

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DIALOGUE WITH INSURGENT GROUPS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any talks with various insurgent groups in the North Eastern region including the NSCN (IM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the interlocutor for the negotiation with NSCN (IM) has been replaced; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government has entered into Ceasefire arrangements in Nagaland with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isac/Muivah) (NSCN/IM) and National socialist council of Nagaland (Khaplanag) (NSCN/K) with effect from 01-08-1997 and 28-04-2001 respectively. Talks with NSCN(IM) are ongoing. There is currently no talk with NSCN(K). Among other North Eastern States, the Government has entered into Suspension of Operations (SoO) arrangement with United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), Dima Haram Daogah (DHD) and pro-talk faction of National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) in Assam; Kuki National Organization and united People's Front and its constituents in Manipur; and Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) in Meghalaya. DHD (J), a banned outfit, has recently laid down its arms prior to talks with that group. The Government has appointed a Representative to negotiate with UPDS, DHD & DHD(J), NDFB (pro-talk faction) and ANVC.

(c) & (d): The term of the previous interlocutor for the negotiation with NSCN (IM) ended on 31-08-2009.