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## CONVENING COMMITTEE INDIGENOUS TRIBAL SAHITYA SABHAS, ASSAM

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MEMORANDUM
TO
HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM
RAJBHAWAN, GUWAHATI - 4.

Submitted By -

## INDIGENOUS TRIBAL SAHITYA SABHAS, ASSAM (ITSSA)

Camp: Guwahati
Dated the 14th November, 2015

His Excellency,

We, the undersigned, for and on behalf of the ITSSA (Indigenous Tribal Sahitya Sabhas of Assam), a conglomeration of 8(Eight) Indigenous Tribal Sahitya Sabhas of Assam -Viz- (1).Karbi Sahitya Sabha, (2). Rabha Sahitya Sabha, (3). Mising Sahitya Sabha, (4). Tiwa Sahitya Sabha, (5). Deuri Sahitya Sabha, (6). Dimasa Sahitya Sabha,(7). Garo Sahitya Sabha and (8).Bodo Sahitya Sabha have the honour to lay before your Excellency the following few lines for your immediate and positive step in favour of the downtrodden Indigenous Tribals of Assam inhabiting in the Boder Areas of Kaziranga National Park since long back who are facing the recent eviction proceess under taken by the Govt. of Assam as per Order of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court, Assam.

Your Excellency, we made a spot visit in the areas enlisted for Eviction on 13th instant under the Leadership of Mr. Lila Kanta Deuri, Hon'ble President, Deuri Sahitya Sabha and during that visit, as per information received from the local Indigenous People, the Families to be affected are not less than 666 and all of them belong to the Indigenous Tribals and Indigenous People covering No. 2 Sildubi Borbil Mising Gaon (2nd Inclusion), Panbari (Karbi and Adibasi), 3rd inclusion, Haldibari (Assamese and Adibasi), Fifth inclusion where Educational Institutions are also running. All of these are Flood and Erosion affected and were rehabilitated in these areas by the Government of Assam as these Areas were not under the Kaziranga National Park but included into the proposed extended Area of the National Park. Hence, if they are evicted, they will be badly affected for the 2nd time and their Children will be depprived from Education. If it is forcefully executed, it would be violation of ST & Other Traditional Forest Dwelles Act-2006 and also the Human Rights.

Therefore, we urge upon Your Excellency to take the Appropriate Measure before eviction by way of providing them to inhabit in a suatable place with the necessary facilities of livelihood.

Your Excellency, as per Notification served by the Authority of Kaziranga National Park vide Notification No. FRW.1/2007/114A dt. 05-11-2014, some of the villages of Indigenous Tribal have been included in the Eco-Sensitive Zone by which aborginal Inndigenous People inhabiting since im-

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memorial will be affected (copy enclosed). As for instance, most of the said villages are under Phulguri Chang Tribal Block Notified on 1st February, 1958 (Enclosed). But, they are entitled to inhabit as the aboriginal people of Assam and also as per ST & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act, 2006 (copy enclosed). It is unfortunate that the aboriginal people are being deprived time to time by eviction after widrawing the Tribal Belt & Blocks and the inhabitants of Forest Areas. In our spot visit we have witnessed the villages of the Indigenous People covered under the Eco-Sensative Zone. At present, they are in fear psychosis that they will be evicted soon in the name of extention of the Zone.

Therefore, Your Excellency to take the needful step of maintaining the status of the aboriginal

people covered under the proposed Eco-Sensitive Zone of Kaziranga National Park.

For and on behalf of the Indigenous Tribal Sahitya Sabhas of Assam

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