

Decks clear: Gogoi ready to table secret killing reports



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The Assam Government has already cleared the decks to table both the secret killing reports of both the Justice K N Saikia Commission and Justice JN Sarma Commission on the floor of the House on Thursday.

According to reliable sources here, the decision was taken after considering all legal options to avoid all future embarrassment. But there will not be any action taken report on the Justice J N Sarma Commission as it was rejected by the government.

Dispur was holding talks with legal experts to tide over the Catch-22 situation and to ensure a hassle-free proceeding for Thursday's Assembly session.

According to information, the Assam government found it difficult to table the Justice K N Saikia Commission report on the floor of the House along with the Justice J N Sarma Commission report which was rejected by the Tarun Gogoi government in its previous regime.

The entire development came up when a division bench of Gauhati High took up a write petition by former Chief Minister Prafulla Kumar Mahanta challenging the Justice K N Saikia report.

The “rejected” Justice N Sarma Commission report virtually gave clean chit to Mr Mahanta but it failed to indict the main culprits behind the extra judicial killings during the AGP-led fourt party alliance government.

The court, however, rejected Mr Mahanta’s plea to reject the findings of the Saikia Commission report but observed that if the petitioner was not happy with the commission, he could approach the appropriate forum for redressal.

Notably, the government was getting ready to table the Saikia Commission report on Thursday.

Recently, Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi observed that he found it horrifying while he was going through the report. He maintained that without the knowledge of the man in power, these killings could not have taken place.

Talking talking to reporters former Chief Minister, Prafulla Kumar Mahanta came down heavily on Mr Gogoi and charged him with violating the spirit behind the inquiry by making the findings public.

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