

PANEL SET UP TO IMPLEMENT ASSAM ACCORD

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The Assam government on Saturday set up an eight-member sub-committee to examine and prepare a framework for the implementation of all clauses of the Assam Accord of 1985.

“The Governor of Assam is pleased to constitute a sub-committee to examine and prepare a framework for implementation of all clauses of Assam Accord in general with special emphasis on Clause 6 [high-level committee report], Clause 7, Clause 9 and Clause 10...” a notification issued by G.D. Tripathi, Commissioner-Secretary for the Implementation of Assam Accord Department, said.

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The sub-committee has also been mandated to examine and prepare a framework for updating the National Register of Citizens, issues of flood and erosion, rehabilitation of martyrs' families and victims of Assam Agitation besides the potential of the State's all-round development.

The members of the sub-committee are Ministers Atul Bora, Pijush Hazarika and Ajanta Neog, All Assam Students' Union (AASU) president Dipanka Kumar Nath, its general secretary Sankar Jyoti Baruah and AASU advisors Samujjal Bhattacharya, Prakash Das and Uddip Jyoti Gogoi. Sujata Suchibrata, Deputy Secretary in the Implementation of Assam Accord Department, will be the convener of the sub-committee that will submit its report within three months for further course of action.

The Clause 6 of the Accord pertains to the constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards to “protect, preserve and promote the cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the Assamese people”.

The Accord was signed between the Rajiv Gandhi government at the Centre and the AASU leadership to signal the end of the six-year Assam Agitation for driving out “illegal immigrants”.

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