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Sonowal assures ethnic groups



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Chief minister Sarbanabda Sonowal on Tuesday assured a delegation of six ethnic groups of sympathetic consideration of their demand for ST [\(/taxonomy/term/1997\)](#) status a day after they openly raised doubt [\(/taxonomy/term/2213\)](#) over [\(/taxonomy/term/2166\)](#) the government intention.

Sonowal who met the delegation at the Assam Bhawan in the morning assured the delegation that the state [\(/taxonomy/term/2332\)](#) and centre will keep the promises by according ST [\(/taxonomy/term/1997\)](#) status.

The delegation representing the six ethnic groups Ahom, Koch, Chutia (/taxonomy/term/2449), Muttock (/taxonomy/term/1983), Adivasi (/taxonomy/term/2018) and Moran were unhappy on Monday after attending the tripartite meeting presided over (/taxonomy/term/2166) by union minister of state (/taxonomy/term/2332) for home Kiren Rijiju which remained inconclusive.

The much awaited status report is expected to reach the government by June 30 to help the highest level (/taxonomy/term/2232) clear the decks.

"The government is waiting a report by June 30 to proceed with the deal (/taxonomy/term/1922). The government is delaying it. It is playing with our emotions and the consequences would not be well," said Tai Ahom (/taxonomy/term/60) leader (/taxonomy/term/1820) Aswini Chetia after the meeting on Monday.

Hiteswar Barman who represented the Koch Rajbanshis also called it a disappointing one where the Assam government was represented by senior minister Chandra Mohan Patowary.

Patowary justified the delay saying that the Singla Committee could not submit the report as (/taxonomy/term/2291) he went on retirement. "Now Reena Mitra (/taxonomy/term/2028) is examining it who is expected to submit the report by June," said Patowary.



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