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Title : Need to resolve Naga problems without disturbing the territorial boundaries of the neighbouring states.

DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA (INNER MANIPUR): Sir, I would like to congratulate the UPA Government under the able leadership of our beloved Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh and Madam Sonia Gandhi *ji* for extending the cease-fire with the NSCN(IM) for another one year with effect from this month. We welcome it. We are hopeful that this vexed Naga problem would certainly find a lasting solution for the Nagas without disturbing the territorial boundaries of the neighbouring States. This, in my humble opinion, is the commitment of the UPA Government in its National Common Minimum Programme. There is no reason why the Naga imbroglio should defy a solution forever.

In the meantime, I would like to remind the Union Government that my State, Manipur got merged into the Union of India on October 15, 1949 with a clearly defined territorial boundary. The wish of the people of Manipur is that the Manipur map of 1949 should always be protected and properly maintained by the Union Government and that there shall be no compromise on the territorial integrity of Manipur. This is the pride of the erstwhile nation, Manipur.

Once again, may I very humbly state that we are always for peaceful solution of all issues? Finally, I urge upon the Union Government to find a lasting and amicable solution to the Naga problem at the earliest but it should never be at the cost of the boundaries of the other neighbouring States.