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A
MEMORANDUM
TO
DR. MANMOHAN SINGH
HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA
SUBMITTED BY-
BODO SAHITYA SABHA AND ITS ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS.
Date- 12th April, 2012
Camp: Jantar-Mantar, New Delhi

ON DEMANDS OF-

1. CREATION OF SEPARATE DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION FOR BODO AND OTHER TRIBAL LANGUAGES DECLARED BY HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF ASSAM ON THE FLOOR OF ASSAM ASSEMBLY ON 22ND JULY, 2010.
2. AMENDMENT OF SOME SECTIONS OF "THE ASSAM VENTURE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (PROVINCIALIZATION OF SERVICES) ACT, 2011."
3. AMENDMENT OF "ASSAM NON-GOVERNMENT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT) ACT-2006."
4. PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF "THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN TO FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION ACT, 2009" (RTE- 2009) IN ASSAM.
5. PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF "THE SCHEDULED TRIBES AND OTHER TRADITIONAL FOREST DWELLERS (RECOGNITION OF FOREST RIGHTS) ACT, 2006.
6. HOLDING OF SEPARATE "TET" EXAMINATION WITH RELAXATION OF NORMS FOR BODO MEDIUM EDUCATION AND ALLOCATION OF MEDIUM WISE POST AS PER REQUIREMENT UNDER THE PROVISION OF CHAPTER-IV CLOUSE 23(2) OF R.T.E. ACT., 2009,

Most Respected Sir,

We, the undersigned, for and on behalf of the Bodo Sahitya Sabha and its allied organizations, have the honor to bring your kind notice on the following few lines for favour of your sympathetic and early needful action.

1. CREATION OF SEPARATE DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION FOR BODO AND OTHER TRIBAL LANGUAGES DECLARED BY HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF ASSAM ON THE FLOOR OF ASSAM ASSEMBLY ON 22ND JULY, 2010.

Sir, we did express our gratitude and thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam while he declared for creating "The Directorate of Education for Bodo and Other Tribal Languages" on the floor of Assam Assembly on 22nd July, 2010, but unfortunately that seemed to be a big sound of an empty vessel. It requires only finalization of its modality and the Cabinet memorandum of the Cabinet Committee of the Ministry of Assam. But not any such appropriate step has been taken so far till date and the matter has been kept aside.

We, therefore, do request your honor to be kind enough to give necessary instruction to the Govt. of Assam for creating Directorate of Education for Bodo and other Tribal Languages, Assam.

2. AMENDMENT OF SOME SECTIONS OF "THE ASSAM VENTURE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (PROVINCIALIZATION OF SERVICES) ACT, 2011."

Sir, after the assent obtained from His Excellency, the Hon'ble Governor of Assam, the Act was notified in the ASSAM GEZETTE on 5th September, 2011 and as such it will come into force with effect from the date of this NOTIFICATION.

But Sir, before placing the said Act on the floor of the Assam Assembly, 2011, we had requested the Hon'ble Minister, Education, Govt. of Assam to modify some Sections of the Act. Further, we also requested and waited till last Assembly Session for amendment on some Sections which are detrimental to Bodo Medium Education but in vain and these are: Section 3(1) (i), 3(1) (ii), 3(3), 4(1), 5(3), 4(2) and 10(4), (Annexure-I)



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3. AMENDMENT OF "ASSAM NON-GOVERNMENT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT) ACT-2006".

Sir, after enactment of this Act, most of the venture Educational Institutions have been deprived of obtaining permission and recognition from the appropriate authority since 2006 and failed to be provincialised. The Bodo Medium Schools, in most of the areas, have been established lately and as such, could not obtain permission and recognition from the Govt. of Assam in time and most had obtained after 01-01-06. Because of that, employees of such schools will be deprived of provincialization of their services and due to that reason we requested the Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of Assam not to impose such conditions of base year prior to 01-01-06 and to relax it till coming into force of this Act. but our demand was not conceded.

Therefore, we request your honor to instruct the Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of Assam to amend Clause-3(1)(i) without keeping base year prior to 01-01-06. (Annexure-II)

4. PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF "THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN TO FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION ACT, 2009" (RTE- 2009) IN ASSAM.

Sir, Section -3(II) of the Assam Venture Educational Institutions (Provincialization of Services) Act, 2011 is quite contradictory to this Act(RTE, 2009). In this section, it is said that minimum 25 enrolment is required in the highest class i.e. Class-V in the Lower Primary and Class-VIII in the Upper Primary, but, according to RTE, Act. 2009 under section 19 and 25, no such enrolment is earmarked for any class and because of that we requested the Hon'ble Education Minister, Assam to modify this section, but to no effect. (Annexure-III)

Therefore, we request your honor to instruct the Govt. of Assam not to keep any such fixed enrolment bar in the Elementary level of Education.

5. PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF "THE SCHEDULED TRIBES AND OTHER TRADITIONAL FOREST DWELLERS (RECOGNITION OF FOREST RIGHTS) ACT, 2006".

The Bodo people, belong to Scheduled Tribes, have been dwelling in different forest areas of Assam since long. To inculcate education to their children through their Mother tongue, they have established educational institutions of various categories i.e. L.P., M.E. & Secondary etc. in those Forest areas. But these educational institutions have been deprived of Government permission and recognition and they have been deprived of provincialization due to non-receipt of land allotment in the name of institutions though as per the chapter-II clause 3(2) of the scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 of India, they are entitled to receive land allotment. Thereby injustice have been done to the Bodo Tribal people of Assam by violating "the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006" which is also contrary to the Rights of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (R.T.E. Act, 2009). (Annexure-IV)

We, therefore, earnestly request your honor to issue necessary directives to the State Govt. of Assam for allotting land to the educational institutions setup at Forest areas and thereby accord Govt. permission and recognition to the educational institutions to pave the way of provincialization.

6. HOLDING OF SEPARATE "TET" EXAMINATION FOR BODO MEDIUM EDUCATION.

The State Govt. of Assam has decided to appoint near about 28,000 (twenty eight thousand) teachers in this year, 2012 in various categories of schools and to translate the matter into reality, TET Examination has already been held. But it is a matter of sad to say that the Bodo medium candidates are not competent to compete with the candidates of general category. As they availed less privilege during their schooling, they are low in quality compared to other medium candidates. The number of the TET passed out candidates is found a few as required for Bodo Medium teachers. It needs more relaxation in eligibility criteria and qualifying marks bar under the provision of Chapter-IV Clouse 23(2) of R.T.E .Act, 2009 and holding TET examination separately for Bodo Medium.



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We, therefore, request your honor to give necessary directives to the state Govt. of Assam to hold the TET examination separately for Bodo Medium education making provisions of more relaxation in eligibility criteria and qualifying marks bar.

Further, it is requested that the posts of teachers for Bodo medium schools be earmarked as required.

That sir, the circumstances stated above compelled us to stage "DHARNA and BONFIRE programme today the 12th April, 2012 at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi from 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM, with a view to expressing our deep resentment against the anti Bodo Medium activities of the state Government of Assam and to draw your kind attention to the matter. Further, we would like to apprise your honour that if our demands are not conceded at the earliest, the Bodo Sahitya Sabha would be compelled to launch more vigorous democratic movement in the days to come for sustenance of Bodo Language and Education.

That sir, we, the Bodo people want to survive with our own language, traditions and distinct culture restoring the unity among diversity in India. We hope that your gracious self would render us to exercise our rights to language, education, culture and traditions as conferred by the Indian constitution.

We, therefore, request your kind favour and sympathetic consideration on the grievances stated above and to be kind enough to redress the same once for all.

We pray for your sound health and long life.

We remain, Sir.

Yours faithfully,

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

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

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2. The Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi.
3. The Hon'ble Union Minister, H.R.D., Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi.
4. The Hon'ble Union Minister, Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, The Hon'ble Chairperson, UPA, 10 Janpath, New Delhi.

(Kamala Kt. Mochahary)
General Secretary,
Bodo Sahitya Sabha.