

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2515
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PEACE TALKS WITH BODO LIBERATION TIGERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Union Government have started peace talks with Bodo Liberation Tigers;
- (b): if so, the results/outcome thereof; and (
- (c): the steps taken to bring back normalcy in North-Eastern States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(c): The peace talks with the Bodo Liberation Tiger(BLT) are progressing satisfactorily.

The Govt. has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in North Eastern States under control. These include, inter alia, deployment of para-military forces and army in the State, coordinated action by army, para-military forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities(Prevention) Act, 1967; declaration of insurgency affected states as `disturbed area` under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Governments and modernisation/upgradation of State Police Force. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.