

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:36
ANSWERED ON:06.07.2004
INSURGENCY IN ASSAM
Rijiju Shri Kiren;Sonowal Shri Sarbananda

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government propose to hold dialogue with various insurgent groups active in North Eastern Region, particularly of Assam;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) whether the dialogue is likely to be held within or outside the country; and
- (d) the basis on which the dialogue would be held along with the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 36 FOR 06.07.2004 BY SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL: SHRI KHIREN RIJIJU REGARDING INSURGENCY IN ASSAM.

(a) to (d): The Government has appealed to all the militant groups in the North East to adjure the path of violence and come forward for peace negotiation.

While peace dialogue is in process with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isaack/ Muviah group) (NSNC (I/M)), suspension of hostilities/ceasefire are in force with NSCN (I/M), NSCN (Khaplong) in Nagaland, National Liberation Front of Twipra (Nayanbasi Group) in Tripura, United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD) in Assam. Besides, Memorandum of Settlement have also been signed with Bodo Liberation Tigers in Assam and National Liberation Front of Twipra (Kamani-Manatu Koloj Group) in Tripura.

The peace negotiations are held within the framework of Constitution of India, within the country, without any conditions and involve the representatives of the Government of India, State Government and respective militant group. However, United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) and National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) in Assam have exhibited an intransigent attitude towards peace negotiations so far.