



**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
DIRECTORATE OF KOKBOROK & OTHER MINORITY LANGUAGES
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
AGARTALA, TRIPURA**

Record Note of the Meeting of The Expert Committee for Kau-Bru Language

Venue: Conference Hall of The Directorate of Youth Affairs & Sports, Shiksha Bhavan, Agartala

Date: 15th December, 2023

The List of Participants is available at ANNEXURE-A

Background:-

The Bru Sahitya Academy, an NGO for the development of Kau-Bru language has submitted several memorandums to the Government of Tripura for the purpose of recognizing Kau-Bru as a separate minority language in the state of Tripura. In response to their repeated demand, the Government had constituted a committee on the **4th March, 2022**. The previous committee in its meeting dated 17/05/2022 had passed a unanimous resolution to re-constitute the committee comprising of members from both Kokborok language community and Kau-Bru language community, along with an academician belonging to non-Kokborok speaking community. Accordingly, the resolution for re-constituting the committee was approved by the government and the new Expert Committee for Kau-Bru language was constituted that came into effect on **30.09.2023**.

Introduction:-

At the onset, the Deputy Director, Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority Languages welcomed all the participants and spelt out the chronology of events that led to the constitution of the Expert Committee for Kau-Bru language. Thereafter the Director, Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority Languages welcomed Sri Pramod Reang, MLA, and Chairman of the Expert Committee for Kau Bru Language by handing over a flower bouquet. Subsequently, the meeting commenced with active participation from the members of the committee.

Discussion:-

The meeting of the Expert Committee for Kau Bru Language has been convened to discuss the urgent need for obtaining the government's approval for recognizing Kau Bru as a minority language in the state of Tripura. The committee members emphasized the importance of such recognition so that academic & literary activities related to the language can be pursued.

Recognition for Developmental Works: The committee noted that without official recognition by the government, it will be virtually impossible to undertake any literary/academic activities for the Kau-

Bru language. This recognition is not only a matter of identity but also a crucial step towards preserving and promoting the linguistic heritage of the Kau-Bru community.

Historical Neglect: Members expressed concern over the historical neglect of Kau Bru language by the government despite its status as a minority language in Tripura. They highlighted the need for proactive measures to rectify this oversight and ensure that the linguistic rights of the Kau Bru community are upheld.

Resolution taken in the meeting:-

The committee members of the Expert Committee for Kau-Bru language have taken a unanimous decision that the Directorate of Kokborok & OML will initiate a formal proposal for recognizing Kau-Bru as a separate minority language in the state of Tripura.

The meeting ended by extending gratitude to all the participants.

(Sri Pramod Reang, MLA)

Chairman

Expert Committee

For Development of Kau Bru Language

Copy to:-

1. The P.S. to the Secretary, Secretary to the Hon'ble CM, for kind information of the Hon'ble CM.
2. The P.S to the Spl. Secretary, Education Department for kind information of the Secretary.
3. The Director, Higher Education, for kind information.
4. The Director, Secondary Education, for kind information.
5. The Director, Elementary Education, for kind information.
6. The Director, Kokborok & OML for kind information.
7. The Director, SCERT, Agartala for kind information.
8. The Principal Officer, TTAADC, for kind information.
9. The Deputy Director. Kokborok & OML for kind information.
10. The OSD, Kokborok & OML, for kind information.
11. The RO, Kokborok & OML, for kind information.
12. Sri/Smt..... member of the Expert Committee for Kau-Bru Language.

RATNAJIT DEBBARMA, IAS
Director,
Directorate of Kokborok & OML,
Agartala.

ANNEXURE-A

Name of the participants in the Meeting

Sl. No	Name	Designation in the committee
1	Sri Pramod Reang, Hon'ble MLA	Chairman
2	Sri Ratnajit Debbarma, IAS	Director, KBK & OML
3	Sri Sabyasachi Singh	Dy. Director, KBK & OML
4	Sri Sharan Kumar Riang, Eminent Kau Bru Linguist	Member
5	Dr. Lincoln Reang, Asst. Prof, TU	Member
6	Mr. Tirtharam Reang, Asst. Prof, Govt. Degree College, Santir Bazar	Member
7	Sri Naresh Ch. Dev Varma, Eminent Writer	Member
8	Sri Pabitra Kr. Reang, Eminent Kau Bru Writers, Custom Inspector	Member
9	Dr. Sayan Choudhury Associate Professor, BBM College	Member
10	Mr. Jiban Reang, BSA	Special Invitee
11	Mr. Khatindra Reang, BSA	Special Invitee
12	Mr. John Molsoi, President, YBA	Special Invitee
13	Mr. Sibum Ram Reang, BSA	Special Invitee
14	Mr. Baidoram Reang	Special Invitee
15	Mr. Khagen Reang	Special Invitee
16	Mr. Sanjit Kr. Reang	Special Invitee
17	Sri Susanta Debbarma	OSD/DDO, KBK & OML
18	Sri Nirmalya Bhattacharya	Research Officer, KBK & OML