

Memorandum of Settlement between the Tripura State Government and All Tripura Tribal Force (ATTF)

23 August 1993

PREAMBLE: Where as the government of Tripura have been making concerned efforts to bring about an effective settlement of the problems of the tribal who are presently minority in Tripura an attempt have been made on a continuing basis to usher in peace and harmony in areas in which disturbed conditions have prevailed for long.

AND

Whereas All Tripura Tribal Force have given a clear indication that they would like to give up the path of armed struggle and would like to resume a normal life and they have decided to abandon the path of violence and to seek solutions to their problems within the framework of the Constitution of India and, therefore, they have responded positively to the appeals made by the Government of Tripura to join the mainstream and to help in the cause of building a prosperous Tripura

AND

Whereas on a series of discussions between the parties here to and based on such discussions it has been mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto that the FIRST ATTF shall give up the path of violence and surrender to the Other Party the Government of Tripura along with all their arms and ammunition ending their underground activities and the Governor of Tripura will provide some economic package and financial benefits and facilities hereafter provided

2. (B). Action is taken against foreign Nationals: - Action would be taken in respect of sending back all Bangladesh foreign nationals who have come to Tripura after 25 th March, 1971 and are not in possession of valid documents authorizing their presence in Tripura.

(C) Restoration of alienated land: - Effective steps would be taken in items of the Tripura Land Revenue and Land Reform Act, 1960 for restoring land alienated by tribal.

(D) Inclusion of Tribal majority villages in ADC Area: - Tribal majority villages which now fall outside the ADC area and are contiguous to the ADC area, would be included in the TTAADC.

(E) Introduction of Inner line permit: - The case for introduction of an Inner-Line Permit system would be taken up with the government of India. The State Government will insist on the Movement of India to approve this demand.

(F) Village Police Force for the ADC: - The constitution of village Police Force under the administrative control of the TTAADC is acceptable in principle to the State Government and the State Government will take up with the Government of India for Constitutional amendment, if required, to fulfil this demand.

(G) Increase in the Number of Seats for Sch. Tribes Candidates in the TTAADC: - The demand for more representation of Scheduled Tribe Members in the Autonomous District Council is acceptable to the State Government in principle and efforts will be made amendment of the rules which deal with reservation of seats for Scheduled Tribe in order to increase the numbers of reserve seats to 25 (Twenty-five).

(H) Setting up of a Cultural Development center: - Upajati Sanskritik vikas kendra (Tribal Cultural development Centre) with arrangements for training would be set up in the TTAADC area.

(I) Improvement of KOKBORAK and other Tribal Languages: - A Bhasha commission would be setup for the improvement of Kok Borok and other Tribal Languages, steps would also be taken for the introduction in phase of Kok Borak at Progressively higher levels of education.

(J) Preservation of Ujjanyanta Palace as historical Monument and shifting of Tripura Legislative Assembly. Respecting sentiments of all sections of the population, especially the tribal of Tripura, steps would be taken to construct a separate building for The Tripura Legislative Assembly and to retain the Ujjanyanta Palace as a Historical Monument.

(K) Renaming of the Village Rivers, Etc.: - Steps would be initiated to ensure that all villages and rivers which earlier had tribal names and which were subsequently renamed, are given their original tribal names.

(L) Jhumia re-settlement: - Area based for resettlement of jhumias would continue to be implemented in order to provide for a strong economic base for the jhumias of Tripura.

(M) Industrial Development in TTAADC: - All necessary steps would be taken to ensure the promotion of industrial activities in TTAADC areas.

(N) Secured accommodation and escort for Office Bearers: - The President, Vice-President, Convener and 4 (four) other members of the Executive Committee of the ATTf will be given secured accommodation subsequent to their surrender and they will also be given personal security guard for such period as may be decided by the Government. They will be provided with Police escort during their movement outside Agartala as and when required.

(O) Housing Facilities: - After surrender, ATTf personal shall be provided with a house with GCI sheet raffling with a floor area of 220 square feet for their accommodation as early as possible and the ATTf personal shall take part in constructing such houses, provided that the cost of each house shall not exceed Rs. 20,000/= (Rupees Twenty thousand).

(P) Drinking water Facilities: - Steps would be taken by the State Government to Provide Drinking water in the resettlement colonied set up by the Government to resettle the ATTf personal.

(Q) Government Employment or Economic Package: - All ATTf personal, on their surrender, will be provided with government employment according to their qualification or economic facilities as provided here in and till such Government employment or economic facilities are given, each surrendered ATTf personal shall be paid subsistence allowance at the rate of Rs.500/= (Rupees five hundred) only per month, so, however, that the subsistence allowance shall not be paid beyond a period of 10 (ten) months.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE ATTf is being represented by

- (1) shri Lalit Debbarma, President,ATTf,***
- (2) Shri Ramendra Reang, Vice-President, ATTf,***
- (3) Shri Rabindra Reang, General Secretary, ATTf,***
- (4) Shri Dilip Debbarma, Treasurer, ATTf,***

and (6) Shri Santaram Reang Accountant, ATTf, and the Governor of Tripura being represented by Sri M. Damodaran, Chief Secretary to the Government of Tripura, have hereunto set their hand on the date, month and year as aforementioned.

**Signed on behalf of First
Party ATTf by-**

1. Sd/-Shri Lalit Deb barma)
President, ATTf.
2. Sd/-Shri Ramendra Reang
Vice President, ATTf.
3. Sd/-Shri Rabindra Reang
General Secretary, ATTf.
4. Sd/-Shri Dilip Deb Barma
Treasurer, ATTf.
5. S/d-Shri Santaram Reang
Accountant, ATTf .

**Signed for and behalf of the Governor of
Tripura**

**Sd/-M. Damodaran
Chief Secretary
Government of Tripura**

In the presence of:-

**(Shri Dasarath Deb)
Chief Minister, Tripura**

**(Shri Bidyanath Majumder)
Minister, PWD etc. Deptt, Tripura**

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