

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5434**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05TH APRIL, 2022/CHAITRA 15,1944 (SAKA)

BEZBARUAH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

5434. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Bezbaruah Committee recommendations submitted in 2014 and the details of recommendations which have been implemented and those which are pending for implementation;

(b) whether the Government has undertaken any measures to prevent and protect people from the North East facing racial attacks, especially during the COVID pandemic and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any initiative to provide special provisions for the safety of Northeastern students facing racial discrimination on and off-campus in universities in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there have been any initiatives for the inclusion of crucial knowledge and information about cultural, geographical and historical features of the North East in national school curricula to improve awareness and foster understanding among students from all backgrounds about the regions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a): The status of implementation of Bezbaruah Committee recommendations is at Annexure 'A'.

(b): Government of India has issued advisories/instructions to the State / Union Territory (UT) Governments, including that issued during COVID pandemic, regarding action plan for providing security to people from North East, appointment of Nodal Officers in States / UTs to address the grievances of people from North East and sensitization of enforcement agencies to take appropriate action in any case of harassment. A three member Monitoring Committee has been set up by Ministry of Home Affairs with two members belonging to North East Region for monitoring of issues and redressal of grievances relating to racial discrimination faced by people from North East residing in different parts of the country.

(c): University Grants Commission has issued communication to all the Universities regarding inclusion of History and Unique Culture heritage of the North East in curriculum of courses in Higher Education system to promote welfare of students from North East Region, introduction of Special Scholarship Scheme for North East region and issued regulations namely, University Grants Commission (Redress of Grievance of Students) Regulations 2019, UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations 2012 and UGC Guidelines for Students' Entitlement, wherein there is a provision against racial discrimination. Ministry of Home Affairs has asked all State/UT Govts to designate nodal officers in various districts for interactions with students / residents from North East states and to address their concerns, if any.

(d) to (e): The content about geography, history and culture of North East region has been included in the NCERT textbooks of Social Sciences from Classes VI to XII to promote awareness among students across India. Moreover, a process of formulation of curriculum has been taken up in order to capture rich diversity of all regions of the country, including North East region.

- (I) Implemented Bezbaruah Committee recommendations**
- 1) Empanelment of Advocates by Delhi State Legal Service Authority (DSLISA) to extend facility for legal assistance to the needy people of North East Region.**
 - 2) Setting up of Special Police Unit for North East Region (SPUNER) & nominating a Nodal Officer of the rank of Special/Addl. CP in Delhi.**
 - 3) Recruitment of personnel from North Eastern states in Delhi Police.**
 - 4) A special help line number (1093) for NE youths.**
 - 5) Sensitization Programme for all ranks of Delhi Police on NE related issues during basic and promotional Courses.**
 - 6) Awareness cum sensitization programs for NE students by SPUNER in collaboration with North East Cells of colleges in Delhi University.**
 - 7) Conduct of special programme for teaching Hindi language in Mizoram and Nagaland to address language and communication difficulties.**
 - 8) Utilization of the bonding power of sports by organizing national / international games in the NE region.**
 - 9) Selection of athletes / players from North East Region under Khelo India Scheme for talent identification & development.**
 - 10) Establishment of Centre of Excellence for sports at Imphal (Manipur), Guwahati (Assam) and Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh).**
 - 11) Setting up of National Sports University campus in Imphal (Manipur).**
 - 12) Educating the people about North East through School / College level interactions / exchange of students programs.**
 - 13) Revision of syllabus by including the contents about various aspects of North East Region in the current NCERT books.**
 - 14) Provision of scholarship to youths of North Eastern states under Udaan Scheme / Ishan Uday Scheme.**
 - 15) Conduct of session on pedagogy of social sciences on NE states along with generic issues for NCERT faculty members under National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA).**
 - 16) Focus on North East by launching of dedicated Doordarshan / AIR / community Radio channels.**
 - 17) Enhancement of the role of NE States' Bhawans to provide assistance to NE people by designation of nodal officer for assistance to NE students.**
 - 18) Setting up of grievance cell at Meghalaya House, New Delhi, Vellore and Kolkata.**
 - 19) Opening of Jasola Hostel for NE students to address the problem of accommodation / rent.**
 - 20) Promotion of tourism in NE states by organizing International Travel Mart (ITM) in NE region.**

- 21) **Dedicating a section for North East in the website www.incredibleindia.org for focused promotion of North East.**
 - 22) **Promotion of North east culture by organizing programme 'DESTINATION NORTH EAST' through North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), Dimapur at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.**
 - 23) **The land for culture and information centre (now renamed as North East Council Convention Centre) at Sector 13 Dwarka, New Delhi has been allotted and order has been issued for construction.**
 - 24) **A plot has been taken from DDA to construct a hostel at Rohini, Delhi.**
- (II) **Regarding other recommendations of Bezbaruah Committee w.r.t safety and other concerns of people from North East, various stakeholders have been asked to take necessary action and Ministry of Home Affairs monitors this regularly.**
