

**CM Interacts with Senior Police Officials at Assam Police Headquarters:
Exhorts them to Improve Interface with Public**

Dispur, July 18: Chief Minister Sri Tarun Gogoi underscored the need for improving police-public relations for better governance and maintenance of law and order.

Interacting with senior officials above the rank of Additional SP at Assam Police Headquarters, Chief Minister Gogoi said the police have to come closer to the people for better policing. Stating that police had a capacity to act as an agent of change, he said to improve police-public interface. As a first step, 12 existing police stations will be converted into citizen-centric model police stations. A separate room with toilet facility has to be set up in each police station for the civilians.

The Chief Minister said the Government would build up the necessary infrastructure for improving the working conditions of police personnel. “There would be no funds constraints. The Government would release the necessary funds for building the infrastructure and improving the existing ones so that the police personnel can work in a conducive atmosphere and perform better,” he said.

Gogoi said Assam Police’s three-pronged mission mode to bring down the pendency of verification cases to maximum 30 days; quick disposal of pending cases in Police Stations to reasonable level by the end of this year and to improve the infrastructure and living conditions of policemen, would go a long way in improving its performance to the desired level.

Lauding the efforts of the Assam Police on the law and order front, Gogoi said that the police personnel have been doing an ‘excellent job’ against emerging challenges in a fast changing crime scenario. “Insurgency has been contained to a great extent. Assam is making progress on all fronts. There has been no flight of capital. The towns are flourishing. All these clearly indicate that there has been improvement on the law and order front.” The Chief Minister was however quick to add that there was scope for further improvement in the law and order situation. Gogoi asked the policemen to focus on tackling human trafficking, witch hunting, financial fraud and cyber crimes.

The Chief Minister advocated providing incentives to police personnel posted in interior and far-flung areas. “The police personnel who are working in difficult conditions deserve to be encouraged by way of incentives,” he added.

Gogoi said the Government has decided to raise the recruitment of women in police force to 30 per cent. “Raising the number of women in the State Police would help to tackle the rising crimes against women. Women police personnel are doing very well,” he said, adding that all police stations would have Women Cells by 2016.

Earlier, the DGP, Assam, Sri Khagen Sarma said the Assam Police would bring down the pendency of verification cases to 0-30 days and 15 August has been set as the deadline. Assam Police handles more than one lakh verification cases annually. Sarma said the SPs could organise post-verification *mela* like the one conducted in Jorhat to achieve the target within the stipulated deadline.

Sarma said reducing the number of pending cases in police stations to a reasonable level by the end of this year would be Mission Mode II of Assam Police. “Our target is to bring down to 50 per cent of the total pending cases in police stations across the State by December 31st, this year,” he added. Sarma exhorted upon the SPs and OCs to accomplish the onerous task ahead of them. Technical Advisers on contractual basis would be appointed with fixed pay of Rs 20,000/- to aid and assist the SPs in respect of disposal of pending cases.

The DGP said the Mission Mode III of Assam Police would be to improve the infrastructure and living conditions of policemen. 200 locations for constables and sub inspectors have been identified for construction of modern barracks with proper amenities. Rs. 500 crore has been earmarked for infrastructure development of Assam Police. Rs 50 crore has been released for repairing and maintenance of existing structures with focus on water supply and sanitation.

Principal Secretary, Home & Political, Sri M.G.V.K. Bhanu while complimenting the Assam Police for launching its three-pronged mission mode, said the Government would provide all support and assistance to the State Police to achieve its avowed objectives.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Sri H.S. Das, said the Government would provide Assam Police all the support in terms of infrastructure and manpower. “Rs. 50 crore has been allocated for carrying out repairing of existing infrastructure. Assam Police will be able to cope up with the emerging challenges and bring peace and prosperity to the State,” he said.

The ADGP (Administration), Assam, Sri Bhaskarjyoti Mahanta gave a detailed power point presentation on the mission mode of Assam Police. Commissioner & Secretary, Home

& Political, Sri G.D. Tripathi and Secretary, Home, Sri Mukti Gogoi were present on the occasion.

Earlier, the Chief Minister accompanied by the Principal Secretary, Home & Political, Sri M.G.V.K. Bhanu, inaugurated the imposing gate of Assam Police and the newly renovated headquarters' building.

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