

Annexe-C

Election pledges related to indigenous peoples made by Awami League-led Government in December 2014

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Through enacting the 15th Amendment to the Constitution in the Parliament, Awami League has re-established the four state principles of the '72 Constitution. As a result of granting the constitutional right and honour to all religions, small national entities, ethnic groups and tribes, there will be an end to discriminator conduct towards religious and ethnic minorities and violation of human rights. Constitutional obligation to safeguard their life, property, places of worship, distinctions of their life-style and culture will be strictly upheld. Landed property, homestead, forest property, water-bodies and other properties will remain well-protected. The work of the Hill Tracts Land Commission will continue to take special measures for protection of small ethnic groups' right to land, water-bodies and forest property including rights of those of plain land. Special quota for the children of non-advanced and non-developed ethnic groups, *dalit* and tea-garden workers will be there in the matters of education, job and facilities and advantages. The still-unimplemented pledges and clauses of the CHT Peace Accord shall be implemented. The development of the Hill district will be sped up, geo-natural features of the three Hill districts will be protected and forest areas, animal resources and the beauty of mountain peaks will be saved.