

Annexure-A

A memorandum submitted by All Assam Women's Welfare Federation on an appeal to intervene into the burning Bodoland issue on 29th May, 1989.

OFFICE OF THE
ALL ASSAM TRIBAL WOMEN'S WELFARE FEDERATION

H. Q.: KOKRAJHAR.

P.O. & DIST.: KOKRAJHAR (BODOLAND)

Est. - 1986.

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Miss Kamali Basumatary

President.

Secretary.

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MEMORENDUM

TO

MR. R. VENKATARAMAN

HONOURABLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI

MR. RAJIB GANDHI

HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, NEW DELHI

AND

MR. BUTA SING

HONOURABLE UNION HOME MINISTER OF INDIA, NEW DELHI

DATED, NEW DELHI THE 29TH MAY, 1989.

SUBMITTED BY

ALL ASSAM TRIBAL WOMEN'S WELFARE FEDERATION.

SUB:- An appeal to intervene into the burning 'Bodoland' issue and safe the annihilation threat-stricken peace loving innocent Bodos and other plains tribal people from the jaws of the ongoing State-Terrorism and calculated Bodo genocide plan of the present A.G.P. Govt.

Most Respected Sir,

With affluent stream of profound respect and references, we the following signatories, for and on behalf of the All Assam Tribal Women's Welfare Federation (AATWWF) in particular and the whole tribal people in general would like to offer you our heartfelt thanks and at the same time convey our deep sense of gratitude to you for giving us this privilege to submit this significant memorandum which contains particularly the present burning "Bodoland" issue- a life and death question of the millions of Bodo people, age old genuine aspirations, deep rooted burning problems and grievances of the Plains tribal people the aboriginal people of Assam for your kind perusal and prompt necessary follow up actions for immediate amicable solution thereof.

That sir, the All Assam Tribal Women's Welfare Federation (AATWWF), a well representative popular women organization of the tribal communities of the state of Assam came into being on the 4th July, 1996 with the sacred motto of fighting for emancipating the overall exploited, suppressed, depressed and deprived tribal womenfolk from injustices meted out to them also for standing resolutely for the development, security and reformation of the tribal society.

That sir your honour is aware of the fact that the All Assam Tribal Women's Welfare Federation has been fighting injustice meted out the innocent tribal womenfolk by the chauvinist Assam Govt. headed by Sri P. K. Mahanta, since its inception. Therefore Sir, today we once again would like to remind your honour the

ongoing popular, peaceful democratic and non-violent “Bodoland Mass Movement” which received tremendous spontaneous peoples support and gained momentum, which could not be tolerated by present parochial and the most communal A.G.P. Government. Instead of coming forward with an open heart and mind to solve the burning ethno-political question of the million of the Bodos and the other plains tribal people politically through peaceful negotiation with movement leaders, the AGP Government has continuously been attempting to crush-down the popular democratic movement of the aboriginal Bodo people by the use of the brute police force and by imposing various ‘black laws’ like, the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act.1987 upon the innocent Bodo people and also 144 Cr. P.C. in tribal areas with an intention to snatch away the legitimate constitutional and democratic rights of the Bodos.

That sir, since the beginning of the movement, the AGP Govt. started to create a reign of terror through systematic state terrorism to frustrate and crack-down the Bodo mass movement with an intention to perpetuate the political hegemony and dominion of the Assamese people upon the down trodden plains tribal Bodo people for all times to come.

That sir, in regard to the systematic and calculated state terrorism some glaring examples have been cited here in below for your kind information and taking immediate needful follow up action at the end.

THE BHUMKHA GANG-RAPE:-

By unleashing an unprecedented state –terrorism, the chauvinist AGP Govt. could not satisfy its thirst only by slaughtering the innocent Bodo but also it deliberately indulged the barbaric Assam Police forces in committing heinous gang rape crimes upon teenaged Bodo girls at different places during the ongoing Bodo Mass Movement.

In this regard the nationwide known heinous 12 No. Bhumkha police gang-rape incident will always witness the nature and brutality of the ‘Police Raj’ let loose by the present AGP Govt. upon the innocent Bodo women folk in addition to men folk in the name of maintaining law and order situation. Most regrettable and

woefully worth- mentioning fact is that on 25th and 27th January 1988 at midnight some wild beast like Assam Police personnel had committed a heinous gang rape crime upon teenage 10 (ten) Bodo girls in the village of 12 No. Bhumkha forest Village under Kokrajhar District during village raid. The helpless victims has been succumbed to brutal hang-rape by the police before the eyes of their parents. The parents of the victims were beaten up severely by the barbaric culprit police personnel while they attempt to safe their daughters.

Name of the Bhumkha Gang-rape victims of 25th January 1988 are:

1. Miss Debala Mushahary, 14 years.
2. Miss Pramila Basumatary, 15 years.
3. Mrs. Orge Basumatary, 50 years.

Name of the Bhumkha gang-rape victims of 27th January are:

1. Miss Tharli Basumatary,15 years
2. Miss Lalita Basumatary,13 years
3. Miss Sunila Bala Basumatary,17,years
4. Miss Subala Bala Basumatary,15 years
5. Miss Jaomati Narzary,15 years
6. Miss Habe Bala Basumatary,13 years
7. Miss Dubri Basumatary, 12 years.

Like wise, in the village of Rupnathpur under Kachugaon PS within the district of Kokrajhar, some police personnel of the 4th Assam Police Task Force gang-rape one Sonali Basumatary 13, year's daughter of Suren Basumatary on 4th March, 1989 and the mother of the victims Rinti Basumatary was also severely molested. Again on 18th March 1989 too, one Barki Murmu a helpless Adivasi widow of village Nandorbari under Sidli Police Station within Kokrajhar District had been gang rape by the police personnel. Mrs Siloda Brahma(30) W/O Pabitra Brahma (35) of village Gambaribil under the Gossaigaon PS in Kokrajhar District was also gang-rape by the Assam police during the village raid and several other

women were also molested by the same party. Besides this so many teenaged Bodo girls and women have been gang-rape and molested by the barbaric Assam Police forces at different places within the movement torn tribal areas particularly in the district of Kokrajhar and Darrang. In this way gang-rape and molestation of Bodo girls and women become a routine work of communal Assam police forces during the on-going Bodoland Movement.

BRUTAL KILLINGS OF INNOCENT BODO GIRLS AND WOMEN: -

The barbaric Assam Police forces killed not only Bodo men folk but innocent girls and women also have been succumbed to injuries by the calculated Bodo genocide plan. Very shockingly, on 12th May 1988 one Gaide Basumatary (32) mother of seven children of the village Suripara under Gossaigaon Police Station within the district of Kokrajhar was shot dead by the Assam police while she was coming to market. On the same day, another teenaged Helena Basumatary of the village Motambil under Gossaigaon Police Station was also brutally shot dead. Again one three month old baby of the deceased Gaide Basumatary name Rambha Basumatary died on 16th June 1988, out of starvation due to lack of mothers breast feeding and care. Even the death body of Martyr Gaide Basumatary was not handed over to the deceased family.

Another, innocent pregnant Bodo women name Baduli Basumatary (25) was shot dead by the barbaric Assam Police at Belsor near Gareswar under Kamrup district on 20th February 1989 in the fake encounter. Kingkri Basumatary (12) under Barpeta district was also shot dead by the police on 4th May 1989 and another Bilaishri Boro (17) was also killed by the Assam police during village ransacking on 24th March 1989 in the village of Borigaon under Darrang district.

In this way, more than 20 Bodo girls and women have been shot dead and killed by both the communal Assam police and the planted Assamese agent-provocateurs at different place in the district of Kamrup, Darrang, Sanitpur and Goalpara.

Over and above, more than 10 innocent Bodo girls and women feared to have been killed by AGP Govt. deployed Assamese agent-provocateurs in a pre-

planned attack with lethal weapons just after the explosion of bombs planted the opportunist political hooligans at Bongaigaon town on 14th March 1989. Most of the victims were gang-raped by the chauvinist Assamese provocative agent culprits prior to their being killed. It was the handy work of the present AGP Govt. designed with ugly political motive to implicate the Bodo agitations with an intention to crack-down the movement and also to arouse the sentiment of the non-tribal people against the Bodo people and thereby to escalate a boldly communal rioting between tribal and non-tribal during the Bodoland Movement.

Very surprisingly, it is a worth-mentioning fact that even several innocent women and girls had been arrested, tortured brutally and kept in jails on various concocted charges.

KILLINGS OF INNOCENT BODOS, ADIVASIS, RAJBANGSHIS PEOPLE, VILLAGE RAIDS AND OPERATIONS LOOTINGS POISONING OF FOODSTUFF AND DRINKING WATER, MASS ARRESTS, BRUTAL TORTURE, SETTING FIRE ON HOUSES OF BODO FAMILIES AND DESTRUCTION OF HOUSE OF BODO FAMILIES AND DESTRUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD PROPERTIES BY THE ASSAM POLICE AND PLANTED GOONDAS OF A.G.P. GOVERNMENT :

It has become already a well known fact that since the beginning of the movement deadly anti-tribal AGP govt. has been attempting to crush-down on-going popular “Bodoland Movement” through the application of sophisticated political devices, sabotaging tactic, imposition of black law like- Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (prevention) Act.1987 upon innocent Bodo people,144 Cr. P.C. in the tribal areas and also by creating a marvelous reign of terror among the down-trodden annihilation, threat stricken Bodo people through pre-planned killings, torture, mass arrests, day and night village raids and operations ransacking of the houses, looting and damages of the household properties, poisoning of food stuff and drinking water by the deployment and use of brute police forces.

Until now more than 300 innocent Bodo man and women and including children have already been killed by the beastly Assamese police personnel in entire

proposed Bodoland areas mostly in Kokrajhar, Darrang, Sonitpur, Dhubri, Kamrup, Barpeta, Lakimpur and Goalpara districts. Nearly 4000 innocent men and minor boys and even physically handicapped too are now languishing in different jails of Assam upon whom even the torture of “*THIRD DEGREE METHOD*” is being applied. The detained have been deprived of the due medical aid and proper foodstuff due to which some of them expired under the jail custody and some of them are now suffering from various diseases.

Day and night village raids and operations are still continuing in Bodo dominated tribal areas within the proposed Bodoland state areas during which most abominable, inhuman and criminal activities have been carried out by the Assam police force. Even like 12 no. Bhumkha gang-rape has again been repeated in the village of Rupnathpur under Kochugaon police station and also in many other places within the proposed Bodoland areas. During the village raids and operations hundreds of innocent men and women had been shot dead and killed bayonet charge and brutal tortures in fake encounters wherein even the innocent Adivasi and Rajbongshi people also had not been spared. As a result, so many innocent men and women now have been crippled with the loosed of their vital limbs for good.

The systematic lootings, damages of house-hold properties have become a routine work. During the village raids, houses of more than 1500 Bodo families have already been burn down and plundered by the most communal Assamese police forces with the help of deployed political stooges in a plan way. Now, more than 7000 helpless Bodo people are sheltering in locality arranged relief camps in different places without govt. assistance. For example the relief camps of Gerua Bazar under Dolgaon P.S. in Darrang district and Bangaldoba, Patakata, Gambaribil in Kokrajhar district can be cited.

CONSPIRACY OF THE A.G.P. GOVERNMENT TO ESCALATE COMMUNAL CLASHES BETWEEN TRIBAL AND NON-TRIBALS:-

The All Assam Tribal Women’s Welfare Federation’ has bitterly been observing that the present chauvinist Assamese A.G.P. Government has been attempting to escalate bloody communal clashes between the agitating tribal and non-tribal people with a view to diverging the agitation from their cherished political goal. To cite example, in Darrang district, Assam police forces had forced some 200

Muslim people from Chikamati area to accompany with them during the raid under Dolgaon Police Station on 9th February 1989 and these Muslim people had been applied in burning down the houses of hundreds of Bodo families of the villages like Lailangpara, Jhargaon, Gerua Bazaar, Chutia Para and Madhagossai under Dolgaon Police Station. In Kokrajhar district, the AGP Government provocative agents shot dead an innocent Munda Adivasi boy namely Thatu Dhanwar (17) of the village Dakin Sabhaijhar under Kokrajhar P.S. on 18th March 1989 at Gaurang-Tinali with an intention to incite the Adivasi people against the Bodos for communal rioting. Again in Goalpara district and also at Bongaigaon town these planted agents caused the explosion of the two time bombs on 14th March 1989 killing 17th innocent people and injuring many others with a motive to arouse the sentiments of other non-tribal people against the agitating Bodos for communal clashes. Taking the advantage of this incident the afore-said agents attacked the Bodo people in pre-planned way where more than 10 (ten) Bodo men and women might have been killed. All this activities done by the AGP Government and its agents are quite deplorable and systematic move and attempt to escalate clashes between tribal and non-tribal.

Under the above circumstanced, the aboriginal Bodo people and other plains tribal people of Assam now badly required your kind constitutional safeguard in all respect. All Constitutional, Democratic, Fundamental, Civil Rights and also the basic human rights of the down trodden tribal people of Assam as a whole have totally been violated and snatched away by the present Assam Government and it has been aggravating the situation more and more grave by the deployment of more Army, CRPF, Paramilitary forces and police battalions in Bodo dominated areas instead of solving the burning Bodo land issue through peaceful political negotiation with the movement leaders. The present situation warrants immediate intervention of the Central Govt.of India into burning ethno-political question of the Bodo people to solve the issue politically through the negotiation, since the Bodo and other plains tribal people-the aborigines' people of Assam as a whole lost confidence in present AGP Government.

Therefore, the AATWWF would like to place the following genuine demands before your honour for favour of your prompt action and consideration for the safeguard, development and survival of Bodos and other aboriginal tribal people.

CHARTER OF DEMANDS:-

1. The Govt. of India should immediately settle the burning “Bodoland” issue and other political demands of ABSU through peaceful political negotiation with the movement leaders once and for all to bring permanent peace on the north bank of the river Brahmaputra.
2. The Govt. of India should immediately make concrete arrangements to provide full safeguard to the down-trodden Bodo people.
3. Central Govt. should immediately inquire into the heinous gang-rapes of the Bodo girl’s and women committed by the Assam Police Forces repeatedly through the CBI and punished the involved culprits and should rehabilitate the unfortunate victims by providing ex-gratia grants of amounting of Rs.1 lakh each.
4. Govt. of India should make immediate arrangements to provide 30% reservation quota to tribal women in all Govt. and semi Govt. services.
5. Central Government of India should take prompt initiative to stop the state terrorism in the garb of systematic killings of innocent Bodo men and women, firings, brutal torture with “Third Degree Method”, mass arrests, day and night village raids, lootings, gang-rape, damages of household articles, poisoning of food stuffs and drinking wells by the Assam police.
6. All detains during the on-going Bodoland movement should be released unconditionally and all concocted pending case also should be withdrawn forth with.
7. The imposition of Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (prevention) Act.1987, upon innocent Bodo people and 144 Cr. P.C. from the tribal areas should be withdrawn immediately.
8. All Army, CRPF, Para-Military force and police camps should immediately be withdrawn from the Bodo tribal areas with a view to restoring congenial atmosphere.
9. Central Govt. of India should take concrete steps to policy to eradicate illiteracy and poverty from amongst the tribal women.

10. Central Govt. of India should take all needful action and steps to protect the self identity, all constitutional, democratic and human rights of Bodos and other tribal ethnic groups of people of the present Assam.
11. Government of India should take needful initiative to provide ex-gratia grant amounting to Rs. 1 lakh to the nearest kin of each Bodo martyr and Rs.50,000 to each wounded person.

We, do sincerely hope your good will would surely take prompt initiative with a view to fulfilling the above cited charter of demands for all development, security and survival of Bodos in particular also of other plains tribal people in general and thereby ensure the growth of all aboriginal tribal people as distinct nationalities with their own genius and accord as per with the rest of the country²⁹.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of the

All Assam Tribal Women's Welfare Federation (AATWWF)

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1. Mrs. Pramila Rani Brahma,
President, AATWWF.
2. Miss Mira Rani Brahma,
Asstt. Secy, AATWWF.
3. Mrs. Sukantala Basumatary,
Secy, KDC, AATWWF.
4. Miss Mithinga Basumatary,
Member, AATWWF.
5. Miss Fullmoon Brahma,
Member, AATWWF.

Annexure-B

A memorandum submitted by All Assam Tribal Women's Welfare Federation on demand to set up CBI inquiry against Bhagmara Gang Rape on 20th May 1990.

OFFICE OF THE

ALL ASSAM TRIBAL WOMEN'S WELFARE FEDERATION

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Estd.-1986

Pramila Rani Brahma B.A. (Hons)

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President

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MEMORENDUM

TO

MR. D.D. THAKUR

HONOURABLE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM

AND

MR. PRAFULLA KUMAR MAHANTA

HONOURABLE CHIEF MINISTER, DISPUR, GUWAHATI

DATED, GUWAHATI THE 20THMAY, 1990.

SUBMITTED BY

ALL ASSAM TRIBAL WOMEN'S WELFARE FEDERATION.

SUB:-DEMAND TO SET UP CBI INQUIRY AGAINST THE BHAGHMARA GANG RAPE ON 12 MINOR BODO GIRLS AND WOMEN AND 26 MOLESTED WOMEN AT DIFFERENT VILLAGE UNDER PATHACHARKUCHI AND BARPETA ROAD POLICE STATION.

Respected Sirs,

We the undersigned, for and on behalf of the All Assam Tribal Women's Welfare Federation have the honour to submit this significant memorandum for your kind attention and sympathetic necessary action to stop the unabated police atrocities especially on Bodo people.

That sir, you are aware of the fact that after the tri-partite talks held in New Delhi between the Central Govt., State Govt. and Bodoland movement leaders an agreement as well as an assurance was established in the minutes to stop all police atrocities to create a congenial atmosphere. But the Assam Govt. itself has been letting loose the reign of terror in the Bodo villages instigating the police personnel's to crush down the vigorous and spontaneous mass movement in order to create the Bodoland State.

The following stated complains are examples of such untold and extreme police atrocities:

That sir, on May 10th 1990 at 2.00 am – 5.00 am, the Assam police personnel with the help of joint forces of Madhaya Pradesh Police Special Armed Forces (MPSAF), Assam Police Task Force (APTF) and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) raided the villages of Baghmara, Agranguri, Rebonguri, Hasjora, etc. under Barpeta Road Police Station and Patacharkuchi Police Station in Barpeta district in the name of nabbing Bodo extremists. During this raid, they had committed great crimes by gang raping 12 Bodo minor girls and women including two fragment women in a barbaric way. Mrs. Basanti Deory Boro who is 8 months fragment was also rape and was barbarously enjoyed by three police personals at the same time. Again Mrs. Tarani Boro, 18 years old who is 3 (three) months' fragment was also raped twice by different police personals and her mother-in-law who tried to save her

from them was tortured as well as frightened up. Over and above Miss Reena Basumatary and Miss Mandrila Daimary, 10 and 12 years old respectively were raped before a number of women who were really in panic. In this way 26 women and girls were also molested as well as tortured very badly, a fact which is beyond the imagination in this civilized world.

With the above Stated, we are compelled to express our horror and helplessness to think of the plight of our people under the administration which is not capable to safeguard the minimum dignity and honour of the tribal people. As such we request you earnestly to take up urgent and immediate measures for the control of such repeated acts of atrocities protection of which they are created, our wards fails to adequately express the feeling of the society as a whole towards such systematic designs to deliberately cow-down the very spirit of our people for regeneration.

On behalf of the society and tribal women as a whole and the unfortunate victims of the police atrocities we demand of the Govt. for immediate fulfilment of the following demands:

1. C.B.I. enquiry must be instituted for finding out of the culprits and adequate punishment must be meted to the human beasts.
2. Adequate measures must be taken up for rehabilitation of the unfortunate raped and molested victims.
3. The Police out Posts in the Bodo areas must be vacated along with the Police personnel so that they are no longer able to perpetrate acts of atrocities on the innocent Bodo villagers.
4. The arrested Bodo people during the raid must be released forthwith unconditionally.

Thanking you sir

Copy to-

1. Hon'ble Minister Home,
Govt. of Assam, Dispur.
2. The Director General of Police ,
Assam, Dispur

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Sincerely yours, of
President, AATWWF.
Joint Sect, AATWWF.
Adviser, AATWWF.

1. Pramila Rani Brahma
2. Supria Rani Brahma
3. Bijaya Brahma

Annexure-C

A memorandum submitted by All Bodo Women's Welfare Federation in implementation of Bodoland Autonomous Council signed in between the Centre–State Government and Bodo leaders on the 20th February, 1993:

OFFICE Of THE

ALL BODO WOMEN'S WELFARE FEDERATION

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Estd. - 1996.

From:-

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President.

Mrs. Hirabai Narzary

Secretary.

Ref. No.
1996.

Date 22nd July,

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MEMORENDUM

TO

SHRI H.D. DEVEGODA

HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

AND

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA

HONOURABLE HOME MINISTER OF INDIA
NEW DELHI
ON DEMANDS OF ARRANGEMENT OF A FRESH
TRI-PARTITE POLITICAL TALK ON
BODOLAND ISSUES IN NEW DELHI IMMEDIATELY
SUBMITTED BY THE
ALL BODO WOMEN'S WELFARE FEDARATION (ABWWF)
H. Q. - KOKRAJHAR, BODOLAND, ASSAM.

Most Respected Sir(S),

We, the undersigned, for and on behalf of the All Bodo Women's Welfare Federation (ABWWF), would like to convey our warm congratulations and best wishes and express our gratitude for giving us the privilege of meeting and submitting you this tiny memorandum containing the untold problems and miseries of Bodo people living in Brahmaputra valley of Assam. They are the earliest settlers of Assam, who contributed in the well being of the state and participated in the national Independent movement led by the fathers of the nation Mahatma Gandhi. The Bodos had their own kings and kingdoms. They were the original masters and rulers of entire Assam and were self contained as well as developed and settled economy. However after the independence the situation began to change. The Bodos, who fought against the British found themselves in the power game of equation isolated. The emerging new political elites of Assam, after independence, began largely to depend on immigrants Muslims from Bangladesh as vote bank, ignoring the indigenous tribal people. Gradually the Bodos began to loss their political power as they were outnumbered by the immigrants Muslims and receded to oblivion. As a result, the tribal, particularly the Bodos had to loss their lands and properties, language, culture and traditions were threatened to be assimilated completely. The so called protective measure of Tribal Belts and Blocks provided in the chapter X of Assam Land and

Revenue Regulation Act, 1886 which is practically a farce Act, have not been protected at all for the interests of the tribal and the 45 (Forty Five) Tribal Belts and Blocks covering an area of 1, 25, 28,320 Bighas and 1 Kata and 10 Lechas have also not been preserved and protected by the enforcement law to the reality. Lakh of non-tribal encroachers have illegally occupied lands in Tribal Belts and Blocks and they have got land pattas also in connivance with the Govt. officials. As such tens of thousands of common tribal people have been badly exploited and rendered landless and shelter-less. Now, many of them have become just like refugees. The problems is still unabated, migrants Muslims are still flooding in the state of Assam mainly in tribal areas. On the other hand, due to the failure of the earlier as well as present Govt. to protect the tribal areas, the non-tribal encroachers such as non-indigenous people have formed majority in tribal areas and oppressed and exploited the tribal people systematically.

Over and above the land problems, the Bodos have been deprived of the –(1) Constitutional benefits under the Fifth and Sixth schedule, (2) Justice under the Article 14, 15, 16, 21, 26, 28, 29, and 30 of the Indian Constitution and (3) other Fundamental Rights provided in the Constitution of India. Some more problems are that the measures taken by the Assam Government for the development of tribal are quite ineffective but totally farce. The schemes of Tribal Sub-Plan, The Tribal development Corporation, Tribal Development Authority, Integrated Tribal development Projects, Welfare Schedule Tribe and Backwards Classes, Tribal Research Institute etc. meant for the development of tribal utterly failed to protect the interests of tribal and could not bring the expected and adequate developments of the plain tribal's of Assam. The plain tribal also could not enjoy the facilities properly provided in the Article 275 of the Indian Constitution due to the discriminatory policies of the Assam government and administration.

Due to all these reasons, all the Bodo organisations including the All Bodo Student's Union, in collaboration with the support of Lakh of Bodo and other tribal living in Assam had been compelled to launch a vigorous democratic mass movement from 2nd March, 1987 to 20th February, 1993 demanding the separation from Assam by creating a separate state in the north bank of the river Brahmaputra from river

Sonkosh in the west to Sodia in the east, creation of Nilachal and Lalung Autonomous District Councils in the south bank of the river Brahmaputra and inclusion of Boro-Kacharis of Karbi-Anglong into the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution for their political self determination and gradually the movement took a serious and violent turn and there had been an unrest situation in Assam. Ultimately, due to the pressure of the urgency of the mounting situation, the government of India and government of Assam were compelled to arrange a tri-partite talk to solve the vexed Bodo problems politically and amicably. As a result of which the an accord was signed in between the Centre–State Government and Bodo leaders on the 20th February,1993 leading to the creation of a Bodoland Autonomous Council.

But sir, we are painfully to mention that despite of full support and co-operation of all section of the people including the Bodos, the Govt. of Assam has completely failed to implement the Bodo Accord in letter and spirit as per the accord as desired by the people of the area to be included into the Bodoland Autonomous Council including the boundary demarcation of the council.

Following the failure of the Govt. of Assam to implement the Bodo accord in reality, the All Bodo Student's Union(ABSU) has been compelled to denounce the Bodo accord as the total failure and resolved to revive and go back to its original demands for creation of separate state of Bodoland in the north bank of the river Brahmaputra, creation of Autonomous District Council in the south bank of the river Brahmaputra and inclusion of Boro Kacharis of Karbi-Anglong into sixth schedule of the Indian Constitution and as such, the union in collaboration with the support of the mass people has already started its democratic movement in support of demands since 4th march, 1996. On the other hand many Bodo organisations including the All Bodo Women's Welfare Federation have also extended their full support towards the demands and the mass movement.

The All Bodo Women's Welfare Federation has already experienced during the previous Bodo movement that, innocent people are harassed, jailed, killed and handicapped either by the extremists or the police forces and women and teenage girls are raped by the police forces and corers of value of properties of the Bodo people

were demolished and destroyed. On the other hand, many non Bodo officials and general people were also killed and harassed by the anti-social and saboteur element during the movement period to malign the real cause of the movement.

Therefore, to avoid the recurrence of any such law and order situations destructive to the general human being and the society, we humbly request your kind honour to take an immediate step to arrange a fresh Tri-Partite Political Talk in New Delhi inviting all the agitating Bodo leaders and organizations to solve the aged-old unsolved demands of the Bodos permanently for restoring peace, normalcy, fraternity and integrity in the region and India as a whole. The All Bodo Women's Welfare Federation would also request your honour kindly to invite and hold talks with the underground extremists' organization of the north-east India unconditionally to stop the continuation of the extremists in the region forever for the well being of the human society as a whole.

Sir, in regard to the recent communal riot in Kokrajhar and Bongaigaon Districts of Assam, the ABWWF strongly condemns such a tragic human carnage and demand the punishment of the culprits responsible for the carnage. But we are sorry to inform you that the govt. of Assam did not take any effective political steps to stop the spreading of the riot during the initial stage as a result of which it could get the chance to spread in larger areas particularly in Kokrajhar and Bongaigaon district. Even, till today no adequate measure have been taken up by the govt. of Assam to rehabilitate the riot effected people in their respective places for which the relief inmates are languishing in the relief camps in deteriorating conditions. On the other hand, no measures have been taken up to vacate the building of the Educational Institutions starting from primary to college levels by shifting their relief inmates in their own place as a result of which many schools and colleges have been compelled to shut down automatically causing to the loss of thousands of students of all levels. So, we request you kindly to take a prompt step to intervene in the case personally and rehabilitate the riot affected people immediately ensuring of lives and properties of the people with the providence of adequate relief materials.

Sir, we also like to place the following genuine non-political demands before your honour for your kind consideration and needful actions thereof:

1. Reservation of 30% seats for women in the central and State Govt. jobs.
2. Installation of Bodo Bhawan in New Delhi.
3. Installation of Central University at Kokrajhar.
4. Installation of Major Educational Institution such as Govt. Medical College, Govt. Engineering College at Kokrajhar.
5. Installation of Indian Institute of Technology at Kokrajhar.
6. Installation of Bodo Language in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution.
7. Establishment of Agriculture University at Udalguri.
8. Recognition and implementation of Bodo as one of the Regional Language subjects in UPSC and other Civil Service Examinations.
9. Settlement of Boarder dispute between Assam and Nagaland and provide adequate security to the people living in boarder areas.
10. Launching of massive industrializations in the north bank of the river Brahmaputra.
11. Transmission of Bodo programmes and Bodo News from the Gauhati Door Darshan Kendra.
12. Detention and Deportation of Foreign Nationals and stoppage of political assassination and extremism in Assam.

Sir, we hope that your honour would be kind enough to study the demands mentioned above sympathetically and take a prompt step to solve all the demands politically through mutual discussions across the table by arranging a tri-partite Talk in New Delhi comprising of all the agitating Bodo leaders and organisations immediately to bring back peace and normalcy in the region for the greater interest of the human society as a whole³¹.

Praying for the providence of the longevity all of you.

With thanks.

Sincerely Yours,

For and on behalf of the
All Bodo Women's Welfare Federation

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