



## ASSAM ACCORD : NATIONAL ISSUE

**NEWS :** Assam Government to Implement Key Recommendations of Clause 6 Committee, Constitutional Amendments Pending

### WHAT'S IN THE NEWS ?

The Assam government has initiated the implementation of 52 recommendations from the Clause 6 Committee of the Assam Accord, while deferring key provisions requiring constitutional amendments.

### Assam Accord

- **Signed:** 1985 between the Centre, Assam government, and All Assam Student Union (AASU) after the 1979-85 Assam Movement.
- **Cut-off Date:** March 24, 1971 – anyone who came to Assam before this is an Indian citizen; those after are considered foreigners.
- **Department:** "Implementation of Assam Accord Department" established in 1986 to oversee the Accord's provisions.

### Clause 6 of the Accord

- **Objective:** Protect the cultural, social, and linguistic identity of Assamese people.
- **Issue:** Proper implementation of these safeguards has faced delays.

### Biplab Sarma Committee (2019)

- **Task:** Recommend measures to implement Clause 6.
- **Report (2020):** Defined "Assamese people" and proposed job reservations, political representation, and land/language protections.

### Assam Government's Response

- **Action:** 52 out of 67 recommendations will be implemented, focusing on land, language, and cultural preservation.
- **Pending:** 15 recommendations requiring constitutional amendments (e.g., political representation, job reservations) need discussions with the Centre.



## Key Recommendations for Implementation



1. **Land Rights:** Only Assamese people can own land in certain areas.
2. **Language Protection:** Continue Assamese as the official language, with exceptions for local languages.
3. **Cultural Heritage:** Support for neo-Vaishnavite monasteries and district-level cultural complexes.

## Pending Recommendations

- **Political Representation:** 80-100% seat reservations in Parliament and state assembly.
- **Inner Line Permit:** Proposal for stricter migration controls for Assam.

## Future Outlook

- **Phased Approach:** Assam government progressing with its jurisdictional recommendations; contentious issues await central government cooperation.



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