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A MEMORANDUM TO

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SUBMITTED BY-BODO SAHITYA SABHA H.Q. - KOKRAJHAR, BTAD, ASSAM DATED THE 14<sup>TB</sup> JULY, 2011

#### ON DEMANDS IN THE MATTER OF

- 1. CREATION OF SEPARATE DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION FOR BODO AND OTHER TRIBAL LANGUAGES.
- PROVINCIALIZATION OF ALL CATEGORIES BODO MEDIUM VENTURE L.P., UP, H.E., HSS SCHOOLS INCLUDING COLLEGES.
- 3. CREATION OF POSTS OF BODO LECTURER IN COLLEGES UNDER G.U. & D.U.
- FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL POSTS OF CONTRACTUAL APPOINTMENT TO BODO MEDIUM IN THE MIXED MEDIUM (ASSAMESE AND BODO) SECONDARY SCHOOLS.
- FOR 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.
- FOR PROVIDING TEACHERS AS PER NECESSITY TO BODO MEDIUM L.P. AND U.P. SCHOOLS FROM THE RECENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR APPOINTMENT OF 15643 ADDITIONAL TEACHERS POST.
- 7. FOR PROVIDING ADEQUATE NUMBER OF TEXT BOOKS IN TIME IN A PROPER MANNER.
- 8. STOP IMPOSING ENGLISH IN CLASS- I TO V OVERLOADING THE MOTHER TONGUE EDUCATION WITHOUT PROVIDING ENGLISH TEACHER IN LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOLS.
- 9. PROPER IMPLEMENTATION THE R.T.E. ACT,2009 IN THE MOTHER TONGUE EDUCATION OF THE STATE.
- 10. RELAXATION OF QUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF TEACHERS UNDER SECTION 23 (2) OF R.T. EDUCATION ACT-2009.
- 11. CREATION OF POSTS OF BODO SUBJECT TEACHERS IN H.S. SCHOOLS & JUNIOR COLLEGES.
- APPOINTMENT OF SUBJECTWISE LECTURERS IN S.C.E.R.T HAVING KNOWLEDGE IN BODO LANGUAGE.
- 13. INTRODUCTION OF BODO AS A MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN HIGHER SECONDARY COURSES.

#### The Hon'ble Minister Sir,

With high honor and regards, the Bodo Sahitya Sabha being immensely pleased with know no bounds begs to express their appreciation congratulating on your consecutive three times success showing full public confidence to the ability and leadership of your honor. The Bodo Sahitya Sabha having full confidence in the ability of your honor now willing to place their demands as follows-

(1) It may be mentioned very fairly that in course of Budget Speech by the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the period from 1st April to 31st July, 2011 held from 1st February openly declared before the House for creation of Directorate of Education for Bodo and other Tribal languages. But inspite of lapse of reasonable time this has not been practically implemented till date.

Therefore, your honor may kindly be pleased to take a strong measure to bring the proposal to the reality and to appease the burning heart of the Bodo and other Tribal people by preparing Cabinet Memorandum and to get approval of the Assam Cabinet.



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(2) Secondly, many educational institutions alike L.P., U.P., HE, HSS and Colleges are running in venture stages and the teachers of those venture schools and colleges are suffering a lot due to non provincialisation of those venture schools and colleges inspite of their great sacrifice in running those schools at their initiative. The Bodo Sahitya Sabha is highly appreciating in honor knowing that after assuing the portfolio of Education Minister your honor is pleased to declare in public to provincialise venture schools and colleges recognized up to 2006. But it is a matter of sorrow that most of the Bodo Medium Venture Schools are recognized very lately upto 2008.

Therefore, it is strongly urged upon your honor for taking a strong measure to provincialise Bodo Medium venture schools and colleges recognized and established upto 2008 for the interest of the common people.

(3) In this point the Bodo Sahitya Sabha is glad to appreciate your honor that the Govt. of Assam is very much kind to sanction 16 (sixteen) posts for Bodo Lecturers under BTAD in the year 2009 along with further sanction of 7 (seven) posts of Bodo lecturers out side the BTAD in the year 2010.

Thereafter, the Director of higher Education, Assam had submitted a proposal for creation of 20 posts of Bodo Lecturers for seven colleges outside BTAD vide proposal No. PC /HE/plan/25/95/285 dtd. 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2010. This proposal is lying pending in the Finance Department.

Therefore, your honor may kindly be pleased to look in to this matter for early creation of those posts.

Further, the Bodo Sahitya Sabha likes to draw the attention of your honor that inspite of introducing Bodo MIL and Elective Subject along with Major Course in TDC under Dibrugarh University no proposal could be submitted for creation of requisite posts for want of Govt. concurrence.

Alike Dibrugarh University, the similar circumstances is found in case of some colleges under Gauhati University.

Therefore, the Hon'ble Chief Minister may kindly be sympathetic and considerate for taking needful steps for creation of posts and obtaining concurrence as deemed and found necessary.

- (4) Though the Govt. of Assam has already appointed teachers against additional 3(three) posts of teachers on contractual basis in every High and Higher Secondary schools, the appointment of Bodo Medium teachers has been deprived in many districts from such facility in the mixed medium schools wherein Assamese and Bodo Medium are simultaneously running. The posts have been provided for Assamese Medium only. It is unfortunate that the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council under Sixth Scheduled is also not given 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.
- (5) At the same time, though the then 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. On the other hand the venture schools of the Karbi Anglong and Dima Hassao Districts are totally deprived from that scheme.
- (6) 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 in 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 appointment. But to



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our surprise, in every single teacher school, though less enrolment, he/she must teach atleast 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 needs to teach the same 24 subjects or periods from K.G. to Class- V in a day. We feel it is quite negligence to the mother tongue Elementary Education.

Therefore, your honor shall be pleased to provide post of teachers on medium wise but not on the basis of P.T.R.

(7) Negligence 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 was adopted by some experts of Bodo Language who were concerned to Bodo Medium Education. All those Text Books were ready for printing in the month of October,2010. But unfortunately though printing of Text Books of Assamese and English Medium has been completed, but the printing of the Text Books of Bodo Medium has not been completed in time. 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, printing is found in Assamese copy. Surprisingly, the same Text Book supplied to Odalguri district, only the cover page was found in Bodo, but entire printing inside has been found in "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 Text Books Corporation. It is a matter of great regret that the authority concerned failed to supply free text book of Bodo Medium Schools till date.

(8) The Government of Assam, has introduced English in L.P. Schools from Class- Ka. The Bodo Sahitya Sabha has nothing to say against it. But, we would like to draw attention to your honor initially, this is only one preparatory Class in L.P. school. 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 prepared by NCERT for 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 English textbooks must be replaced.

(9) 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 the Govt. of Assam. To avoid such discrimination, we urge upon your honor to strongly instruct the department concerned to stop such type of negligence to the Bodo Medium Education implementing the R.T.E. Act 2009 properly with step of provincialisation of Bodo Medium Schools and to provide necessary posts in the provincialised Bodo Medium and Mixed Medium (Bodo Section) Schools.

(10) The grievance under this point is a request to implement the provisions fully in letter and spirit as laid down under section 23 (2) of R.T. Education Act, 2009. It is a well known fact to your honor that Backward Bodo Community is not yet having sufficient educated candidates securing 45 % marks in Bodo Medium education due to backwardness economically and other obvious grounds.

In this connection it is found necessary to mention that as per rule made by the NCTE for the appointment of teachers is that minimum qualification should be HS pass with at least 45% marks along with 2 years Diploma in Elementary Education.



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Therefore, your honor shall be pleased to submit a proposal to the Govt. of India to that effect for relaxation of marks 45% to 40% in respect of Bodo Medium candidates appreciating the sentiment and aspiration of the Bodo people.

(11) The Bodo language has been included in the Educational Curriculum as MIL and Advance Bodo Subject in Higher Secondary Schools. But no post sufficient of subject teachers have been created by the Govt. of Assam. Consequently, the students are suffering a lot and deprived of getting proper education.

Though the Govt. of Assam had created few posts for Bodo MIL and Elective Subject teachers under BTAD areas in the year of 2009 leaving the H.S. Schools and Junior colleges outside BTAD.

Therefore, your honor may kindly be please to take necessary action for creation of said posts.

(12) Though the proposal for appointment of subject wise lecturers in SCERT having knowledge of Bodo language was accepted long back in the year 2006 while discussed with the then Hon'ble Education Minister on 18<sup>th</sup> November/06, the proposal is lying without any positive result. Since it was agreed by the Education Department, you are earnestly requested to take necessary steps to make arrangement for appointing the lecturers as stated above.

(13) That Sir, it is to apprise your honor that, Bodo language is the medium of instruction upto Secondary stage of education. After passing the HSLC Examination, the Bodo Medium Students have to study through English Medium in Higher Secondary Stage of education, for which the performance of Bodo Medium students in HSS Examination is very pitiable. So, the Bodo Sahitya Sabha desires to introduce Bodo as the Medium of instruction in Higher Secondary Stage.

We, therefore, request your honor to make necessary arrangement for introducing Bodo as the medium of instruction in Higher Secondary stage of education.

Hon'ble Minister Sir,

The Bodo Sahitya Sabha and Bodo people are fully expectant in the fulfillment of hope and aspiration in respect of the demands placed under this memorandum and as such your honor shall be pleased to take a strong measure during your tenure.

With high regards.

Yours faithfully,

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