

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## CM attends review meeting with CCTOA

## Cabinet committee to be formed to deal with issues of tribal people

**Dispur, September 8:** Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today said that the State government would form a three member cabinet committee to discuss and resolve all issues of the tribal people. The Chief Minister said this while taking part in a review meeting with the representatives of Coordination Committee of Tribal Organizations of Assam (CCTOA) to discuss about various issues of the tribal people, which was held at No. 1 State Guest House, Koinadhara in Guwahati today. Altogether 24 students and social organizations of the ST communities took part in the meeting.

The CCTOA representatives submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister underscoring ten demands including preservation of tribal belt and blocks, land rights of forest dwellers, implementation of post based reservation policy and filling up of backlog posts, constitutional status to tribal Autonomous Councils etc.

The Chief Minister after going through the demands announced that a three member cabinet committee will be formed to engage with CCTOA to discuss and resolve all issues of the tribal people. The Cabinet Committee will frequently hold discussions with CCTOA and take expeditious steps for settlement of land rights and other issues of the tribal people. The Chief Minister also informed that he will hold discussion with CCTOA on progress of the issues in next six months.

Education and WPT& BC Minister Dr. Ranoj Pegu, Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Ashok Singhal, BTC Chief Pramod Bodo, Principal Secretaries and other senior officers of the state government were present in the meeting.

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