APPENDIX - 3

CHARTER OF DEMANDS
OF THE
UNITED PEOPLES' DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY
(U.P.D.S)

PLACED BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
THROUGH THE

UNION HOME MINISTER
SRI L.K. ADVANI.
The United Peoples’ Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) has the great pleasure to accept your invitation for talks on the issue of political self-rule. The UPDS hereby record our sincere thanks for your kind effort to break new ground for negotiated settlement. In appreciation of your kind effort, the UPDS hereby submit the Charter of Demands based on our Memorandum submitted through your honour on the 27th April, 2002.

This Charter of Demands is submitted in order to felicitate the Union Government to initiate political dialogue on our demands. The UPDS desires the Government agree in principle, that the charter of demand will be the basis of Discussion in order to proceed to a conclusive talks

Yours Sincerely,

(Sai Ding-Eh)
General Secretary.
United Peoples’ Democratic Solidarity (UPDS)
CHARTER OF DEMANDS
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UNITED PEOPLES’ DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY (UPDS)

Placed before the Govt. of India

In pursuance of our Memorandum addressed to the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India Submitted through the Union Home Minister Shri L.K. Advani on 27th April, 2002 at New-Delhi, where in an attempt was made to highlight the nature of the problems and dangers being faced by the Karbi people of Karbi Anglong, Assam. it is now considered necessary to place before the Union home Ministry, the demands of the UPDS hereunder in order to facilitated the Government of India to initiate substantive political discussion on the matter.

Demands No.1. Creation of Political Institution for Self-determination for the Karbi People.

a) Grant of political self-rule by creating an institution for self determination for the Karbi people of Karbi Anglong and its contiguous Karbi dominated areas of Assam and Meghalaya under Article-3 of the Constitution with additional powers under Article - 371 and similar to Article-371-A and 371-G there by ending the colonial-like rule of Assam.

b) Annexation of Lumiding forest area (Udati Circle of Hojai Sub-division) of Nowgaon district linking corridor between Eastern and Western Part of Karbi Anglong.

Demand No.2 To restore the traditional land and to stop further influx into the proposed self-rule institution.

a) Eviction of all non-indigenous people who have settled in the proposed self-rule institution before 1951, and restoration of traditional ownership of land and authority over land to the Karbi people under the traditional guardianship of the village headman—the Sarthe.

b) Introduction of inner Line Permit (ILP) in the proposed self-rule institution on line of Chin Hills Regulation Act-1869, Bengal Eastern Frontire Act-1873 and Protected Area of Act1958. be enforce to stop further influx into the areas.

c) Issue of Domicile family Identity Card (DFIC) to all non-indigenous people who have settled in the proposed self-rule institution before 1951.

d) Reservation of all political seats in the proposed self-rule institution and in the existing Autonomous Council for schedule Tribe(Hills) in line with Article 332(3-A) of the Constitution of India.
Demand No.3 To protect the Karbi People living outside the proposed self-rule institution.

a) Reservation of seat for the Karbi in the proposed delimitation of constituencies in Sonitpur and Kamrup district of Assam stop dismantling of tribal Block-Belts.

b) Recognition of Karbi living outside the proposed self-rule institution as Schedule Tribe (Hills)

Demand No.4 Special economic package for socio-economic and cultural development of the Karbi People.

a) Per Capita Central assistance at par with Sikkim and Mizoram under Article - 275 of the Constitution of India for the proposed self-rule institution.

b) Full authority over the exploitation of all natural resources including mineral resources in the proposed self-rule institution and thereby providing all the revenue earned from the exploitation given to the authority of the propose institution.

c) Setting up of cultural institution in line with Sankardev Kalashetra, Guwahati to develop and preserve the traditional folk culture of the Karbi people.

d) Setting up of a Museum in line with Indira Gandhi Manav Sangrahalya, Bhopal to preserve the culture, tradition and custom of the indigenous people of the proposed self-rule institution.

The United Peoples' Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) believes in peaceful solution of problems. Armed Struggle is a painful option adopted after all democratic and peaceful methods had failed to bring succour to the suffering Karbi people. The UPDS shall therefore be happy to disarm its cadres and disband the organisation itself once this Charter of Demands in accepted and fulfilled in full by the Union Government.

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