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Sonowal urges Army to make recruitment process hassle-free

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has urged the Deputy Director General (Recruiting) Brigadier IM Lamba and Director (Recruiting), Lower Assam, Colonel Pradeep Choubey to initiate steps in right earnest for maximum recruitment of candidates from Assam at the recruitment rallies to be organised by the Indian Army for the year 2016-17.

At a meeting with the Army top brass in his office chamber here today, Chief Minister Sonowal said the criteria for selection of candidates must be relaxed and made hassle-free so that maximum number of candidates get selected at the recruitment rallies and subsequently in the written exams. “The whole process ranging from physical test to written exam must be made hassle-free and smooth so that maximum number of candidates from Assam get selected and there is no vacancy left,” he added.

Assuring the Chief Minister of his fullest cooperation and support, Brigadier Lamba requested Sonowal for appointing a nodal officer to liaise with the Army for smooth conduct of the recruitment process.

Sonowal agreed to accede to Brigadier Lamba’s plea for help for holding the recruitment rallies in different districts across the State. He also assured the Army officials that he would instruct the DCs to depute an officer to liaise with the Army in matters of recruitment.

The Army officials further pleaded for placing of 20 to 30 PT teachers for a 10-day training course to be conducted by the Army so that they can train up the candidates accordingly.

Brigadier Lamba also requested the Chief Minister to instruct the DCs to expedite the process for verification of documents, including PRCs of selected candidates within the stipulated timeframe of 100 days to avoid being disqualified.

Chief Minister Sonowal underscored the need for special coaching for those appearing in the written exam and assured of his government’s unstinted support and cooperation towards this end.

In response to Brigadier Lamba's plea for 3.85 acres of land for building a permanent infrastructure including a sprawling track and marshalling area for training new recruits, the Chief Minister said the government would identify a suitable plot on the outskirts of Guwahati for the purpose.