Office of the CONVENING COMMITTEE INDIGENOUS TRIBAL SAHITYA SABHAS', ASSAM (ITSSA)

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Bathoupuri, Garchuk-Ahomgaon, Guwahati-35

No.ITSSA/2019/.....

Date. 11/06/2019

To,

The Hon'ble Minister, Government of India. Human Resource Development, New Delhi.

Subject: Adoption of Four Lingual Education Policy for the State of Assam.

Sir,

We, the following signatories, on behalf of Indigenous Tribal Sahitya Sabha of Assam (ITSSA) - a conglomeration of eight indigenous Tribal Sahitya Sabhas of Assam namely Bodo Sahitya Sabha, Mising Sahitya Sabha, Karbi Sahitya Sabha, Rabha Sahitya Sabha, Tiwa Sahitya Sabha, Dimasa Sahitya Sabha, Deori Sahitya Sabha and Garo Sahitya Sabha, beg to state that an Executive Committee meeting of ITSSA was held on 8-6-2019 at Bodo Sahitya Sabhas Cultural Complex, Bathoupuri, Near ISBT Guwahati, under the presidentship of Sri Gubindo Taid, President, ITSSA. In the said meeting, in view of Article 350A of the Constitution of India, the Right to Education Act, 2009 and the Draft National Education Policy, 2019 which strongly advocates that the Mother tongue/ Home language is the best medium of instruction for children at primary level, the ITSSA resolved that the Govt, of India be requested to take necessary steps to adopt immediately a four lingual education policy for the State of Assam in view of its having multilingual characteristics. The meeting also strongly convinced that without adopting a four lingual education policy, no tribal language can be accommodated in the educational system of the State of Assam. The ITSSA has been demanding since long before the Govt. of Assam for adopting a four lingual policy but no concrete result have been achieved so far.

In view of the above, we request your honour to take necessary steps (i) to get adopted a four lingual education policy for the State of Assam, (ii) to get introduced Mising, Rabha and Karbi languages as medium of instruction and Deori, Dimasa and Tiwa languages as language subject at primary level from the Academic Year, 2020 positively considering the multilingual and pluricultural characteristic of the State; and thereby to ensure social harmony, eliminate language and cultural deprivation and providing equality of educational opportunity.

With regards. Yours faithfully,

Gubindo Taid

President, ITSSA

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