

Agreement between the GoN and Rastriya Badi Adhikar Sangharsha Samiti

Keeping in mind the discussions and conclusions reached at the different rounds of meeting between the Government Talks Team and the Rastriya Badi Adhikar Sangharsha Samiti [National Badi Rights Struggle Committee], at a meeting held today, October 15, 2007, at the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction, an agreement was reached between the two sides as follows:

1. The report presented by the secretary-level task force formed as per the agreement of the two sides on October 2, 2007 shall be agreed to in principle. The use of words such as bhaand [those who bring social vices], badeni [female Badi], patar [characterless] [tr. all three words are discriminatory to Badis], etc shall immediately be stopped and provision shall immediately be made to provide citizenship to the Badi communities all over the country.

2. In order to sequentially implement all the points stated in the report, including the provision of scholarship to children of the Badi community, a Study Task Force shall be constituted under the coordination of gazetted first-class officers as determined by the Government of Nepal. The said Task Force shall include officer-level representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Local Development, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labour and Transport Management, Ministry of Land Reforms and Management, Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, and Ministry of Health and Population and two representatives from the Badi community, including one female representative.

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