The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the setting up of a high-level committee for implementation of Clause 6 of the Assam Accord which provides for constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards to protect, preserve and promote the cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of Assam. It also recommended reserving Assembly seats for indigenous communities in the State.

Home Minister Rajnath Singh had assured Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal in May 2018 that a committee would be set up at the earliest in consultation with the State government.

“It has been felt that Clause 6 of the Assam Accord has not been fully implemented even almost 35 years after the accord was signed,” Mr. Rajnath Singh told a press conference on Wednesday. “The committee will assess the requirement of measures to be taken to protect Assamese and other indigenous languages and the quantum of reservation in employment,” Mr. Singh said.

The Cabinet approved several measures to fulfil the demands of the Bodo community. It approved the establishment of a Bodo Museum-cum-language and cultural study centre, modernisation of the existing AIR station and Doordarshan Kendra at Kokrajhar and naming a superfast train as Aronai Express.