

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:251

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UNIFICATION OF NAGALAND AREA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of times Naga peace talks were held with various groups during the last two years:
- (b) the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether such peace talks have also been held recently or proposed to be held in near future;
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (e) whether a delegation of Nagas Ho-Ho demanding unification of all areas in North East, where Naga population is in majority, met with him;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the stand of the Union Government on their demand?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): 11 rounds of discussions between Government of India's representative for Naga Peace Talks and NSCN(IM) have taken place during the last two years. There has been an exchange of views and efforts to reach a mutually acceptable position. Talks remain inconclusive and are continuing.
- (c) & (d): The latest round of talks was held from 23rd June 2004 to 24th June 2004 at the Hague. Both sides have decided to meet again.
- (e) to (g): A delegation of Naga Hoho met the Home Minister on 11th June 2004. Government is keen to resolve the Naga issue peacefully and it is not in public interest to disclose further details.