

## THE ASSAM GAZETTE

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> GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR HOME & POLITICAL (A) DEPARTMENT : DISPUR

## **NOTIFICATION**

The 28th February, 2018

**No. PLA.557/2006/Vol/1004.-** Whereas the Government of Assam in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (28 of 1958) had declared the entire state of Assam as Disturbed Area vide notification No.PLA.557/2006/Vol/919, dtd 29/08/2017 with effect from 01/09/2017 for a period of six months, and,

Whereas, a review of the law and order situation in Assam in the past six months indicates the following:-

- i) The law and order situation in the State of Assam has continued to be a matter of concern due to the violent incidents and subversive activities carried out by underground outfits such as ULFA(I), NDFB(S) and UNLFW which is the conglomerate of NE militants, from time to time. ULFA(I) recently carried out joint operations with KYKL against the Security forces and other targets in January, 2018. Some new militant outfits and re-grouping of existing outfits are also reported to be coming up in various places of the State.
- ii) During the period from September, 2017 to 26th February, 2018, there were 43 extremist-related incidents in the state, resulting in the killing of 03 Civilians, 08 extremists, 11 kidnappings and arrest of 178 extremists with recovery of huge cache of arms and ammunitions, grenades and cash.

- iii) The militant outfits operating in the area continue to affirm their faith in armed struggle and indulge in acts of violence to create panic among the common people, disturb the administrative system and extort money from the people and carry out new recruitments.
- iv) United National Liberation Front of Western South East Asia (UNLFW) has been
  - formed in April, 2015 and two of its constituents, viz ULFA(I) and NDFB(S) have been desperately making efforts to exhibit their striking capabilities and are contemplating joint operations in the State. The UNLFW, in nexus with CorCom, is proliferating its operational bases in the neighboring. States of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland from where the militants launch their attacks and operations against the security forces and other targets of Assam.
- v) The growing association of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) (NSCN-K) with ULFA(I), NDFB(S) and United Peoples Liberation Front (UPLF) and other insurgent groups by providing financial and other logistic support to their cadres in the IIG camps in Myanmar is noted as a disturbing development.
- vi) Further, after a fresh review of the changing scenario in the law and order front, it appears that the ensuing publication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase NRC on June, 30, 2018 and the impending Panchayat Election in the State and the North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC) Election in Dima-Hasao District could have far-reaching impact on the law and order in the State which calls for complete area domination and full preparedness of the security forces including the State Police to deal with any exigencies.

Now, therefore, as per powers conferred under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, the Governor of Assam is pleased to declare the entire State of Assam as "Disturbed Area" upto 6 (six) months beyond 28/02/2018, unless withdrawn earlier.

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