

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
BORDER AREAS DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI

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From Shri Rajiv Kumar Bora, IAS
Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam,
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To The Deputy Commissioner,
Sivasagar/Jorhat/Golaghat/Karbi-Anglong/N.C.Hills/ Lakhimpur/
Dhemaji/Sonitpur/Tinsukia/Dibrugarh/ Cachar/Hailakandi/
Karimganj/Kamrup(M)/Kamrup(R)/Goalpara

Sub Removal of encroachments by neighbouring States.

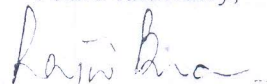
Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to say that the Government has observed that encroachments by the civilian population and also by the Governments of neighbouring States in areas that fall within the Constitutional boundary of Assam have continued to occur despite repeated and continued instructions from this end to ensure the same do not take place. It has been observed that usually district administrations report encroachments that have already taken place and seek instructions of the Government on how these are to be dealt with.

As you are aware, agreements and meetings at the official levels between the Government of Assam and neighbouring States Governments regarding the management of inter-state border disputes have stressed on the need to maintain status-quo in the border areas. Unfortunately, these agreements have not been adhered to in letter or spirit by the neighbouring States. Thus, the tendency to occupy tracts of land on the Assam side of the border by the neighbouring States continues unabated.

In view of the above, the State Government had earlier impressed upon all DCs and SPs of the districts with inter-state borders the importance of maintaining a high level of alertness in these areas and taking timely preventive action so that attempts to encroach upon Assam territory are effectively thwarted. It is once again reiterated that all district administrations must take all required preventive measures to ensure that encroachments by neighbouring States do not occur. In case some fresh encroachments do take place despite preventive measures, the concerned district administrations should take necessary action to dismantle such encroachments forthwith, if necessary by deploying sufficient police forces. Effective administrative control of all such areas must be maintained after the encroachments are removed. Reports of such developments and actions taken in this regard by the district administration must be reported to the Border Areas Department immediately.

Yours faithfully,



Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam,
Border Areas Department, Dispur.

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