

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:359

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TALKS WITH NAGA LEADERS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a group of Ministers had met the Naga leaders in Thailand in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of issues discussed with the Naga leaders;
- (c) the details of decisions taken after such talks;
- (d) the steps proposed by the Union Government to remove the apprehensions in the minds of the people of Manipur on the territorial integrity of the State of Manipur;
- (e) whether the Union Government proposes to invite the State Governments of Manipur and Nagaland to join and participate in the ongoing government of India and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (IM) peace talks; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Shri Oscar Fernandes, Minister of State and Government of India's Representative for Naga Peace Talks met the leaders of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) in Thailand from 28th to 31st January,2006. The discussion centred around the question of extension of ceasefire, which was expiring on 31st January,2006. The ceasefire has been extended by another six months.

(d) to (f) The Government's consistent view has been that any re-drawing of the boundaries of the States in the North East can only be done if there is a political consensus on the issue.