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A
MEMORANDUM
TO
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HON'BLE UNION MINISTER OF H.R.D.
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SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI -1

SUBMITTED BY-
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Respected Madam,

We, the undersigned, on behalf of Bodo Sahitya Sabha, the Apex Body of the Bodo people in the filed of language, literature and culture would like to take this privilege to congratulate you on your assuring the charge as the Union Minister of Human Resource Development in the BJP led NDA Government of India. We hope the Ministry of human Resource Development will be able to bring about a dynamic change to cope with the present day world under your able leadership.

That Madam, the Bodo people are the most aboriginal Plains Tribal people of North East India constituting the largest group in Assam. Since we have been suppressed, exploited and dominated in all spheres of social life in the matter flourishing our own language and literature and protecting the traditionally inherited Land. The problems we are now facing are multifarious and even non-redressal of the problems may lead to complete extinction of the community itself.

That Madam, after a series of movement on the demand of various Educational and social needs of Bodos, the Bodo Sahitya Sabha a sole socio-literary organization of Bodos and its allied Bodo National Organizations placed a memorandum to the former UPA led Minister of HRD, Govt. of India on dated the 12th April, 2012. Regarding their matter the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India issued an instruction to the State Govt. of Assam Vide No.F.1-2/2012-EE/4 on dated the 1st May,2013. But Madam, the State Govt. of Assam has taken no appropriate step. Regarding this matter a series of meeting was held with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam. As per the Minutes of discussion with the Chief Minister a Group of Ministers (comprising five Cabinet Ministers) was also constituted on 3rd August, 2013 vide His Excellency Governor of Assam Notification No. ASE. 509 / 2013/2 to examine and make recommendations on the various issues relating to Bodos in Educational Institution of the State. But Madam, time and again the problems or demands have remained unfulfilled. The State of Govt. of Assam is always take step motherly attitude to the Bodo Medium Education and Bodo Language since its inception in 1963.

Hence, we, take our privilege to draw your kind attention on the problems as follows-

1. Separate Directorate of Education for Bodo and other Tribal Languages:

The Bodo Sahitya Sabha has been demanding a Separate Directorate for Bodo Medium Education for all round development of Bodo language and literature. For the fulfillment of this demand, a series of movements of various natures have also been launched by the Sabha with the support of other dominant Bodo National Organizations.



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In course of time and on tremendous pressure, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam Sri Tarun Gogoi agreed to create the Directorate with modification of its nomenclature and made a declaration to this effect on the floor of the Assam Legislative Assembly on the 22nd July, 2010 and consequently this was brought in the Budget Speech of Sri Gogoi on the 1st February, 2011 that a **Separate Directorate of Education for Bodo and other Tribal Languages** would be created. In this regard, a group of Ministers was also constituted to work out of modality of the Directorate and put forward suggestions for solution of demands of Bodo Sahitya Sabha to

the State Govt. of Assam by preparing a Cabinet Memorandum. The GoM could not prepare the Cabinet Memorandum till date following which the demand for the Separate Directorate and other demands are now dwindling. The Education Department under the supervision of the Hon'ble Education Minister of Assam Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma have prepared a Cabinet Memorandum in the year of 2012 for creation of Directorate of Education for Bodo and Other Tribal languages of Assam and submit to the Finance Department through departmental proper channel. But Finance Department, Govt. of Assam had rejected the proposals again and again.

We, therefore, sincerely request your honour to intervene in the matter and persuade the State Govt. of Assam to take immediate necessary steps for creation of Separate Directorate of Education for Bodo and other Tribal Languages as already declared by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam.

2. Separate Directorate of Education in BTC :

As the Education is a transferred subject of BTC, it is the BTC (under Sixth Schedule) Authority to look into the wholesome affairs of the Education Department in four Districts of BTAD. For proper and smooth functioning of the Department, a Directorate of Education is of supreme importance with the full-fledged Director of the rank of Additional Director. 10 (ten) years have already passed since after the formation of BTC and the Education Department of it is still being supervised by an Inspector of Schools at Kokrajhar for the entire four districts of BTAD from Elementary to College Education.

Thus, Education, so far as the production of Human Resources is concerned, though, now-a-days rightly called the Human Resource Development, it is now far behind in BTAD

So, we request your honourable self with all sincerity to make it convenient that the State Govt. of Assam creates a Separate Directorate of Education in BTC in no further delay.

3. Re-Amendment of "The Assam Venture Educational Institutions (Provincialization of Services) Act- 2011" amended in 2012:

The Govt. of Assam the Act seeks to provincialize the Educational Institutions recognized on or before 01-01-2006. But after this happens so, most of the Educational Institutions with Bodo Medium had left out from being provincialized and this will pose a serious problem for the existence of Bodo Medium Education thereby leading the Bodo community to complete annihilation in the days to come. Although the Act has been amended once in 2012 and in 2014, it still remains to cover all the Educational Institutions recognized upto 05-09-2013 from which the Act comes into force.

So, we sincerely request your goodself to intervene in the matter so that "The Assam Venture Educational Institutions (Provincialization of Services) Act, 2011" Amended in 2012 be Re-Amended to the effect that all the educational institutions recognized upto 05-09-2013 be provincialized without further delay.



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4. Amendment of "Assam Non-Government Educational Institutions (Regulation and Amendment) Act, 2006".

Respected Madam, the Assam Non-Government Educational Institutions (Regulation and Amendment) Act, 2006 was enacted with a view to controlling the private schools but after enactment of this Act, it was imposed upon the venture schools managed by the local public and because of that most of the schools have been deprived of obtaining permission and recognition from the appropriate authority since 2006. The Bodo Medium Schools, in most of the areas, have been established on later days and as such, could not obtain permission and recognition from the authority concerned in time and most of them had obtained the same only 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 Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of Assam not to impose such condition 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 to.

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

5. Proper Implementation of "The Rights of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009" (RTE-2009) in Assam:

That Madam, the State Govt. of Assam has so far failed in implementing the RTE Act, 2009 in all fronts. This may be elaborated as follows-

- In most of the educational institutions in Assam, there have been no sufficient class room as yet.
- There are no proper drinking water facilities in most of the schools of Assam.
- No Separate toilets for boys and girls have been provided in most of the schools.
- Supply for free uniform dresses to the children was blocked in 2013 and deprived the students. Although the Govt. of Assam has re-started to provide free uniform dresses to the children this year, the process is quite defective. Supply of dresses has been made through Assam Small Industries Development Corporation Limited in violation of the RTE Act, 2009.
- Fund for Mid-Day-Meal Scheme is not released in time for which the SMC had faced a lot of problems.
- Vacant posts of teachers have not been fully fulfilled as yet. There are still many schools having single teacher; as many as 826 schools have single teacher only in the BTAD comprising of four districts- Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa and Odalguri. Even there are instances of schools having zero teacher.
- Imposition of English Text prepared by the CBSE in the class-I to class-V in the vernacular Medium schools is not justified. Because, no separate English teachers have been appointed for teaching English Text nor have the existing teachers been trained properly for teaching such a tough subject. So, teaching of English Text in class- I to Class-V in the vernacular medium schools has totally failed though Govt. of Assam spent crores of Rupees under SSA for printing of English Text Books.

We, therefore, sincerely request your honour to direct the State Govt. of Assam to implement properly all the provisions incorporated in the RTE, 2009.

6. Proper Implementation of "The Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006".

The Bodo people belonging to Scheduled Tribes, have been dwelling in different forest areas of Assam since long year. To provide education to their inculcate children through Mother Tongue, they have established Educational Institutions of various categories i.e. Lower Primary, Upper Primary, & Secondary School etc. in those forest areas.



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But these Educational Institutions have been deprived of Government permission and recognition due to non-receipt of land allotment in the name of institutions though as per the chapter-II clause 3(2) of the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 of India, they are entitled to receive land allotment. Thereby injustices have been done to the Bodo Tribal people of Assam by violating "the Schedule Tribe and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 which is also contrary to the right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009. Because of such injustice, in Sonitpur district alone as many as 128 Nos. of Lower Primary Schools, 17 Nos. of Upper Primary Schools and 16 Nos. of High Schools (Total-161) have been dropped out from the process of provincialization and also deprived from getting financial assistance provided earlier by the Govt. of Assam.

We, therefore, earnestly request your honour to issue necessary directives to the State Govt. of Assam for allotting land to the educational institutions set up at forest areas and thereby accord Govt. permission, recognition and provincialization of service to these Educational Institutions, so that they can provide proper education to the pupils.

7. Creation of Posts and Appointment of Bodo Assistant Professors in Colleges and Universities :

The Bodo Sahitya Sabha like to draw the attention of your honour that Bodo MIL, Elective and Major Course in TDC courses of Gauhati University, Dibrugarh University and Assam University, Silchar have been introduced in various colleges of Assam. But no step have been taken to create the posts of sufficient Assistant Professors for the Bodo Departments. On the other hand post graduate course in Bodo was introduced in Gauhati University and Bodoland University of Assam. The process of opening the post graduate course in Dibrugarh University, Assam University of Silchar and Cotton State University of Guwahati is going on. But the Bodo Departments in Colleges and Universities have been running without sufficient number of Faculty since long years for which the Bodo Medium students are depriving from getting proper education.

That Madam, we request your kind honour to take appropriate step to create the posts of Bodo Professors and Asstt. Professors in the aforesaid Universities and Colleges.

8. Introduction of Major Course in Bodo and M.A. Department in Bodo under the Assam University(Central), Silchar, Assam:

Bodo Language has been running as MIL and Elective Course under the Assam University(Central), Silchar. But unfortunately, Major Course and M.A. Department have been refused for introduction by the Authority of the Assam University, Silchar, Assam, though it was committed to introduce by former Vice-Chancellor Prof. T. Bhattacharjee.

So, we urge upon your honour to take necessary step for introducing Major Course in Bodo and M.A. Department in Bodo under Assam University, Silchar, Assam gradually from the next immediate Academic Session.

9. Upgradation of Bodoland University, Kokrajhar to Central Government Funding University :

Respected Madam, at present, the Bodoland University, Kokrajhar is getting the fund of Rupees 2(two) crores only a year which is not sufficient to run an institution like newly established University. On the other hand, the State Government is giving no positive response to increase the fund.

Therefore, we urge upon your kindself to upgrade the Bodoland University to Central Funding University and to extend sufficient financial grant every year directly to the University as per requirement.



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10. Establishment of CTE, DIET and BIET under BTAD :

Respected Madam, it is appreciable that the Central Govt. is giving importance in giving training to the teachers for imparting better education to the children in the country. But, it is seen that except one each C.T.E. (College of Teacher Education), DIET (District Institute of Education and Training) and BTC (Basic Training Centre) at Kokrajhar, no more Training Centre exists under BTAD and because of that no sufficient teachers can be accommodated for providing training. Further, so far our knowledge is concerned, in the existing C.T.E. DIET and BTC lot of posts of teacher are lying unfulfilled to impart training to the teachers. On the other hand, due to limited training centre, the teachers recruited earlier and newly recruited could not be accommodated in the training centres.

Therefore, we urge upon your honour to take proper steps for establishing more Teacher Training Centres of C.T.E., DIET and BIET under BTAD, Assam.

11. Bodo MIL under Delhi University :

That Madam, most of the students coming from the Bodo Medium stream have intending to take Bodo MIL studying in various colleges of Delhi University. The information regarding the decision of introduction of Bodo as MIL under Delhi University has come to our knowledge from a reliable source. If it is a fact, we appreciate the decision and also we urge upon your honour to take needful step for introducing the Bodo MIL in colleges under Delhi University.

12. Allocation of Teachers as per necessity to Bodo Medium L.P., U.P. and High Schools:

Respected Madam, after implementation of RTE Act-2009, more than 50,000 posts have been created and appointments made in Assam after holding TET for the Lower Primary. & Upper Primary in Assam. But, Bodo Medium has been deprived of due to non-allocation of posts separately for Bodo Medium Education though we are demanding allocation of posts separately for Bodo Medium Education and to hold separate TET by relaxing the existing norms. While the RMSA is going to appoint teachers in thousands of vacant posts by holding TET examination in the Secondary Schools. But unfortunately, due to non allocation of posts separately and also due to non holding of separate TET for Bodo Medium Education, the Bodo Medium Education has got no sufficient posts to fulfill the vacancies as per requirement, because the candidates of Bodo Medium could not cope with other general medium candidates due to non relaxation of norms and only 6 Nos. of candidates came out successful.

On the other hand, the Govt. of Assam had already appointed more than 10,000 teachers in both Lower, Upper Primary & Secondary Schools against the permanent vacant (death or retired) posts in the last August, 2013, where sufficient numbers of Bodo Medium vacant posts were filled up by non Bodo medium teachers showing the non availability of TET qualified candidates which caused the suffering of Bodo Medium Schools Education.

Therefore, we urge upon your honour to allocate sufficient number of posts separately for Bodo Medium Lower Primary, Upper Primary and Secondary Schools.

13. Relaxation of Qualification and Terms and Conditions of Service of Teachers under Section- 23(2) of R.T.E. Act-2009 for appointment of Bodo Medium L.P. & U.P. Teachers:

Respected Madam, as regards the qualification and norms for appointing teachers of Lower Primary & Upper Primary Schools, there is a provision of relaxation incorporated in the R.T.E. Act-2009 under Section 23 (2), but the Education Department of Assam has not taken the necessary measures so far. As a result, thousands of Bodo Medium candidates have been deprived from appearing in the TET because they cannot cope with other general



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medium candidates and in this way most of the needed posts of teachers have remained unfulfilled.

So, we urge upon your honour to take the needful step of relaxation of norms of cut-off marks of TET from 45% to 40% and for holding the TET separately for Bodo Medium candidates of L.P. & U.P. schools so that the necessary teachers may be accommodated in the vacant as well as required posts.

14. Relaxation of the Norms of TET from 50% to 40% for Secondary Schools

Candidates :

RMSA has conducted the TET examination for the graduate candidates with the norms of 50% cut-off marks. But, due to lack of 50% cut-off marks, sufficient Bodo Medium candidates could not appear in the said TET examination. As a result only 6 candidates came out successful and due to lack of sufficient qualified candidates, the vacant posts of teachers in secondary level of Bodo Medium schools remained vacant till date. And because of that, the posts so needed for Bodo Medium Schools have been converted to general medium by the Govt. of Assam which is an example of one of the negligences to Bodo Medium Education of the State Govt. of Assam.

Therefore, we urge upon your honour to take necessary step for holding TET examination separately for Bodo Medium candidates with relaxation of the cut-off marks from 50% to 40%.

15. Inclusion of Mixed Medium Provision in RMSA Schemes:

That Madam, Bodo Medium was introduced in later times in most of the Secondary Schools thereby rendering such schools Mixed Medium ones with both Assamese and Bodo Medium. Thus the Secondary Schools having both Assamese and Bodo Medium which we term as Mixed Medium Schools are like two parallel Schools. While allocating funds and sanctioning schemes this concept of Mixed Medium is not considered upon by the RMSA. So, the benefits enjoyed from out of the RMSA schemes by the Mixed Medium Schools are quite meager compared to the single medium schools.

We, therefore, earnestly request your honourable self to ensure Mixed Medium provisions doubling the benefits of the RMSA schemes or funds to the Mixed Medium Secondary Schools.

16. Introduction of Bodo Medium in Higher Secondary Courses and Creation of Subject Teachers' Posts:

(a) In principle, the Assam Higher Secondary Education Council, Assam and Govt. of Assam have agreed to introduce Bodo as Medium of instruction in the Higher Secondary Courses in Assam. To materialize the decision, we urge upon to take appropriate step to create posts of Subject teachers for Bodo Medium in different subjects as per requirement.

(b) To provide infrastructure for Bodo Medium Higher Secondary Schools :

After introduction of Bodo Medium, sufficient infrastructures will be required to construct Additional Class Rooms and Furniture etc.

So, we urge upon to take appropriate step to provide sufficient infrastructure facility to Bodo Medium Higher Secondary Schools of Assam.

17. To upgrade Bodo Medium High Schools to Higher Secondary Stage :

At present Govt. of Assam has taken decision to upgrade the 500 High (Secondary) Schools to Higher Secondary stage.

In this regard, we urge upon to take appropriate step to upgrade the Bodo Medium High Schools to Higher Secondary ones.



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18. Publication of Books prepared under CIIL, Mysore :

Under the Department of HRD the CIIL (Central Institute of Indian Languages), Mysore, preparation of (a) Pictorial Glossary (b) Pictorial Proverbs (c) Language Game and (d) Standard Bodo Grammar have been completed. But unfortunately, the CIIL has no provision of publication, because of that the Standard Bodo Grammar has been published by the Bodo Sahitya Sabha on its own.

So, we urge upon your honour to take the needful step for publishing the said Books.

19. Separate Fund allocation for Publication of Bodo Books:

Bodo Sahitya Sabha is not financially sound and because of that we cannot take up sufficient number of MANUSCRIPT of Bodo Language for publication.

So, we urge upon your honour to take appropriate step to allocate Separate Fund for Bodo Sahitya Sabha towards Bodo Publication Board to publish various kinds of Books in Bodo Language.

20. Establishment of IIT, IIM, Medical College and Sports Academy within the BTAD:

That Madam, after assuming the power Honourable Prime minister has taken up some important projects to promote Human Resources in our Country. In order to make this successful one some IIT, IIM, Medical College and Sports Academy within the Country are to set-up in some region. We, therefore, on behalf of Bodo Sahitya Sabha request your honour to set-up these institutions within the BTAD area so that the Human Resources of this area flourishes.

We look forward for your positive response in resolving the grievances and problems stated above at the earliest possible period of time and oblige.

We remain, Madam.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the Bodo Sahitya Sabha

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