ASSAM SPECIAL POWERS (Press) ACT, 1960

GUWAHATI, Jan. 7 - THE GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM HAS INVOKED THE ASSAM SPECIAL POWERS (PRESS) ACT, 1960 (ASSAM ACT NO. III OF 1961) TO PREVENT AND COMBAT ACTIVITIES OR LIKELY TO AFFECT PUBLIC ORDER.

By invoking the 1961 Act and by the Home Department Notification dated January 7, 1965, the Government has prohibited some newspapers of the State to print or publish "all matters relating to the current agitation in Assam over the issue of foreign nationals in the State which is likely to aggravate or otherwise affect the situation resulting out of the powers conferred by or likely to aggravate or otherwise affect the situation 2 of the said Act with further aggravating public order" Government's Notification No. IIMD. 868/82/27 dated 6th January, 1983, it is hereby ordered that the Printer/Publisher Tribunals are hereby prohibited to print or publish any document; the following subjects for a period of two months from the date of this order in any

1) All matters relating to the current agitation in Assam, was served tonight on The Assam Tribune and Dainik Assam, two dailies published from Guwahati.

The following is the text of the order:

"Whereas the Governor of Assam is satisfied that a situation exists wherein the maintenance of communal harmony and order is threatened by activities affecting public order and to arrest the situation it is necessary to invoke the powers under the Assam Special Powers (Press) Act, 1960 (Assam Act III of 1961) for the purpose of preventing or combating such activities affecting or likely to affect public order:

Now, therefore: In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 2 (1) of the Assam Special Powers (Press) Act, 1960 (Assam Act III of 1961), the Governor of Assam is pleased to declare that in the whole State of Assam such a situation exists which calls for the exercise of the special powers in order to maintain law and order and preservation of peace and communal harmony among the people in the State of Assam."