

**MEMORANDUM OF
SETTLEMENT
(MoS)
BETWEEN
GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
AND THE
HMAR PEOPLES' CONVENTION
(DEMOCRATIC)
ASSAM REGION**

**SIGNED ON 15th March, 2026
AT DISPUR, GUWAHATI**

1. Preamble

- 1.1. Hmar tribe is an important ethnic tribal community, residing mostly in Dima Hasao district and Lakhipur sub-division of Cachar district of Assam. Hmar tribe is known for their distinct language and rich tradition and culture. Due to the remoteness and topography of the land where they have been living, the community has been facing various social, economic and developmental issues for a long time. Although, the Government of India and the Government of Assam have been making concerted efforts to fulfil the aspirations of the Hmar people of the Assam, some youths of the community formed the Hmar People's Convention (Democratic) in 2003/2004, an armed organization to fight against the democratic Government with a view to fulfil their demands.
- 1.2. In a genuine effort to end the militancy, the Hmar Peoples' Convention (Democratic) (HPCD), Assam laid down their arms on 24th of January, 2012, in presence of the then Union Home Minister of India and the then Chief Minister of Assam and entered into Suspension of Operations (SOO) with the Government of Assam on 4th of October, 2016.
- 1.3. As a part of this process, several rounds of tripartite talks were held between the representatives of the Government of India, Government of Assam and the Hmar Peoples' Convention (Democratic), Assam to resolve their legitimate demands which resulted in an agreement of bringing a final solution and thus, the signing of this Memorandum of Settlement (MoS). The signatory armed groups have agreed to abjure violence and join the peaceful democratic process as established by the Constitution of India and law of the land.

2. Scheduling of Hmar inhabitants outside Autonomous Council Areas of Assam.

- 2.1. The Government of Assam shall examine the demand to confer the Hmar Tribes living in areas outside Sixth Scheduled Autonomous Council area as Scheduled Tribes (Hills) Status.

3. Protection of Land Rights

- 3.1. The State Govt. shall examine the proposal to confer forest land rights to eligible members of the Hmar communities living outside Sixth Schedule Hill areas, in accordance with the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006, in addition to the existing "Jhum Land Permit", to protect the land rights of the Hmar inhabited villages.

4. Political

- 4.1. There shall be a Development and Welfare Council to be called the "Hmar Welfare and Development Council (HWDC)" for the Hmar Communities

residing in Assam, and shall extend to the Hmar community inhabited village areas of Assam, inside and outside, the Sixth Scheduled areas without causing any conflict with any other Act with an objective of fulfilling the political, educational and economic aspirations; protecting, preserving and promoting the social, cultural, linguistics and ethnic indigenous tribal identity and rich traditional practices; to protect their rights over lands and its resources etc. and ensuring accelerated development of the Hmar people and the Hmar inhabited villages of Assam.

4.2. The Hmar Welfare and Development Council (HWDC) shall have its headquarters in Guwahati for securing the democratic and welfare interest of the Hmar people of Assam. Funds may be provided by the State Government from time to time for execution of Developmental and Welfare activities by the Council.

4.3. An interim Council may be formed soon after the signing of this MoS by the Government of Assam till regular elections are conducted.

4.4. The constitution and composition of the council shall be as enumerated below, which may be amended as agreed upon by both parties with the following office bearers -

- (a) Chairman
- (b) Deputy Chairman
- (c) Chief Executive Member
- (d) Deputy Chief Executive Member
- (e) Four Executive Members
- (f) Four General Members
- (g) Four members nominated by the Govt. of Assam

4.5 A separate fund shall be allocated by the State Govt. for the HWDC. Funds received from the State Government and any other sources shall be credited into HWDC Account and disbursement will be made in connection with the affairs of the Council for implementation of developmental and welfare schemes for the Hmar community.

4.6. The fund will be subject to audit of the State Govt audit authority like any other Govt Department.

5. Power and Functions of the HWDC

5.1. Based on the recommendations of the Council, the State Government shall provide funds for welfare, infrastructural and developmental works with regard to the needs, accounting to the geographical spread of the Hmar communities in Assam.

5.2. The Council shall have the authority to prepare proposals for various developmental projects under centrally sponsored schemes and central sector schemes including projects under NEC and NLCPR/ DONER for onward

submission to the Central government or any other funding agencies through the State Government and pursue the same. The Council shall function as an implementing agency for such projects, with due formalities and observance of existing financial rules.

5.3. The Council shall have the power to prepare its own budget annually under Grants-in-Aid or any other appropriate Head of Account which shall be submitted for the approval of the State Government in the Transformation&Development Department.

5.4. The Council shall have authority to formulate, execute and implement schemes within the funds provided under its grants.

5.5. The Assam government will depute one officer as Secretary to the HWDC, with sufficient seniority, to co-ordinate with various departments of the State Govt and to help manage the administration of the HWDC.

5.6. The official language of the HWDC shall be Assamese, Hmar and English.

6. Relief and Rehabilitation

6.1. The signatory armed group shall abjure the path of violence, surrender all types of arms/ ammunition and disband their armed organisations within fifteen days of signing of the MoS and shall give formal press release in this regard. All camps occupied by these groups shall be vacated forthwith. Possession of any weapon after signing of the MoS shall be unlawful and it will be treated as a criminal act.

6.2. The HPC (D) have already submitted the lists of their cadres to Addl. DGP, Special Branch, Assam at the time of laying down of arms. The names of such cadres shall be scrutinised and verified once again by the Screening Committee headed by Addl. DG, Special Branch, Assam, before their rehabilitation. Unverified cadres shall not be given any rehabilitation benefit.

6.3. The Committee headed by Addl. DG, Special Branch, Assam shall assess the rehabilitation needs of individual cadres based on age profile, educational qualification, general area of residence etc. The Committee may also involve concerned departments of the State Govt and successful entrepreneurs/ NGOs in the process.

6.4. Necessary measures will be taken by the Govt. of Assam to rehabilitate the cadres of the armed groups. Such measures shall include (i) lump sum payment of ex-gratia as per extant policy, (ii) funding economic activities through existing Govt schemes relating to fisheries, piggery, organic farming, poultry farming, tea/ rubber/ indigo plantation, etc.; and (iii) trade/ vocational/ skills in agro-based industries, development training based on locally available resources.

- 6.5. Efforts will be made to cover the cadres of armed groups under various on-going Govt schemes for employment generation and other benefits as per norms and guidelines of the schemes.
- 6.6. Criminal cases registered against cadres of armed groups during armed struggle for non-heinous offences will be withdrawn by Govt. of Assam as per procedure established by law. Criminal cases registered in connection with heinous offences will be reviewed on a case-to-case basis according to the existing policy on the subject.
- 6.7. Widow or legal heir of the expired cadre of HPC (D) from the existing list will be provided financial compensation of Rs. 2 (Two) Lakh to each family, after due verification.
- 6.8. The Govt. of Assam, after due verification, shall provide financial assistance/compensation of Rs 1 (one) Lakh to each of the next of kin of those, who lost their lives in ethnic violence of 2003/2004.
- 6.9. The Govt of Assam will pursue with the Sixth Schedule Autonomous Councils (KAAC & NCHAC) in Hill areas, to provide land and other facilities for re-settlement of displaced families of ethnic violence of 2003/2004.

7. Promotion and Preservation of Hmar Culture and Language

- 7.1. The Government of Assam shall set up a committee to study and recommend strengthening and promoting the Hmar language in consultation with the Hmar Literary Society (Hmar Sahitya Sabha) Assam.
- 7.2. Govt. of Assam shall examine and initiate to:
 - i. Introduce "Hmar" as an MIL subject in the Elementary schools of Assam.
 - ii. Create regular sanctioned posts for Hmar MIL Teachers from Upper Primary level to Degree level in Assam.
 - iii. Make endeavour to introduce Hmar as MIL subject in State Universities in Assam.
- 7.3. A certain Grant for the Hmar Literary Society (Hmar Sahitya Sabha) may be sanctioned as required annually by the State Government to promote, protect and preserve the Hmar language as is granted to other Sahitya Sabha or other tribal language groups of Assam.

8. Economy & Education

- 8.1. To boost the rural economy of the Hmar, Government of Assam may take initiatives to establish new Skill development Centre, and self-employment schemes like piggery, organic farming, poultry, fisheries, plantations, handicrafts, fruit processing units (pineapple, orange, ginger, etc.) and other small and medium industries etc. in the Hmar inhabited areas.

- 8.2. The Government of Assam may establish a new Govt. Degree College, Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Govt. Higher Secondary Schools, Govt. Upper Primary and Lower Primary Schools.
 - 8.3. The Government of Assam may take up establishment and upgradation of Schools in the Hmar inhabited areas as laid out in the Illustrative List of schemes.
 - 8.4. The Government of Assam shall take up suitable steps for protection, preservation and development of historical monuments and heritage sites.
 - 8.5. The Government of Assam shall take steps to set up a hostel for students in Guwahati, Silchar, Diphu, Haflong and other suitable locations within the state.
9. The HWDC shall endeavour to take initiatives for the welfare and development schemes, as far as practicable, from the Illustrative List of schemes within its budget availability.
10. A Joint Monitoring Committee shall be constituted with representatives of Home & Political Department, Transformation & Development Department Government of Assam, members from HWDC, few members of civil society and the signatories of this MoS to monitor the implementation of this Agreement.

The above Agreement is signed on 15th March, 2026 in Guwahati in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of Assam and representatives of Home & Political Department.

Representatives of following organisations append their signature to this Agreement:



(David L. Hmar)
Chairman
HPCD, Assam



(Adam Hmar)
Commander
HPCD, Assam



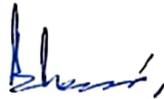
(Remsang Hmar)
Secretary
HPCD, Assam



(Vala Hmar)
Commander
HPCD, Assam



(Josef V Tuolor)
President, Hmar Students' Association
Assam State



(Ajay Tewari, IAS)
Additional Chief Secretary (Home & Political)
Govt. of Assam

Signing of the Agreements is witnessed by



(Dr. Ranoj Pegu)
Minister, School Education, Higher Education,
Tribal Affairs (Plain) Departments, Assam

Illustrative List of schemes

A. Education:

1. Establishment of Adarsha Vidyalaya at Vongzawl, Dima Hasao and Saisel in Cachar district with Hostel facilities.
2. Establishment of Industrial Training Institute (ITI) at Ngaiban, Cachar.
3. Upgradation of High School to Higher Secondary School with Science, Arts and Commerce stream and preferably with hostel facilities.
 - (i) Union High School, Hmarkhawlien, Cachar
 - (ii) Tuolpui High School, Dima Hasao
 - (iii) Muolhoi High School, Dima Hasao
 - (iv) Boro Arkap High School, Dima Hasao.
 - (v) Simtuiluong High School, Dima Hasao
4. Establishment of new Degree College at Hmarkhawlien, Cachar and Saron, Mahur Dima Hasao with Hostel facilities.
5. Establishment of new Govt. High School at Langkarcha, Karbi Anglong.
6. Establishment of Govt. Lower Primary School at DisamaHmarveng, Karbi Anglong
7. Establishment of Govt. Higher Secondary School at Muoltluong, Cachar.
8. Upgradation of Tupidhor M.V School, Cachar to High School.
9. Establishment of Retzawl High School & Khuongluong High School.
10. Skill development centre at Huonveng, Harangajao, Dima Hasao.

B. Health:

1. Upgradation of Vongzawl, Simtuiluong, Retzawl, N.Nachangzawl, Khobak H&FW Sub Centres of Dima Hasao and Kuokluong, Kapakhal, Tupidhor, Kumba, H&FW Sub Centres of Cachar to Primary Health Centre (PHC).
2. Upgradation of Boro Arkap A Primary Health Centre (PHC) to a model Hospital.
3. Establishment of H&FW Sub Centres at Arda, Dima Hasao, Lothazawl at Cachar.

C. Culture:

1. Construction of Zawlbuk (Traditional Dormitory) at Muollien, Hmunthazau, Mahur Garden, Thingbung, N. Hmar, P Hnachangzawl, Retzawl, Hebron Umrangso, Tuolpui, Khothlir, New Sangbar in Dima Hasao, Tupidhor, Lothazawl, Saisel, K.Phailien, Saihmar and Muoltluong in Cachar, Balisora in Hailakandi, Old Langkarcha in Karbi Anglong.
2. Construction of Cultural Centre cum Auditorium at Retzawl, Dima Hasao
3. Construction of Cultural Centre cum Auditorium at Hmarkhawlien, Cachar
4. Construction of Hmar Museum cum Library at Cachar

D. Police Stations & Outposts:

1. Establishment of Police Station at Boro Arkap, Dima Hasao and Tupidhor, Cachar.
2. Establishment of Police Outpost at Khanthuom and Muoltluong in Cachar and New Zoar (Lower Kharthong), Retzawl, New Sangbar, Khobak and Arda in Dima Hasao.

E. Clean & Green Energy Power Plant:

1. Establishment of Wind Mill electric plant at Doiheng and Thingbung in Dima Hasao.
2. Establishment of Solar power plant at Muoldam, Saihmar, Lower Thenzo and Lothazawl in Cachar.
3. Establishment of Mini Hydro Power Plant at Boro Muolkol, Kayeng, Retzawl, Jinam, Dotheng and Leiri in Dima Hasao district, Tuitha in Cachar, Disama Hmarveng, Langkarcha in Karbi Anglong district, as far as practicable.

F. Two Lane Roads & Bridges:

1. Widening and improvement of Mahur, Dima Hasao to Ainacherra, Cachar Road. (Mahur Ainacherra Road)
2. Widening and improvement of Retzawl, Dima Hasao to Amranagar, Cachar Road. (RetzawlAmranagar Road)
3. Construction of Bridge over Jatinga River connecting Harangajao&Ditokcherra.
4. Construction of road from Hmarkhawlien to Khanthuom, Cachar Assam with bridge over Barak River.
5. Widening and improvement of New Sangbar to Harangajao via Thuruk.

G. Construction of Single Lane Roads:

1. Saisel to Lobonkhal (Chikhur), Cachar
2. Bite to Diklangmukh, Cachar
3. Main Road to JoypurMuolkoi, Cachar
4. Buolmuol village to P. Hnachangzawl village, Dima Hasao
5. Construction of road from Thuruk to P. Hnachangzawl, Dima Hasao
6. Construction of Road from Doiheng to Vongzawl via Saitawp.

H. Rural Electrification:

1. JoypurMuolkoi, Cachar
2. Hnachangzawl, Dima Hasao
3. Bijungsoo, Cachar
4. Jinam Ghat, Dima Hasao
5. K. Bethel, Cachar
6. Jinam, Dima Hasao
7. Moinathol, Cachar
8. Chandikhal, Cachar
9. Khanthuom, Cachar
10. Lothazawl, Cachar
11. Haibung, Cachar
12. Lower Thenzo, Cachar
13. Hmarkhawmawi, Cachar
14. Tuolpui, Cachar
15. Ngente, Cachar
16. BoroLeikek, Dima Hasao
17. Khuongluong, Dima Hasao
18. New Zion, Dima Hasao
19. P. Hmarlusei, Dima Hasao
20. N. Hmarlusei, Dima Hasao
21. Leiri, Dima Hasao
22. Muollien, Dima Hasao
23. BoroArkap, Dima Hasao
24. Mauchar, Dima Hasao
25. Phaipui, Dima Hasao
26. Ramvom, Dima Hasao
27. Tattephal, Dima Hasao
28. Langkercha, Karbi Anglong
29. Kanaan, Mahur Dima Hasao
30. Ngente, Dima Hasao
31. Saitawp, Dima Hasao
32. Arda, Dima Hasao

I. Other infrastructure development:

1. Office building of HWDC in Guwahati.
2. Construction of Mini Stadium at Hmarkhawlien, Cachar.
3. Creation and development of tourist sites in Hmar people inhabited area.
4. Construction and installation of cold storage houses at Boro Arkap, Dima Hasao and ChikhurHuonveng Cachar.
5. Improvement and maintenance of existing roads.
6. Improvement and maintenance of existing school buildings.
7. Improvement and maintenance of other existing infrastructures.