

## **The Sentinel**

### **TET teachers demand regularization of jobs**

KOKRAJHAR, Sept 9: A five hours sit-in-demonstration was staged by the All BTC TET Teachers' Association demanding the regularization of services of TET teachers under SSA within BTC and bringing the services of TET qualified teachers appointed by BTC under SSA near the Director of Education, BTC at Rajmela field on Friday. Over hundred TET teachers under SSA took part in the demonstration.

Talking to reporters, the publicity secretary of the association Jitendra Sutradhar said as many as 2,800 TET teachers have been rendering services in BTC area but the government is yet to regularize their service.

He said the contract terms of teachers with the SSA was going to end and many in service teachers are going to cross the age limit for which it is very important to regularize their service.

He alleged that the BTC Education department has not taken proactive steps for regularizing their service. He also warned that the association will compel to take the path of agitation if the concerned department fails to pay attention towards their demands.

A memorandum was also submitted to the Director of Education, BTC taking their 5-points charter of demands. The president of the association Sunny Benjamin Narzary in the memorandum said the government of Assam has so far regularized the services of approximately 20,000 TET qualified candidates in 2013 and 2016 and advertisement for regularizing another 11,000 posts by December this year is being made.

He said Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has again promised to regularize another 5,000 posts before March, 2017. "But the BTC authority has not taken any interest on the issue of TET teachers," he said adding that not a single TET qualified candidate has been regularized in BTC region.

The memorandum demanded that scrutiny against 763 posts should be made immediately and the 1,991 vacant posts should be reserved for TET qualified candidates. The memorandum said a section of qualified candidates who are appointed by BTC have been rendering services without salary for months. The council is failing to pay their salary due to lack of fund and therefore, their services should be brought under the

SSA without further delay, they said and added-the appointment must be based on merit.

They also alleged in the memorandum that huge amount of money had been being collected from candidates against the existing vacancies and even some government officers at district and block level are reportedly involved. The association demanded that the appointment process should be strictly in adherence to the norms laid by the NCTC.