisweswar Basumatary)
Vice President, B.S.S.

(Rajen Khakhtary) Vice President, B.S.S.

(Mahilal Basumatary) Treasurer, B.S.S. s faithfully,

(Kamala Kt. Mochaha General Secy. B.S.S.

(Bhojen Ch. Boro) Secretary, B.S.S.

(Unendra Deury)

(Upendra Deury) Secretary, B.S.S.

(Rafel Daimary) Secretary, B.S.S.

Copy to-

1. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India with high regards and request to instruct the Chief Minister of Assam for immediate fulfillment of the demands.

2. The Hon'ble Ministe, HRD, to the Govt. of India with high regards with a request to take the effective step.

3. His Excellency Governor of Assam, Raj Bhawan, Guwahati-4 with high regards and request to instruct the Chief Minister of Assam to expedite the demands of B.S.S.

4. The Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for information and necessary order to Education Department.

(Kamata Kt. Mochahary) General Secretary Bodo Sahitya Sabha