

APCC prepares candidate panels



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Braving resentment and possible allegations of hectic lobbying, Assam Congress poll committee has prepared panels of candidates for 11 Lok Sabha polls.

Attended by Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi and PCC president Bhubneswar Kalita along with 11 other senior leaders at the Hotel Greenwood Resort, the meeting examined the findings of the observers sent to each of the candidates.

The party has prepared one member panels for six Lok Sabha seats. These are Pawan Singh Ghatowar in Dibrugarh, Gaurav Gogoi in Koliabor, Ranee Narah in Lakhimpur, Bijoy Krishna Handique in Jorhat, Biren Singh Ingti in Diphu and Parimal Sukhlavaidya for Karimganj.

The panel for Tezpur comprises Mani Kumar Subba, Ripun Bora, Amiyo Kumar Bhuyan and Abhijit Hazarika. The meeting has proposed names of Bibhuti Bhushan Borthakur, Anil Raja and Sarifa Begum for Nagaon.

For Mangoldoi, APCC poll committee has proposed the names of Dipankar Saharia, Pranjit Chaudhury, Kishore Bhattacharya and Pradyut Bhuyan.

Panel for Dhubri has name of Wazed Ali Chaudhury along with another aspirant.

Abdul Khalequ and Ismail Hussain are in the race for ticket from Barpeta constituency. The party won't field any candidate for Kokrajhar. Guwahati panels would be prepared later. The panels would be examined by the AICC screening body on Wednesday.

The meeting began at 6 in the evening resolving to send the panels to the AICC poll committee on Monday itself.

Sources told Assam Times, that the election committee found it quite difficult to prepare the panels going by the political situation, winning criteria and Rahul Gandhi's guidelines and preference to the younger generation.

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