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CM holds meeting with Forest Department on Joymala, an elephant

Team constituted to visit Tamil Nadu to see condition of Joymala and pave way for its return

Dispur, September 1: In view of the reported inhumane treatment shown in a section of media, meted out to Joymala, one elephant from Assam kept in Tamil Nadu, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today held a meeting with Forest Department in presence of Environment and Forest Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary in his office today and discussed the matters emanated from Joymala's ill treatment.

The meeting decided to send a four member team constituted for the purpose to Tamil Nadu and inspect the condition of Joymala, the elephant which is taken from Assam to Tamil Nadu. The team which consists of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Hirdesh Mishra as team leader, Padmashree Dr. Kushal Kumar Sarma, Professor College of Veterinary Science, Assam Agriculture University as member, SP Morigaon Aparna Natarajan, member and District Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Officer, Tinsukia Dr. Rupjyoti Kakoti also a member will visit Tamil Nadu on September 2 to discuss the matter with the Government of Tamil Nadu and Forest Department to pave way for return of the captive elephant Joymala to Assam.

Additional Chief Secretary Environment and Forests Rabi Shankar Prasad, Principal Secretary Home and Political Niraj Verma, Additional Director General of Police, SB Hiren Nath, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force M.K. Yadava were present at the meeting.

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