

ANNEXURE IV

GREATER COOCH BEHAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY

(G.C.D.P)

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Ref No. G.C.D.P./121/09

Date:- 7-1-2009.

To
Her Excellency President of India
Rastrapati Bhawan
New Delhi.

Through The B.D.O
Mathabhangra Block No. II

Sub :-- Prayer to declare Cooch Behar as a state Under union of India with a view to save the ethnic people of Cooch Behar ; as Cooch Behar was recognized as a state in the constitution of India on 26 th November, 1949.

Respected Madam ,

With due respect I on behalf of the Greater Cooch Behar Democratic party as well as the people of Cooch Behar have the honour to inform you , that we have informed about the matter to His Excellency President of India , the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and hon'ble Home Minister of India vide our Petitions dated on 4th July 1995 to up date that the merger of the then Cooch Behar State with West Bengal on 1st January 1950 by Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy the then Chief minister of West Bengal is fully illegal , un constitutional and initially void and the people of Cooch Behar State raised their voice against this illegal merger.

That sir, I beg to inform you that before British rule in India, Maharaja Varanarayan of Cooch Behar conquered all the small state of North Eastern India in 16th century and defended the North Eastern Border of India from foreign aggression in dignified way and Protected all the small states of North Eastern India under the territory of India . The State of Cooch Behar was known in 16th century as Kamtapur State . During British rule in India some areas of this state was occupied tactfully by the East India Company in 1773 A.D. India became free from British rule on 15 th August 1947 and a National Govt was formed in India Pandit Jawharlal Nehru the then Prime Minister . Sandar Vallabhvai Patel the then Home Minister of India requested the Kings of all native states of India to merge their states with union of India to make India as a powerful sovereign state in Asia. On the basis of such request of the Govt. of India Sir Jagaddipendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur the

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then Maharaja of Cooch Behar discussed with them regarding the proper Status of Cooch Behar state and it's people with union of India. Pandit Nehru and Patel on behalf of the Govt. of India fully assured the Maharaja of Cooch Behar that they decided to keep Cooch Behar as a state with union of India in dignified way as the people of Cooch Behar may solve their various Political , economical and other problems in prompt manner . On the basis of such discussion and assurance of the Govt. of India Maharaja of Cooch Behar state signed a special agreement with government of India on 20th of August, 1948 for the accession of Cooch Behar to central administration .On the basis of this historical assurance the government of India place Cooch Behar in the list of states in the original constitution of India which was duly signed by the Hon'ble members of the constituent assembly of India on 26th November 1949 and accepted by the government of India on the same day. The Maharaja and people of Cooch Behar became really happy to know the news that Cooch Behar was included as a state in the original and final constitution of India for all round development of the people of Cooch Behar.

In this proper way the government of India wanted to stop the merger issue of Cooch Behar with west Bengal in constitutional way to save the ethnic people of Cooch Behar from the aggression of the government of west Bengal and where by to save the historical glory, economical, political and cultural standard of the people of Cooch Behar.

Sir,I earnestly pray to you to cancel this malafide merger of Cooch Behar with West Bengal. And it is also fact that by this merger, the government of west Bengal has been doing many harm to the ethnic people of Cooch Behar since the date of the malafide merger.

On this basis of above facts I on behalf of the people of Cooch Behar pray to you to kindly issue a mandatory order to the government of West Bengal to stop the administration of West Bengal over Cooch Behar and it's people and to take necessary action to recognize the status which the then government of India recorded Cooch Behar as a state with Union of India in the final and original constitution of India adopted by the government of India on 26th November, 1949 and this constitution came in force on 26th January, 1950 and declare Cooch Behar as a state with union of India before the coming loksabha Nirbachan with a view to give due respect to the constitution of India and the people of Cooch Behar. The area of this Cooch Behar state should be included the areas which the East India Company took from Maharaja of Cooch Behar. And by agreement which Maharaja of Cooch Behar got back when India became independent.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

Ashutosh Bhowmik
President 7/1/59

Executive Committee
Greater Cooch Behar Democratic Party

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GORKHA NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT

CENTRAL COMMITTEE, Darjeeling

MEMORANDUM

To,

Hon'ble U.P.A Chairperson, Smt. Sonia Gandhi

New Delhi

Dated: 10th August, 2010

Hon'ble Madam ,

I, on behalf of the Gorkha National Liberation Front and the people of Darjeeling would like to request you for a high level intervention to defend and safeguard the historic Memorandum of Settlement of 2005 and 1988 from disaster by taking bold steps for re-introducing and passing The Sixth Schedule Bill 107 of 2007 for amendment of Article 244(2) of the Constitution of India with certain suitable changes or modification .

The MoS of 2005 is the right step or wise decision of the Central Government and the State Government of West Bengal as per the old background history of Darjeeling Hills and its people because, the Garo Hills, Khasi Hills, Jaiyantia Hills, Mizo Hills etc. areas including Darjeeling Hills enjoyed the same special status of 'backward tract', 'non-regulated area', 'excluded area' and 'partially excluded area' during the pre-independence period and even after independence the Darjeeling Hills enjoyed the same above earlier special status for more than 40 years. But, unfortunately, after independence only the Garo Hills, Khasi Hills, Jaiyantia Hills, Mizo Hills etc. areas of the North East of India got justice under the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution but the Darjeeling Hills could not get justice. Thereafter , the old customs, culture, traditions, habits and identity of the Gorkhas of Darjeeling were seriously jeopardised without any protection which was earlier protected by the then government of British Empire.

Anyhow, the Central Government and the State Government of West Bengal realised and agreed for the constitutional guarantee as a protection to the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council under Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution by signing the Tripartite Agreement of Memorandum of Settlement dated 06.12.2005. At the time of signing the agreement of Memorandum of Settlement 2005 the whole people of Darjeeling were very much excited and happy with full of enthusiasm and became

grateful to the Central Government and the State Government of West Bengal for justice. But, the passing of the said Bill was delayed in both the Houses of the Parliament. As a result of it the whole people of Darjeeling have been continuously suffering for more than 4 (four) years and still waiting with full hope that the said Bill will be definitely passed. Regarding this matter I have already submitted a letter to the Hon'ble Home Minister Sri P. Chidambaram on 18.02.2010, which spells out the political stand of the Gorkha National Liberation Front in detail. But, at this moment the people of Darjeeling at large are very much upset and doubting the U-turn and negative attitude of the Central and the State Governments whether the above two governments will uphold and honour the MoS of 2005 in letter and spirit or go against their own commitments.

Now, at present the GNLFF party and the people of Darjeeling are most anxious to know about the fate of the MoS 2005 and the MoS of 1988. If the Centre and the State Government choose to go against it by involving another controversial or contradictory settlement, their decision, will boomerang and prove to be a suicidal for the two governments. Because, the Interim Council has already been functioning at Darjeeling for more than four years as per the provision of the Tripartite Agreement dated 06.12.2005 . So long as the said Interim Council and its provisions exist, it will become a stumbling block to any other settlement till the time the Sixth Schedule Bill is passed in the Parliament. Importantly, the said Bill may have lapsed but is not dead and can be resurrected .


Therefore, it will be unwise and unfortunate decision to deliberately bypass or go against the earlier MoS of 2005 and the official resolution of the West Bengal Government which was passed by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly on 16.03.2006 for the replacement of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council by an autonomous self-governing "Gorkha Hill Council" under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. In fact the West Bengal Government strongly supported the decision by sending 22 members of the West Bengal Assembly including four ministers to Delhi for attending the Parliamentary Standing Committee meeting on 21.01.2008, led by the Hon'ble Minister Sri Ashoke Bhattacharya. If the West Bengal Government fails to defend and uphold the earlier two MoS and its own resolution on the Sixth Schedule it will be a matter of shame. The government of West Bengal will then be face to face with a major question how it would dare to bring forward an altogether different resolution on a subject already decided by the house. It would amount to not only fooling the Hon'ble Members of the House but entire people of West Bengal.

Both the Central and the State governments should not under any circumstances whatsoever go against the earlier decision of West Bengal Assembly by bringing another resolution which is less than Sixth Schedule. Such a step would be most unwise step and result in undermining the prestige and dignity of the Hon'ble House. If the resolution is brought forward and adopted, the government of West Bengal will be fully responsible and answerable for causing the disaster of two historic Memorandum of Settlement of 2005 and the 1988. Thereafter, the whole episode of the past peaceful and amicable settlement of 1988 and 2005 will come to a tragic end, automatically opening the door for the GNLFF Party to revive its original demand for a Separate State of Gorkhaland.

Therefore, you are earnestly requested by the GNLFF Party to take the above matter in all its seriousness as a National prestigious issue for the greater interest of India and the people of Darjeeling.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,



10/01/2010

(Subash Ghisingh)
President

Gorkha National Liberation Front

Copy for information:-

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India , Dr.Manmohan Singh

Hon'ble Home Minister of India , Shri P. Chidambaram .

Hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee.

His Excellency the Governor of West Bengal , Shri M.K. Narayan .

Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal , Shri Buddha Dev Bhattacharya .

ANNEXURE III

SEPERATE STATE DEMAND COMMITTEE

পৃথক রাজ্য দাবী কমিটি

An Organization formed by -

The Greater Cooch Behar Peoples' Association , Greater Cooch Behar Democratic Party , All Koch Rajbongshi Students' Union , Kamtapur Peoples' Party , All Kamtapur Students' Union , All Koch Rajbongshi Sahitya Sabha , All Assam Koch Rajbongshi Sanmiloni , Chilarai Sena & All Koch Rajbongshi Mohila Samiti

H.O.: Cooch Behar * B.O. : Bongaigaon

Biswajit Ray
Chairman

Babuya Barman
Gen. Secretary

Ref. No.: S.S.D.C. / 01/09

Date: 29th Oct 2009

MEMORENDUM

To,

The Excellency President of India
Rashtrapati Bhawan
New Delhi

Through The District Magistrate,

Sub : " To create separate state in the name of Greater Cooch Behar or Kamtapur state ."

Her Excellency ,

Under the reasonable necessity and acute socio-Economical , cultural and political crises , we the organizations , the Greater Cooch Behar peoples' Association , Greater Cooch Behar Democratic party , Kamtapur Peoples party , All Koch Rajbongshi Students Union , All Kamtapur Students Organization , Koch Rajbongshi Sahitya Sabha , All Assam Koch Rajbongshi Sanmiloni , Chilarai Sena & All Koch Rajbongshi Mohila Samiti Unitedly bound to hire your kind and sincere attention to the following facts for creating a new separate state in the name of Greater Cooch Behar or Kamtapur State .

- I. Before British Rule in India , Maharaja Nara Narayan of Cooch Behar conquered all the small states of North Eastern India in 16th century and defended the North Eastern Border of India from foreign aggression in dignified way and protect all the small states of North Eastern India under the territory of India . The state of Cooch Behar was known in 16th century as Kamtapur State .

It is pertinent to mention that proposed area of Greater Cooch Behar or Kamatapur State was not the part of West Bengal and Assam . After gaining the Independence Cooch Behar State merged with Indian Dominion on 12th Sept. 1949 on the basis of Merger Agreement on 28th Aug. 1949 and which is adopted on 26th Nov. 1949 as a " C " category State in the India constitution .

- II. When the Cooch Behar came to India , people of not only erstwhile kingdom but Whole of the areas regardless of their caste and creed were jubilant as they saw a ray of hope in making their homeland into a full-fledged state of Indian Republic . Then Prime Minister Pandit Jaharlal Neheru and Home Minister Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel assured the people of the state . that their political and socio-economical aspiration would be fulfilled after joining the India . But in the year 1950 Cooch Behar "C " category state declared as a

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district within State of West Bengal by Dr. B.C.Roy , the then Chief Minister of West Bengal . He did for the fear that creation of separate Cooch Behar state would definitely take away other districts of its own areas , which would further dismiss the size of West Bengal or Assam without taking any mended of the people of this area in 1956 . This kind of degradation of sate is a breach of trust , anti commitment and anti treaties .

- III. That , Excellency the language , literature , culture of the people of the area are different from the language . literature and culture of West Bengal and Assam . Presently the indigenous People of the area has lost their glory , prosperity and happiness ; to the contrary they are facing stark tragedy of repression , oppression , boundless exploitation in every sphere of there life.
- IV. That , Excellency the proposed area is predominantly rural with over 80% of the population residing in the rural areas . Paddy , wheat etc are the major food grain grown in this region . Tea , jute the important commercial crops of India are produced in this region . But in fact that in spit of the wealth and variety of its natural resources , like forest , river etc. This region has remained industrially and agriculturally backward .
- V. It's strange to say that there is a truth which is policy makers and decision takers of our country do not want to know and refused to understand that is killing , suppression and oppression of the indigenous people of the area is being carried out in the name of democracy . Law and order situation of the area is continuously deteriorating day by day . The indigenous people of the area extremely suffering and crying for gating justice of legal and constitutional rights of our country .
- VI. That, Excellency our statehood parallel movements is running in the area after the Independence . In this regard Indefinite Dharna of the Greater Cooch Behar Peoples' Associations at Rashtriya Dharna Sthal , at Jantar Mantar , New Delhi is continuous since 28th Aug. 2006 to impress upon to the Govt. of India . Our struggle will continue till Greater Cooch Behar State or Kamtapur State is created under the union of India

The long pending demand of Greater Cooch Behar or Kamtapur State is historically proper , geographically desirable , economically essential , constitutionally correct and legally justified . In conclusion it is to be indicated that to emancipate the people of this vast region which includes six districts of North Bengal and fifteenth districts of Assam , a new state to be created in the name of Greater Cooch Behar or Kamtapur immediately nor we shall have no alternative than to launch greater democratic movement for the end of justice and redress .

In anticipation of your favorable action -

We remain ,
Yours faithfully


(BABUYA BARMAN)
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THE GREATER COOCH BEHAR PEOPLES' ASSOCIATION

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SUB: DHARNA / RALLY AT JANTAR MANTAR (11TH & 12TH DECEMBER, 2014) FOR GRANT OF UNION TERRITORY (UT) STATUS TO COOCH BEHAR.

Respected Sir,

We would like to draw your kind attention to our last representations submitted to His Excellency, President of India, Memo No. -GCPA/RP/07, Home Minister of India, Memo No. GCPA/HD/07 and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Memo No. GCPA/PM/07 dated 07/11/14, where in we had once again pleaded for declaring UNION TERRITORY for Greater Cooch Behar Areas.

2. Historical Background in Brief : It is worth mentioning that the erstwhile Cooch Behar, one of the most important princely states of British India, categorized as class 'C' State under an agreement signed by Mr. Vapal Pangunni Menon, then Adviser to the Govt of India, Ministry of States by Mr. . Vapal Pangunni Menon, then Adviser to the Govt of India, Ministry of States, New Delhi on behalf of Union Govt. and Lt. Col. His Highness Maharaja Jagaddipendra Narayan Bhup BAHadur, the last king of Cooch Behar State The erstwhile subjects of the State were happy to be part of our nation. On the historic occasion of handing over of power, Honorable Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhbai Patel sent a message to Sri Nanjappa, Chief Commissioner of Cooch Behar on the eve of formal handing over function wishing bright political future of ethnic Cooch Behar people.

Govt of India was expressed in Mr. V.P. Menon, then advisor to the Central Govt. vide His Demi official letter No.-F-15(19) P/40 dated the 30th August 1949 addressed to the Maharaja of Cooch Behar which categorically mentioned about the future status of Cooch Behar State. "...It is the intension of the Govt. of India to administer for the present the territories of the Cooch Behar



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as a centrally administrated area under a Chief Commissioner ..." (Neheru patels correspondence 1945-55, vol-7 by Durga Das)

Unfortunately, the State was further got merged with West Bengal on 1st Jan. 1950 by then Chief Minister Late Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy. After that hasty, tactful and wrongful merger with West Bengal, the political leadership West Bengal dominated by mainstream imported leaders never allowed the ethnic people or the erstwhile subjects of the State to see the light of development. Despite assurances given by Pandit Jawahar Lal Neheru, then Prime Minister and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, then Home Minister, these unfortunate people remained neglected in all aspects of their socio-economic, cultural, linguistic and most importantly remained deprived of true democratic right. Whatever, development can be seen in Cooch Behar today, it's fruits are being enjoyed only by those people who are non-ethnic people and got settled in our areas. Our ethnic people who form majority in rural areas are suffering from acute poverty, unemployment and getting displaced from urban areas.

3. **Demand No.1:** It is pertinent to mention here that during the deliberations of the last two 'Tripartite Meetings' held under patronage of home Ministry of Central Govt. and Govt. of Assam with the various organizations of Assam 03.09.2013 and 07.11.2013 respectively, we tried to project the various problems to the participating dignitaries of both Central as well as Assam Governments. We are thankful to Home Ministry for patient hearing to our problems during the meetings. Keeping in view of the constraints for grant of UNION TERRITORY this moment and considering the genuineness of our problems, we request your Excellency to restore the earlier status of Category 'C' Statehood to Greater Cooch Behar or grant Union Territory status to Greater Cooch Behar as per the Merger Agreement with adequate political safeguards to ethnic people with immediate effect.

4. **Demand No.2:** Our mother tongue is Rajbanshi, which is an old language and is spoken over two crore people in Greater Cooch Behar area and neighboring countries such Bangladesh and Nepal. Trace of this language can be found in old scriptures and writings such as 'Charjyapad' which were written much before advent of other contemporary language in Eastern and North eastern India. This Language was the official language of Cooch Behar Empire. However, due to political division of the area and non-recognition by the State, Rajbanshi language has not developed and this language is dying. With a view to save this language from getting extinct, immediate steps should be taken by



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Govt. The language should be given constitutional recognition and included in the eighth schedule of the Constitution of India. We want immediate tabling of a Bill for constitutional recognition of Rajbanshi language.

5. **Demand No.3** : Immediate reorganization of the COOCH BEHAR RAJBANSHI SCHOOL which is providing education through the Rajbanshi language that led and guided by the Hindi and English from the primary stage. Because Rajbanshi Language is the requirement of not only for the ethnic people of the Greater Cooch Behar but also a national requirement of learning in mother tongue so the schools opened in some rural areas of the Greater Cooch Behar should be grant by the Central Govt. and grant the financial assistance to these schools and teachers.

6. **Demand No.4** : Post-Independence days could not be termed as happier as ought to be people of Cooch Behar kingdom, mainly the Rajbanshi speaking erstwhile subjects. The ex-Maharaja Lt. Colonel Jagadipendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur had been bitterly involved with legal battles. The significance of the articles of the agreement for merger signed between the Governor General of India and His Highness the Maharaja Jagadipendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur on 28th August 1949 was given a simple go by. An assurance was given to ex-Maharaja by V.P. Menon on behalf of the Central Govt. vide ministry of State letter D.O. No. F.15(19)/49 dated the 30th August 1949(PARA. No.14) saying that "the Government will Endeavour to associate absorption in the Indian Army". Therefore, we demand for raising of 'Narayani / Rajbanshi Regiment' as an infantry regiment in the Indian Army.

7. **Demand No.5** : Immediately set the legal president, Amithabh Narayan, to the Debottor Trust Board of Cooch Behar, which is illegally used by D.M. of Cooch Behar and fill up the two other posts of the Debottor Trust Board by the Native members of Cooch Behar in which - 1. Ambika Charan Roy & 2. Trikulendra Narayan were posted.

8. Demand No.6 : Complete the details of Amount of the Cooch Behar Development Fund for the native people of Cooch Behar, donated by the Maharaja Jagadipendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur of then Cooch Behar State immediately.



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9. Demand No.7 : The proper use of the Cooch Behar Development Fund in all over the Greater Cooch Behar area.

Keeping in view of the delay in grant of statehood from the Govt. side urgency in the matter genius ness of our problems, we are consider it appropriate for now to grant at least UNION TRERRITORY status to Greater Cooch Behar with adequate political safe guard with immediate effect, so that further deterioration in Sicio-Economic, Linguistic and political conditions of the ethnic people of erstwhile Cooch Behar can be stopped & Development work for our people can be taken up without further loss of time.

Therefore, sir we requested your good self to take up the matter strongly with the highest level for grant of UNION TERRITORY status for Greater Cooch Behar Area with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,

Bangshi Badan Barman

(Bangshi Badan Barman) 12/12/14

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