

**A
MEMORANDUM
TO
HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR OF ASSAM
RAJBHAVAN, GUWAHATI- 4.**

Sub: Necessary arrangement for sending sufficient armed forces to control the dreadful communal violence in Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa District under BTAD and Dhubri District of Assam along with strong measure for safety and protection of lives and properties.

His Excellency Governor Sir,

With due respect and humble submission, the undersigned, for and on behalf of Bodo Sahitya Sabha, have the honour to state that the B.S.S. has been strongly demanding since last 19th July, 2012 for taking strong measure to control the communal violence occurring in Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa District under BTAD and Dhubri District of Assam along with necessary steps to protect lives and properties of the common people.

That His Excellency, the root of such nasty communal violence originated on 6th July, 2012 when unidentified gunmen in the evening time fired killing two persons and injuring many others belonging to minority Group on the road of Anghihara under Dotma Police Station of Kokrajhar District. This incident is springing due to misunderstanding amongst the common people belonging to two communities. The District Administration completely failed to send force to those sensitive areas for protection of lives and properties. As a result again on 19th July, 2012 some unidentified armed men fired injuring two office bearers of All Bodoland Minority Students' Union at Magurmari within Kokrajhar Police Station. The Police force did not take any effective measure to apprehend the culprits linked with such odd incident. During such tense situation again on 20th July, 2012 at Jypur under Kokrajhar Police Station at 6 P.M. some miscreants killed cruelly four Bodo Youths. In spite strong protest against such cruel killing, the Govt. of Assam could not control the burning fire of communal violence. Due to failure of the Govt. of Assam, the fire of violence flared up extending its intensity to Gossaigaon Sub-Division resulting settings fire to many houses of Bodo Community as well as Minority Community. Consequently the common people out of fear psychosis left their dwelling places to secure shelter in many relief camps. While this un wanted situation was on motion again on 21st July, 2012 three youths belonging to Bodo community and two persons of Minority Community were killed. In this context convoy of Sri S.N. Singh, IGP of BTAD went to get information to the situation and at this time the group of Minority people obstructed the movement on the road and caused damaged for the convoy so sent.

There after, the cruel incident occurred again on 22nd July, 2012 at Gurubhasa in the Chirang District of BTAD area through killing two persons on this same day at Mongolian Bazar of Bijni Sub-Division of Chirang District, some unidentified gunmen killed two persons belonging to Minority Community and consequently at evening time on the road along with a teacher three persons belonging to Bodo Community were killed cruelly. In this way on 22nd July, 2012 about 15 to 20 persons are found killing and remaining missing till now.

This incidents is strongly condemned by the Bodo Sahitya Sabha and the Sabha has been requesting the people belonging to different communities to maintain peace and harmony and to live peacefully in all situation. But inspite of such cordial appeal no sign of

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peace and tranquility is apparent, rather the situation is turning from bad to worst day by day thereby compelling thousands of Bodo people and Muslim to run to shelter in the relief camps.

The Bodo Sahitya Sabha on 23rd July, 2012, met both the principal Secretary of the home Department and Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam, to discuss the burning incidents and to know the security measure so far taken. In course of a such discussion it is observed that the Govt. of Assam is at a loss to deploy sufficient armed forces to tackle the situation immediately. It was also inferred about uncertainty of arrival of security forces arranged by the Central Government.

In the fact and circumstances stated above, thereafter, the delegation consisting of ten members of Bodo Sahitya Sabha met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam on 26th July at Circuit House, Kokrajhar and discussed in details about the burning situation and urged upon His Honour to control the situation and make immediate strong arrangement to place armed forces. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam responded and agreed accordingly with further declaration for payment of ex-gratia amount to the tune of Rs.6 (six) lakhs to the kins of the victims and Rs.50(fifty) thousand to the injured persons and affected families.

On 25th July,2012 at evening some miscreants attacked on an innocent Muslim family at Bennabari village under Baksa District and injured bullets two minor girls and a man. In that case the police administration arrested two Bodo persons suspecting involvement in that incident. But some women belonging to Bodo community strongly opposed it and demanded not to arrest innocent Bodo people without proper investigation. But the police personnels were brutally beating them and injured seriously.

Amidst such volatile situation a team of delegation of ten members of Bodo Sahitya Sabha visited the troubled torn Kokrajhar and Chirang Districts from 25th to 27th July, 2012. The delegation team visited some relief camps of Bodo Community but regrets their inability that the relief camps of Minority Community could not be visited for non providing of security force from District Administration. The delegation team took stock of the situation, supply of relief materials to the inmates and humbly appealed to all inmates not to be provoked by emotion, sentiment and to try utmost for restoring peace and harmony.

The Sabha found the following relief camps with inmates shown against the camps:

<u>Nos of Relief Camps</u>	<u>Dist. & Sub-Division</u>	<u>Inmates</u>	<u>Community</u>
1. 61 camps -----	Gossaigaon Sub-Div. --- Dist.- Kokrajhar	84015	--- Bodo
2. 32 camps -----	Kajalgaon Sub-Div. --- Dist.- Chirang	43300	--- Bodo
3. 12 camps -----	Bijni Sub-Div. --- Dist.- Chirang	29900	--- Bodo
4. 14 camps -----	Kokrajhar Sub-Div. --- Dist.- Kokrajhar	10571	--- Bodo

Total Camps- 119

Total inmates - 1,60,786

The delegation team also collects the following information from all reliable sources :

(A) Total No of killed persons belonging to Bodo Community :-

(i) Kokrajhar Sub-Division - 7

(ii) Gossaigaon Sub-Division - 4

(iii) Bijni Sub-Division - 2

(iv) And from Muslim Minority Community the No of killing persons is about- 37 including police firing against the mob.

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Over and above we like to state to His Excellency, that the delegation team observes and finds some lapses and irregularities in arrangement of security and providing relief materials to the relief camps.

We, therefore pray His Excellency to look into the following points and to take immediate necessary steps.

- (1) Arrangement for placing police pickets in the sensitive areas and relief camps.
- (2) Arrangement to supply adequate food staff and nutritious food for children.
- (3) Arrangement to provide drinking water, medicines and mosquito nets etc.
- (4) Arrangement for rehabilitation to the victimized families with adequate compensation.
- (5) Immediate release of ex-gratia grants to the kins of deceased persons as declared by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
- (6) Taking utmost precautionary measure to identify the actual indigenous citizens while rehabilitating the affected families.
- (7) Carefully consideration to release the innocent persons wrongly arrested in the name of culprits and to arrest the actual culprit with proper identification.
- (8) To make proper investigation to apprehend the guilty police personnels who were involved in beating innocent Bodo women.

With thanks

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