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Bodoland Territorial Council delegation meets Dr Jitendra Singh

A delegation of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), led by Member of Parliament, Shri Biswajit Daimary met the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh here today and sought his intervention for redressal of their long pending demands including the grant of 'Scheduled Tribe' status to Bodo Kachari living in Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao as well as Karbi (Mikr) living in plain areas of Assam.

The memorandum handed over to the Minister also requested for Special Central Assistance (SCA), pursuant to the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission. The delegation also requested special financial package for Bodoland Territorial Council to enable acceleration of the various development projects. Since floods and erosion issues constitute a perennial problem in the Bodoland area of Northeast, the memorandum also requested for a permanent solution to this problem.

Dr Jitendra Singh gave a patient hearing to the delegation. He said, the Assam State Government headed by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal has taken a very sympathetic view of all the issues related to Bodoland. He assured the members of delegation that he would put across their issues before the State Government as well as the concerned Ministries at the Centre.

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