

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## HS Brahma lauds CM for land patta distribution

**Dispur, January 29**: Former Chairman of the Committee for Protection of Land Rights of Indigenous People of Assam and former Chief Election Commissioner of India Hari Shankar Brahma congratulated Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal for the historic initiative to distribute more than one lakh land *pattas* to landless indigenous families by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 23. He thanked the State Government led by Chief Minister Sonowal for the remarkable step to distribute land *pattas* to a total of 3 lakh 34 thousand landless indigenous families of the state in the last four years and said that such an initiative would ensure indigenous people's control over the land of the State.

In an email, Hari Shankar Brahma suggested few more measures for ensuring land possession by landless indigenous people like completing land survey in the state. Only proper land survey can give exact estimate of available lands in the state for settling the landless indigenous population, he wrote. He also lauded the efforts of the State Government in this regard and said that such steps would give confidence to local people of Assam about preservation of their identity and land rights.

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