

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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TALKS WITH INSURGENT IN NER  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the peace talks with the insurgent groups of the North Eastern Region (NER) are progressing as per the expectations of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome of the said talks;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to include all the rebel/insurgent groups to bring peace in the region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the insurgent groups thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): There are about 79 insurgent groups, including splinter groups, active in the North Eastern region of the country. The Central/State Governments have signed Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreements with National Democratic Front of Bodoland/Pro-talk (NDFB/P); Dima Haram Daogah (DHD)/Joel in Assam, and Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) in Meghalaya. United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) has, in August, 2011, submitted a Memorandum of demands and expressed its desire for signing SoO with Government India. The Government of Assam has also entered into SoO agreement with Adivasi Cobra Military of Assam (ACMA), Birsra Commando Force (BCF), and Karbio Longri National Liberation Front (KLNLNLF). In Nagaland, ceasefire agreements are in force with the factions of National Socialist Council of Nagaland. Peace talks are in progress with National Socialist Council of Nagaland/Isak-Muivah (NSCN/IM) faction. In Manipur, SoO agreements are in force with umbrella organizations such as Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and United People's Front (UPF).

(b): The talks with various Insurgent groups are in progress and it will be premature to disclose the outcome of the talks.

(c) & (d): The Government is following a multi pronged policy to deal with insurgent and militant activities in the North East Region which, inter-alia, includes willingness to talk to groups provided they lay down arms, surrender and abjure violence, seek resolution of their demands within the frame work of the Indian Constitution and come into the mainstream of national life. The strategy adopted by the Government to improve the situation in the North East includes accelerated infrastructural development, stress on employment and good governance and de-centralization, building friendly relations with neighboring countries, willingness to meet and discuss legitimate grievances of the people as also a resolve not to tolerate violence.