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1. Fifth session of 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly concludes; Passes six key Bills on final day.
2. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio appeals to Naga Political Groups and stakeholders to ensure that solution is reached without further delay.
3. Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton says till date there is no reports on influx of illegal Bangladeshi migrants in Nagaland following aftermath of recent crisis in Bangladesh.
4. And, Deputy Chief Minister T R Zeliang says land dispute in Niuland delay completion of Capital Bypass via Zhadima.



On the concluding day of the Fifth Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly today, the House, extensively discussed construction of National Highways in the state. Issues on influx of illegal immigrants in the state following Bangladesh crisis, ceasefire and law and order situation in the State, review on Communitization of Power Sector and the Naga Political issues were also discussed on the floor of the House. Six significant bills were passed, including the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Ninth Amendment) Bill, 2024, the Nagaland Work-Charged and Casual Employees Regulation (First Amendment) Bill, 2024, the Nagaland Road Safety Authority (Second

Amendment) Bill, 2024, the Nagaland Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 2024, the Disqualification on Ground of Defection in Urban Local Bodies Bill, 2024 and the Global Open University Nagaland (Second Amendment) Bill, 2024. Later, Speaker Sharingain Longkumer adjourned the House sine die.



Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today appealed to the Naga Political Groups and stakeholders to be sensitive to the deep yearning of the people and continue with their sincere efforts to ensure that the solution is reached without any further delay. He said Naga people have been longing for genuine peace and earnestly looking forward for a solution that will pave the way for all round progress and development of the State. The Chief Minister said this while making a concluding remarks on the “Naga Political Issue” in the Assembly Session. He said when Nagas can come together and have an opposition less government, so also all the 26 Naga groups should come together on the negotiation table and take a decision. Rio maintained that the elected members along with the civil societies, tribal leaders, the church and concerned citizens should thoroughly discuss on a solution which is honourable, inclusive and acceptable. The Chief Minister further said a political solution will usher in an era of faster economic growth, greater employment opportunities for the youth and all-round development.



Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Home, Y Patton said, till date there has been no reports on influx of illegal Bangladeshi migrants to Nagaland, following the aftermath of the recent crisis in Bangladesh. He made this statement during the Zero Hour today on ‘influx of illegal immigrants in the state- aftermath of Bangladesh crisis in Nagaland’. Patton said, the State Government led by the District Administration and Police are alive to the unfolding situation. Patton informed that under the District Level Security Co-ordination committee, adequate measures in each district have been

initiated to check and report presence of any illegal migrants from Bangladesh. He also informed that, Deputy Commissioners have been directed to intensify ILP Checking along with their respective Police counterparts and to submit regular reports. In addition, they have also been directed to closely monitor all inter-State check post and to disseminate necessary Circular or information to all Village Councils within their respective Districts and especially those villages falling at the inter-state and inter-district boundaries. Patton added, that police officers deployed at 13 Inter State Check gates, have intensified checking at all the Inter State Check Gates round the clock, including identifying areas such as places of religious worship where there is a possibility of presence of illegal immigrants.



Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of National Highway, T R Zeliang today said, the land dispute in Niuland delayed the completion of Capital Bypass road via Zhadima . Replying to a supplementary question in the Assembly Session, he said, the concept of having Nuiland and Zhadima road under Inter State connectivity of PWD (Road and Bridges) was to ease the hardship of the commuters plying between Dimapur and Kohima, particularly during the monsoon season. He said, under the project, there was no provision for any compensation and the Landowners had submitted NOC not to claim land compensation. He informed that landowners from three villages in Niuland district claimed for land compensation, damage compensation and forest compensation, leading to the delay in resolving the matter. Zeliang suggested that that the ongoing issue under the package-I need to be resolved with the help of the elected member of the constituency and civil societies in convincing the landowners. The Minister-in charge further informed that the Package II and III till Zhadima has been completed two years ago.



Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Home, Y Patton said Nagaland police is leaving no stone unturned in the maintenance of law

and order in the State. Making a statement on “Ceasefire and law and order situation in the State” on the last day of the ongoing session of Nagaland Assembly today, Patton informed that 32 extortion cases have been registered and 35 persons have been arrested. He said, of the 35 arrested for extortion, eight were from NNC (FGN), seven NSCN (IM), seven NSCN-K (Khango) and four NSCN-K (Nikki), while the rest belong to other factions. Patton also informed that the number of persons belonging to different factions arrested between January and August 2024, by the Police and the Security Forces combined stood at 106. He added that till date, 25 persons belonging to different factions were arrested under 11 cases for abduction and kidnapping and 26 persons belonging to different factions were arrested in relation to 20 cases for violations of Arms Act. Patton informed that in the current year, State Government has accorded sanction for 17 persons to be detained under the National Security Act, 1980. Further, Patton informed the House that the state has a total of fifteen designated camps for different groups which include nine NSCN-IM camps, three NSCN-KN, and one each for NSCN- R, NSCN- K (Nikki) and NSCN- K (Khango).



MLA and Leader of the Naga Peoples' Front Legislature Party, Khuzholuzo Nienu has raised serious concerns about the current ceasefire agreements in Nagaland. Nienu claimed that the ceasefire has become a "license" for unlawful activities such as kidnapping, extortion, multiple taxation and killings, which have escalated under its cover. The MLA was speaking at the discussion at the Nagaland Assembly session today on matter of urgent public importance pertaining to the “Ceasefire and Law and Order situation in the State”. He emphasized on the need for a thorough review of the Ceasefire Ground Rules to better address the current situation and enforce the rule of law effectively. He proposed that the Government of India to provide monthly sustenance allowance and rations to the cadres of groups under ceasefire to prevent them from resorting to extortion from the public. Additionally, he recommended that the Ceasefire

Monitoring Group should be reconstituted to include a three-member committee comprising representatives from the Army, Police and a civilian, under the control of the State Government. Nienu also suggested relocating all individual ceasefire offices from Dimapur to a single structure in Kohima for better coordination and quick resolution of violations. He emphasized that groups not part of any ceasefire agreement should be dealt with strictly according to the law, and their members should be excluded from the board of Naga National Political Groups.

