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<u>Delegations of Moran Community, Bengali Yuva Chatra Federation and Gorkha</u> Students' Union meet CM

State government to send GoM report on ST status to six communities to central government soon: CM

Proposed Autonomous Council for Moran community to start functioning shortly

Dispur, August 29: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today said that the Government of Assam would send the report of the Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted for preparation of modalities for granting ST status to the six communities to the Central Government soon. He also said that the proposed Autonomous Council for the Moran community would start functioning within a short period of time. The Chief Minister said this in a meeting with a delegation of various organisations of the Moran Community held at Assam Administrative Staff College in Guwahati today.

Stating that the State Government is making sincere efforts to solve the issues affecting the Moran community, the Chief Minister informed that the GoM constituted by the state government for preparation of modalities for granting ST status to the six communities had initiated consultations with all stakeholders and would soon submit its report, which would then be sent to the Central Government. The Chief Minister said that the State Government is making all out efforts to ensure granting of ST status to the six communities without effecting the rights and privileges of the existing scheduled tribes.

Further saying that the State Government deeply felt the need for a constitutional mechanism for the Moran community to advance its socio-economic, political and academic needs, Chief Minister Sonowal informed that the proposed Autonomous Council for the community would start functioning shortly.

Moreover, informing that a history of the Moran Community as announced earlier by the State Government would be published soon, the Chief Minister expressed hope that the book would present a detail picture of the rich heritage, culture and contribution of the community to the growth of Assamese Society. He also spoke about various steps taken by the government for holistic development of the community.

The Representatives of the Moran community submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister in the meeting highlighting various demands. A delegation of Baghjan Milanjyoti Sangha also submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister in the meeting demanding early release of compensation to the affected families of Baghjan gas oil fire incident and capping

of the gas well. The Chief Minister assured the delegation to discuss the issues with OIL authority for early solution.

Earlier, representatives of All Assam Bengali Yuva Chatra Federation and All Assam Gorkha Students Union met the Chief Minister at Assam Administrative Staff College and submitted memorandum highlighting various demands of the organisations. The Chief Minister assured both the delegation to positively look into their demands.

MoS (Independent) for Cultural Affairs Naba Kumar Doley, Media Adviser to CM Hrishikesh Goswami, MLA Bolin Chetia, Additional Chief Secretary Jishnu Barua, IGP Hiren Nath, Principal Secretary to CM Sanjay Lohia, C&S of WPT& BC Dr. M Angamuthu, senior govt. officials and representatives of the organisations were present in the meetings.

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