

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:230
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2003
TALKS WITH NSCN
PRABHA RAU;VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Mizoram Chief Minister is holding talks with the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN);
- (b) whether he has submitted any report to the Union Government about the talks being held with the insurgent groups;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) whether the Chief Minister of Meghalaya had also met Deputy Prime Minister in this regard and expressed his apprehensions about the talks being held by the Chief Minister of Mizoram with the insurgent groups; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.230 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 05.08.2003.

(a)to(e): Central Government has not authorized anyone to negotiate with the militants operating in the North Eastern Region except Shri K. Padmanabhaiah, Government of India's Representative for Naga Peace Talks. However, any efforts on the part of Chief Ministers, Members of Parliament and leading citizens to bring the militant outfits to the negotiating table, are welcome. This view of the Government of India has been conveyed to the Chief Minister of Meghalaya.