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## **Tripura govt bid to save teacher jobs**

The government is actively considering ways to save the jobs of 10,323 graduate, post-graduate and under-graduate teachers in Tripura who are facing termination after December 31 according to a Supreme Court verdict, education minister Tapan Chakraborty said here today.

A representative body of 10,323 teachers, facing termination in Tripura after December 31 according to the Supreme Court verdict, on Thursday organised a march to the secretariat demanding job security.

A petition filed by the government to extend the tenure of employment of teachers facing termination is expected to be heard at the Supreme Court on December 11.

Speaking to this correspondent, Jakir Hossain, a leader of the teachers' association said they had full faith in the state government.

The group organised a massive rally from Agartala city to the state secretariat and demanded an audience with education minister Tapan Chakraborty.

A splinter group of the organisation earlier warned to stall the state with an indefinite blockade on the national highway and railways unless the government guaranteed security in existing positions or new jobs. Its deadline ends tonight.

All Tripura 10323 Teachers Association leader and graduate teacher Uttam Kumar Dey said around 50,000 people, including family members of teachers facing termination, are staring at a humanitarian crisis.

Another leader of the association, Chayan Saha, said they had met Chakraborty to gain assurance of safety and security of their jobs. "The minister has assured us that the government was actively looking into all possible ways to save our jobs. He said the government was with us in this hour of crisis," Saha said.

Saha opposed the strike call by a section of agitating teachers.

He said it was highly unbecoming of teachers to engage in hooliganism and anarchy.

"We condemn any attempt to create unrest and anarchy in the name of national highway or rail blockade," the teacher said.