

REPORT ON THE THIRD GROUP MEETING  
HELD BETWEEN THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT COMMISSION  
AND THE JANA SAMHATI SAMITI AT DHUDUKCHARA UNDER THE PANCHARI POLICE  
STATION WITHIN KHAGRACHARI DISTRICT ON AUGUST 28, 1994, (based on a letter  
written to me by the Jana Samhati Samiti on 7 September, 1994).

A. BACKDROP

At the Second Group Meeting, which was held on July 10, 1994, both the Sub-Committee of the Bangladesh Government Commission (BGC) and the Jana Samhati Samiti (JSS) took the following decisions: 1) The Sub-Committee would send the Draft Proposals to the JSS before the next Meeting, 2) The Third Group Meeting would take place in the third or fourth week of August, 1994, and the BGC would fix the date for the Meeting and inform the JSS of the date at least 15 days before the Meeting, 3) The ceasefire would be observed till 30 Sept., 1994, and 4) Mr. Menon would urge the Government to stop ceasefire violations by the Military Forces & to release the SB Members.

B. THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE MEETING

a. The Names Of The Members Of The Sub-Committee Of The BGC

1) Mr. Rashed Khan Menon, MP (Workers Party), the Leader of the Sub-Committee & Chairman of the Group Meeting, 2) Mr. Kalpa Ranjan Chakma, MP (Awami League), 3) Mr. Mohammad Shahjahan, MP (Bangladesh Nationalist Party), and 4) Mr. Mohammad Shahjahan Chowdhury, MP (Jamat-I-Islami).

b. The Names Of The Members Of The JSS Team

1) Mr. Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, the President of the JSS and Leader of the JSS Team, 2) Mr. Rupayan Dewan, a Member of the JSS Central Committee, 3) Mr. Goutam Kumar Chakma, a Member of the JSS Central Committee, and 4) Mr. Raktotpal Tripura, a Member of the JSS Central Committee.

c. The Names Of The Members Of The Liaison Or Coordination Committee

1) Mr. Hangsadhvaj Chakma, the Convenor of the Liaison Committee, and 2) Mr. Mohammad Safi, a Member of the Liaison Committee.

d. The Names Of The Bangladesh Government Officers

1) Mr. Nasirul Islam, the Director (Development) of the Special Affairs Division under the Prime Minister's Secretariat, and 2) Mr. Mahiuddin Chowdhury, the Additional District Magistrate of Khagrachari District.

C. THE THIRD GROUP MEETING

The Members of the Sub-Committee reached the venue at Dhudukchara at about 12.00 a.m. and the Meeting commenced at 12.15 p.m. The Meeting came to a close at 2.45 p.m. After the Meeting, lunch was served and then the Members of the Sub-Committee left the venue at 3.15 p.m.

After opening the Meeting, Mr. Rashed Khan Menon requested Mr. J.B. Larma to speak first. The latter replied that the JSS Team would like to hear first from the Sub-Committee. Then Mr. Menon asked Mr. K.R. Chakma to take the floor. In response, Mr. K.R. Chakma persuaded the former to speak first.

Mr. Menon said that in the Second Group Meeting the Sub-Committee had asked the JSS to submit a new set of proposals but the JSS stated that it had no new proposals except its Modified Five-Point Charter of Demands. He then, pointed out that the Sub-Committee had requested Mr. Larma & Mr. K. R. Chakma to draft the proposals together and even advised Mr. K.R. Chakma to stay at Dhudukchara for a few days to do the work. Regrettably, he continued, Mr. K.R. Chakma could not stay behind but promised to communicate with the JSS later. After returning from his visit to Japan, Mr. Menon said, he learnt that Mr. K.R. Chakma had sent a set of 11 proposals to the....page /2-

to the JSS. Since he and two other Members were away at that time, he said, the Members of the Sub-Committee could not discuss the 11-Point Draft Proposals among themselves nor could they discuss the same with the BGC. In the meantime, he went on, the JSS had responded to the said Draft Proposals and the JSS response too had not been discussed. Then, Mr. Menon disclosed that the BGC would like to have the list of new proposals made by the JSS to the Sub-Committee at the first two Group Meetings. Therefore, he said, it would be very helpful to the BGC if the JSS could submit new proposals.

Mr. Larma replied that Mr. K.R. Chakma did not stay behind after the Second Group Meeting of 10 July, 1994, as Mr. K.R. Chakma & Mr. Mohammad Shahjahan had decided in the presence of Mr. Hangsadhvaj Chakma that the Members of the Sub-Committee would draft the list of proposals in consultation with the Attorney-General Aminul Hoque and Barrister Aminul Islam in Dhaka. He also understood that a copy of the said Draft Proposals would be sent to the JSS before the Third Group Meeting. Then, Mr. Larma said that he had received an 11-Point Draft Proposal signed by Mr. K.R. Chakma without saying anything whether it was drafted by Mr. K.R. Chakma himself or by the Members of the Sub-Committee or the BGC. He further said that almost all the points of the 11-Point Draft Proposal had been discussed at the Second Group Meeting and that there were no new proposals at all. Moreover, Mr. Larma pointed out, the JSS had rejected all those proposals at the said Meeting and so the CHT crisis could not be solved on the basis of the 11-Point Draft Proposals.

Thereafter, Mr. K.R. Chakma participated in the discussion. He clearly reminded that at the Second Group Meeting he was entrusted with the responsibility of drafting a set of proposals in consultation with the Attorney-General. He also reminded that he had completed the assigned work and sent the 11-Point Draft Proposal to the JSS as promised. Yet, he angrily said, the JSS had written a humiliating and insulting letter to him by asking him whether the Draft Proposal was prepared by himself or by the Sub-Committee or the BGC and also by asking him why he had not sent it through the proper channel, the Special Affairs Division under the Prime Minister's Secretariat. Explaining his situation, Mr. K.R. Chakma pointed out that he had to prepare the Draft Proposal alone as Mr. Menon had gone to Japan and Mr. M. Shahjahan had gone to Cox's Bazar and even Attorney-General Aminul Hoque could be contacted on the phone only after five attempts at that time. On the other hand, he said, there was very little time because the Members of the Sub-Committee were premised-bound to send the Draft Proposal to the JSS 15 days before the Third Group Meeting. As a result, he continued, he had no opportunity to consult the Sub-Committee Members nor had he time to send the Draft Proposal to the JSS through proper channel. In such circumstances, Mr. K.R. Chakma thought, the Sub-Committee would have sent the Draft Proposal to the JSS informally as he did and not through the proper channel. So, he further thought, the JSS insistence on sending it through the proper channel was not correct at all. Moreover, he commented, the very wording of the JSS letter indicated the insincerity of the JSS in holding the Dialogue further. At that point, Mr. M. Shahjahan attempted to calm down him and advised him not to be so sentimental and not to take the matter so seriously and to continue the discussion normally.

Participating in the discussion at this stage, Mr. Menon said that everything of the Meeting should not be disclosed to the Special Affairs Division as the disclosure of certain matters of discussion might be harmful to the peace-talks. For example, he went on, Mr. Larma had pointed out to him that despite secrecy everything of the Meeting had come out in the Press. Then, he told the JSS Leader that none of the Sub-Committee Members had divulged the discussed matters to the news-media and promised that he would tell the news-men the partial truth this time as well. Mr. Menon reminded that he had proposed much earlier informal talks between the BGC and the JSS as they facilitate free discussion and often yield effective results. He also told the BGC that if it wanted a written response from the JSS....page /3-

the JSS, then the JSS would naturally say that it had already placed its Modified Five-Point Charter of Demands before the BGC and similarly the BGC might say to the JSS that it had put its proposals for the solution of the CHT problem. But, Mr. Menon stressed, if the discussions were held informally, then many proposals could be put on the table for negotiation. With this view in mind, he continued, Mr. K.R. Chakma had drafted a set of 11 proposals as a basis for discussion between the Sub-Committee and the JSS and secured approval of these proposals from Mr. M. Shahjahan on the phone. Mr. Menon thought that Mr. K.R. Chakma being an MP from the CHT would be the right person to draft the right proposals for the solution of the CHT issue. On the contrary, he remarked, the JSS response to Mr. K.R. Chakma's proposals was negative. Then, Mr. Menon suggested not to proceed further with the JSS letter.

Replying to the charges made by Mr. K.R. Chakma & Mr. Menon, Mr. Larma requested Mr. K.R. Chakma not to take the JSS letter as humiliating and insulting as the JSS had never given less importance to any Members of the Sub-Committee. According to Mr. Menon, he recalled, the Group Meetings between the Sub-Committee and the JSS were as formal as the Rounds of the Dialogue between the BGC and the JSS and so the JSS expected that all the communications relating to the Group Meetings would be formal as well. On the other hand, the Sub-Committee had not informed the JSS of its decision to communicate with the JSS informally. Moreover, Mr. Larma pointed out, the Director of the Special Affairs Division, Mr. Nasirul Islam himself was present in the Group Meetings. So what were the logic & rationale of keeping the Special Affairs Division in the dark about the Meeting and the 11-Point Draft Proposal, asked Mr. Larma. However, he agreed with Mr. Menon on his earlier suggestion that informal talks would be conducive to free and frank discussions. Regarding the 11-Point Draft Proposal, Mr. Larma stated that almost all these 11 points had been discussed in the Second Group Meeting and that the JSS had not accepted any one of them. He thought that the Draft Proposal should have been sent by the Leader of the Sub-Committee on behalf of the Sub-Committee through the proper channel, the Special Affairs Division, as the normal formality demanded. Having not followed the normal procedure, Mr. K.R. Chakma's Draft Proposal seemed to be very personal indeed, commented Mr. Larma. He reminded that at the previous Meeting a decision was made to frame the Draft Proposal by the Sub-Committee in consultation with Attorney-General Aminul Hoque and Barrister Aminul Islam. He also reminded that the Draft Proposal would be the life & death question to the Jumma People. Yet it had been prepared in such a careless manner, opined Mr. Larma. In response, Mr. K.R. Chakma said that he had prepared the Draft Proposal in consultation with the Attorney-General of Bangladesh. Then Mr. Larma proposed to discuss the main topics and to adopt all the decisions in writing. At that stage, Mr. Menon admitted that he was responsible for all these faults which were caused by his visit to Japan. Participating again in the debate, Mr. Larma pointed out that Mr. K.R. Chakma could at least send a private letter along with the 11-Point Draft Proposal in order to explain his situation. In reply, Mr. Menon further admitted that as the Leader of the Sub-Committee he should have arranged the drafting of proposals by the other Members together before he left for Japan and finalizing the proposals after his return and then sending a copy to the JSS. Then, he assured the JSS of his initiative and responsibility from the next time.

Starting the discussion on the main topics, Mr. Menon said that in the Second Group Meeting they talked about formulating a Draft Proposal but they could not do it because they did not know where to start it from. So he had asked the JSS for indicating the points of its demands so that the Sub-Committee could formulate a Draft Proposal acceptable to both the JSS and the BGC. Then, Mr. Menon urged the JSS to submit a set of proposals to the Sub-Committee right now or later through Mr. Hangsadhvaj Chakma. At the same time, he assured the JSS that it could do it without abandoning its stand on its Modified Five-Point Charter of Demands. For instance, he went on, in the arbitration of disputes in a Judicial Court

the concerned parties make various statements without jeopardizing their stands. Mr. Menon also asked if the JSS could send a Representative to Dhaka to help the Sub-Committee draft a set of proposals.

In reply, Mr. Larma reminded that the JSS had rejected all those suggestions at the Second Group Meeting on the grounds that it had already submitted its Five-Point Charter of Demands after modifying the Charter in full conformity with the Bangladesh Constitution. He further pointed out that the Modified Five-Point Charter of Demands gave detailed explanation of the JSS demands such as the Regional Council with Regional Autonomy, the Constitutional Recognition of the Ethnic Entity of the Jumma People, the Separate Administrative Status of the CHT, the Recognition of the Jumma People's Right to the entire Land of the CHT, and so forth. Therefore, he argued, it was the BGC's turn to respond to the JSS proposals in stead of asking the JSS to submit a new set of proposals. Still, Mr. Menon stuck to his reasoning and said that negotiations were afoot to resolve many issues around the world and that the concerned parties were trying to arrive at understandings on minimum demands. The trouble had started, he continued, because the BGC had not accepted the JSS's Modified Five-Point Charter of Demands. However, Mr. Menon stressed, the BGC wanted a solution to the CHT problem and agreed to recognise the Ethnic Entity of the Jumma People constitutionally. He further stressed that the JSS needed to be more flexible and to spell out in Constitutional Languages the matters of the Constitutional Recognition of the Ethnic Entity of the Jumma People, the Separate Administrative Status of the CHT and so on. Mr. Larma reiterated that there was no need to further modify the JSS demands - the recognition of the Ethnic Entity of the Jumma People, the setting up of a Separate Administration in the CHT, the formation of a Regional Council with the stated functions & powers, Land Rights, Separate Judicial System and so on - as they were not only part of the Fundamental & Democratic Rights of the Jumma People but they also met the conditions of the BGC. Therefore, he demanded, the BGC ought to fulfil the just demands of the JSS without any more delay. Then, Mr. Menon asked Mr. Larma whether his above-stated demands could be used as the starting points for composing the intended Draft Proposals. In response, Mr. Larma reminded Mr. Menon that the JSS had already submitted its Modified Five-Point Charter of Demands which defined every points explicitly and that the Charter provided the basis for the solution of the CHT crisis.

After that, Mr. Menon wanted to know if Mr. Hangsadhvaj Chakma or Mr. K.R. Chakma could be entrusted with the responsibility of expressing the views of the JSS over any proposals to be drafted by the Sub-Committee in Dhaka. Mr. Larma replied that the said gentlemen would not be able to represent the JSS in the drafting of proposals. He also referred to the 11-Point Draft Proposal, which was rejected by the JSS, and expressed that he could not understand the meaning of the Eleventh Proposal. Mr. Menon also looked at the said proposal and he could not make head or tail of it either. Then he requested Mr. K.R. Chakma, who drafted the proposal himself, to explain the meaning. Mr. K.R. Chakma tried to explain the proposal but failed to make the point clear. So, Mr. Menon opined that some mistakes in the construction of the sentence might have made the proposal vague. Thereafter, he suggested to the JSS to send a Representative to Dhaka to express its views on formulating a set of proposals. In reply, Mr. Larma reiterated that there was no need to send a Representative to Dhaka to help the Sub-Committee formulate the proposals as the JSS had already provided the BGC with the required proposals in the form of its Modified Five-Point Charter of Demands. Mr. Menon did not press for his proposal any more.

Then, Mr. Larma wanted to know whether the Sub-Committee would like to hear the JSS's response to the 11-Point Draft Proposals (attached here with) composed by Mr. K.R. Chakma. Accepting this suggestion, Mr. Menon replied that the Sub-Committee was very interested in the opinion of the JSS and thought that the Sub-Committee would have done better if it had discussed....page /5-

discussed the Draft Proposals with the BGC before coming to the Meeting. At that point, Mr. K.R. Chakma commented that if the BGC did not accept the Draft Proposals after having discussed them with the JSS, then the Members of the Sub-Committee should resign from all responsibilities related to the Dialogue between the BGC and the JSS. After that, Mr. Larma gave his replies to the 11-Point Draft Proposals seriatim:

Proposal No. 1: This proposal is acceptable to the JSS but it needs further discussion.

Proposal No. 2: This proposal is not acceptable to the JSS as the JSS has demanded the Chairman of the Regional Council (the equivalent to the rank of a Cabinet Minister of Bangladesh) be elected from among the Members of the Regional Council.

Proposal No. 3: This proposal is not acceptable to the JSS as the JSS has demanded strict restrictions on the settlement, purchase & lease of lands in the CHT by outsiders.

Proposal No. 4: The Reservation of all the three Parliamentary Seats in the CHT for the Hill Communities is acceptable provided the period of Reservation should be more than 15 years. It is notable that Mr. K.R. Chakma had meant only the Jumma People by the term "Hill Communities".

Proposal No. 5: This proposal is not acceptable to the JSS. However, Mr. K.R. Chakma explained that except the Reserve Forests all lands and forests of the CHT would be under the control of the proposed Hill Council (Regional Council). Additionally, Mr. Menon assured that the Reserve Forests would be a Central topic and that the Hill Council would get the share of royalty. In that case, the proposal is acceptable to the JSS.

Proposal No. 6: This proposal is not acceptable to the JSS. The cut off year must be fixed on the withdrawal of the Bangladeshi infiltrators from the CHT.

Proposal No. 7: This proposal is not acceptable to the JSS. It is worth noting that the JSS has demanded the withdrawal of all Bangladesh Armed Forces from the CHT including the non-Jumma Police Force.

Proposal No. 8: This proposal is acceptable to the JSS.

Proposal No. 9: This proposal is acceptable to the JSS.

Proposal No. 10: This proposal is acceptable to the JSS. It is important to note that Mr. K.R. Chakma explained that the term, "the original Hill owners" meant "the original Jumma owners".

Proposal No. 11: The proposal was not clear to the JSS.

Finally, Mr. Larma requested the Sub-Committee to explain the terms "the supreme authority" and "to formulate law etc" in the proposals No. 1 and No. 2 respectively. Having received no explanation from the Sub-Committee, he then declared that the 11-Point Draft Proposals had not been accepted by the JSS.

Responding to the statement of Mr. Larma, Mr. Menon said that the JSS response to the 11-Point Draft Proposals had given the Sub-Committee some idea of finding a formula for the solution of the CHT problem. He further said that the Sub-Committee would discuss the 11-Point Draft Proposals with the BGC and prepare a new set of proposals. Mr. Menon presumed that the Third Group Meeting would be the last one between the Sub-Committee and the JSS but after discussing with the JSS he had realised the need for another round of the Group Meeting. If the Fourth Group Meeting failed to produce any fruitful results, he suggested, then he would not participate in Group Meetings any more and the Sub-Committee might propose to the BGC to convene the Eight Round of the Dialogue between the BGC and the JSS instead of holding further Group Meetings between the Sub-Committee and the JSS. In fact, Mr. Menon had discussed this suggestion with Col. Oli Ahmed, the Chairman of the BGC, before coming to the Meeting. Both Mr. Mohammad Shahjahan and Mr. K.R. Chakma supported his suggestion. After....page /6-

After that, Mr. Larma raised the question of ceasefire violations being committed by the Bangladesh Armed Forces. In reply, Mr. Menon said that he had taken the matter up with the Army Chief of Staff & other top Commanders but they pretended not to have any knowledge of such violations. He also disclosed that he had reminded them of their duties in finding a solution to the CHT problem. Mr. Larma, then, pointed out that the Army Authorities of the Khagrachari Zone had frequently been threatening the Members of the Liaison Committee particularly Mr. Hangsadhvaj Chakma and Mr. Mohammad Safi. In this regard, Mr. Safi testified that both the Army Authorities & the outsider Muslim Bengalis had dubbed him as Safi Chakma and threatened him with what he described - "see you when the peace-process ends". He feared for his life and requested the Sub-Committee not to mention his name to the Army Authorities. While giving evidence to the Sub-Committee, Mr. Hangsadhvaj Chakma said that he had not only been threatened by the Army Authorities but he had actually been subjected to three car accidents by the Army Authorities during his trips on Army vehicles for organising the Dialogue between the BGC and the JSS. If he took some one as a bodyguard with him while travelling on an Army vehicle, the Army Authorities had often accused him of taking an unauthorised person but if he travelled without a companion, then the Army Authorities had frequently threatened him with a car accident. So, Mr. Hangsadhvaj Chakma seriously complained that he had no security of life at all at the hands of the Army Authorities. As a result, he further complained, the Liaison Committee had been unable to do its assigned works properly. In response, Mr. Menon assured them of necessary steps to ensure the security of the Liaison Committee.

Again, Mr. Larma demanded the release of the two Members of the Shanti Bahini (SB) who had been apprehended by the Army Authorities in violation of the ceasefire agreements. At that point, the Director (Dev.) of the Special Affairs Division said that he had not yet received the names and addresses of the SB Members. But, Mr. Hangsadhvaj Chakma pointed out that he had personally submitted those names & addresses to the Special Affairs Division in Dhaka long time ago. Then, the Director admitted that the cases of the 2 SB Members were under process and that he had received no clear reply from his boss about their release when he contacted his boss before he came to the Meeting. His statement prompted Mr. Larma to remark that the term "under process" possibly meant "much longer time" and that the Government could release them within a day if the Government had the will. Supporting the remark of Mr. Larma, Mr. Mohammad Shahjahan frankly admitted that such a "process" definitely showed the lack of sincerity on the part of the Government. To stress further his demand, Mr. Larma said that he would very much like to see them released within September, 1994. In response to this demand, both Mr. Menon and Mr. M. Shahjahan promised to do their best to get the 2 SB Members released as soon as possible.

Mr. Md. Shahjahan proposed to extend the ceasefire & also to fix the date for the Fourth Group Meeting. Replying to his proposal, Mr. Menon suggested to extend the truce till the end of the year, 1994, as the political scenerio in Bangladesh had become uncertain by the Opposition Parties plan to encircle the Bangladesh Parliament on Sept. 10, 1994, with a view to pressing their demand for holding general elections under a neutral care-taker Government. Moreover, he continued, the Sub-Committee would need sufficient time to frame a set of proposals in consultation with the BGC, the Attorney-General of Bangladesh, and Barrister Aminul Islam as the JSS emphasised the need for framing the new set of proposals with the consensus of all Authorities concerned. Then Mr. Menon hinted that in the wake of the Opposition Parties' agitation, the Bangladesh Parliament might not survive and even all the Opposition Parties' Members of Parliament might have to resign during his suggested ceasefire period. In that case, he further indicated, no body knew what would happen to the position of the Members of the Sub-Committee and the BGC let alone the holding of the next Group Meeting between the Sub-Committee and the JSS, and of the Eighth Round of the Dialogue between the BGC and the JSS. After the year was

out, Mr. Menon jokingly remarked, the JSS might renew its fight against the Bangladesh Military Forces. Regarding the new set of proposals, Mr. Larma requested the Sub-Committee to place the proposals in clear terms and in detail at the coming Fourth Group Meeting. Accepting his request, Mr. Menon replied that he would take care of the task of framing the new proposals in greater detail and that alternatively the Sub-Committee might entrust the BGC with this responsibility. About the extension of the ceasefire, Mr. Larma appreciated highly the arguments of Mr. Menon in favour of the longer truce particularly in view of the existing political turmoil in Bangladesh. However, he thought that such a long period of ceasefire was not necessary. With regard to the next Dialogue between the BGC and the JSS, Mr. Larma said that there was no need to hold the Eighth Round of the Dialogue if no progress would be made at the ensuing Fourth Group Meeting between the Sub-Committee and the JSS.

Finally, both sides had made the following decisions unanimously:

1. The Fourth Group Meeting between the Sub-Committee of the BGC and the JSS would be held in the first week of November, 1994. The BGC would fix the date for the Meeting and inform the JSS of the timetable in time.
2. The ceasefire would be observed for a further period till November 30, 1994.
3. The Sub-Committee of the BGC would prepare a new set of proposals to be discussed at the Fourth Group Meeting.
4. The two Members of the Shanti Bahini (SB) would be released by the Bangladesh Government by September, 1994.

The Third Group Meeting had ended at 2.45 p.m.

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(This report has been written by Ramendu Shekhar Dewan, a Spokesman of the Jana Samhati Samiti in Europe, on November 18, 1994)

## AN OUTLINE OF HILLS COUNCIL

1. The greater Chittagong Hill Tracts be constituted into a Special Administrative Unit which is to be recognised in the Bangladesh constitution comprising of all Hill Districts. The Administration Unit will be run by the Hills Council having supreme authority performing all powers sanctioned under the constitution and statutes.
2. A Chairman (equivalent to the rank of a Cabinet Minister) be nominated by the Govt. or may be elected. The Hill Council shall have power and authority to formulate law etc. under relevant statutes and shall have authority on the following subjects eg;
3. Settlement of people from outside Hill areas and purchase and grant of lease of land in their names can only be done with the sanction of the Hill Council.
4. Reservation of the three Parliamentary seats for the Hill Communities for at least fifteen years who would be ex-officio members of the Council.
5. All lands and forest shall be administered by the Hill Council subject to the consultation with the Govt.
6. Introduction of a voluntary repatriation scheme for Bengali settlers to be organised by Aid and assistance from relevant quarters.
7. Withdrawal of Law enforcing Agencies (Army) will be conducted in phases in consultation between the Hill Council and the Govt. depending on the Law and Order situation.
8. Amnesty and Political resettlement of J S S members and permit them to organise their own political party and withdraw all cases against their members.
9. Quota for Hill people for all services and educational institutes.
10. Return of all land to their original Hill owners including fringe land.
11. To keep rule making powers under the 1900 Act of CHTs Manual that the Hill Council will continue and reintroduce provision of consultation with the Hill Council before introduction any law as is the practice now.

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