

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:960
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TALKS WITH ULFA
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have held any talks recently with the top ULFA leaders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to restore peace and security in the region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): The People's Consultative Group on behalf of United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) held talks with the Government on 26.10.2005. A press release issued on the same day is annexed.

(c): The Government's policy is to hold dialogue, pursue socio-economic development programmes, modernize and strengthen the police/security forces and to tackle the activities of the militants with the help of forces to protect properties, limbs and lives of innocent people.

PRESS RELEASE

PM Meets Peoples' Consultative of Assam October 26, 2005 New Delhi

The Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, met a delegation of Peoples' Consultative Group (PCG) from Assam, here today. The Prime Minister commended and thanked Dr. Indira Goswami for the effort to help find a lasting solution. He said, 'The time has come to shed violence. Let us work together to begin a glorious chapter for the people of Assam'.

Dr. Manmohan Singh stated that he was willing to discuss all issues bothering our people. 'I am willing to listen to whatever concerns that you may raise', the Prime Minister said. 'I am a servant of our Constitution. You must recognize the limitations of a complex polity', he added.

The Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Tarun gogoi also attended the meeting.