

**ON TOUR NOTE ON THE TOUR OF SHRI ORIS SYIEM MYRIAW,  
HON'BLE MEMBER, NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED  
TRIBES, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI TO ASSAM AND  
MEGHALAYA W.E.F. 19 --27, APRIL 2010**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> April'10 Hon'ble Member accompanied by Km. P. Syiemlich, Assistant Director, Regional Office, Shillong attended the birth Aniversary of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar at Pragjyotica Cultural Centre, Maskhowa Guwahati. He was received by Shri Ghanashyam Das Narzary and Shri Tarini Charan Das Advisors of the All Assam Scheduled Castes and Tribes Unemployed Association, Assam.

Welcoming the Special Guests and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Unemployed members the Zonal Secretary, All India Scheduled Castes and Tribes Railway Employees Association urged for Cooperation between those in power and the SC/ST people so that the evil design of deprivation on Castes based is done away with. He particularly expressed his gratitude to the Guest Speakers and to the Hon'ble Member for sparing his valuable time to come and exhort the SC/ST unemployed Youths in all their endeavour. Amongst those who speak were the i) Hon'ble Member, ii) Shri N.P. Visant, President, Samata Sainik Dal, New Delhi, iii) Shri R.P. Gautam, National General Secretary Samata Sainik Dal, New Delhi and iv) Smti Indu Atoliya, Social Worker New Delhi. Various Community songs and dances of Assam were also presented.

Speaking on the occasion the Hon'ble Member explained about the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes – its duties, functions, Powers etc. He called upon all present to rise above all odds to bring the SC/ST at par with the general Community by way fighting all the intentional deprivation existed for so many many years and specially the evil design of false Caste certificate which has left the genuine SC/ST deprived of their rights. Assam has a very high incidence of such fake certificate mainly because the system itself paved way for easy availability of the same by fraudulent means.

He called upon each and every one to live to the ideas of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar.

Others who spoke on the occasion also dealt mostly on similar lines – fake caste Certificate, deprivation, unemployment specially SCs & STs etc.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from Shri Golap Das. A copy of the Programme is enclosed herewith.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> April'10, the Hon'ble Member paid a visit to the Tribal Research Institute Complex Mawlai Shillong. He was welcome by Smti D.Syiem Director Arts and Culture, Government of Meghalaya.

The Director explained to the Member that the Complex land covers an area of about 8 acres. It was however been occupied by different departments like Health ( Mental Hospital) PWD Godowns and a major part by the CRPF Camp and Police Out Posts, since the time of Assam Government. As such there was no space left for the departmental Schemes and activities. Recently, the department of Arts and Culture has taken steps to shift all the above departments from their land in order to pave way for proposal of construction of Multi-Cultural Complex on this land to prevent future encroachment and to develop the TRI. For this, PWD has prepared detail plans and it has been forwarded to the Government for approval. The detail estimated expenditure for the Complex is being worked out and the Department wil lseek for financial assistance from concerning departments of the Government of India.

Regarding publications there are only 9 published books. Depite a library the work of carrying out research on various subject on tribals could not be taken up due to staffs crunched. The posts of DRO and ARO which are the main research unit has been vacant for so long which has made the TRI crippled. The Institute also housed a Musuem where the recent discovery of the ancient terri cottas from Garo Hills have been preserved amongst other materials.

The Hon'ble Member inspected the Complex from library, Musuem, office and its compound and expressed his willingness to extend help if the proposal for expenditure is submitted to any department of the Government of India.