

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
ITANAGAR**

**PRESS NOTE**

This is in connection with the incident of attacks on three persons from Arunachal, who travelled in two motor vehicles and were attacked by some miscreants at Serelia village under Behali Police Station after torching their vehicles. It was reported by the media that two persons from Assam saved them by taking them to the Behali Police Station on their motor bike/bicycle. Earlier, it was reported that dead body of one Adivasi person from a border village near Behali in Sonitpur district of Assam, who went to cut firewood at a neighbouring forest, was found on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 lying within Assam territory. Following discovery of the dead body, some miscreants torched the two motor vehicles and attacked the persons namely, Shri Tadung Tachang, his son Shri Ta Techi Tara and Shri Chaling Natung at Serelia village.

Immediately on learning about this sad incident, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh had spoken to the State DGP and asked him to keep in touch with DGP, Assam and also to instruct the SP, Papum Pare District to take necessary measures in coordination with concerned SP, Sonitpur District, so that, travellers from Arunachal Pradesh using NH-52, would not face any harassment or attack.

As the Governor was deeply concerned with the incidents, which were isolated, in nature, but could have repercussions of Law and Order situation in both the sides, he had spoken to the Chief Secretary, Assam, DGP, Assam, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam and also Hon'ble Governor of Assam and requested for their intervention, so that all the culprits involved in the attack on the Arunachalees and torching of the vehicles could be apprehended and brought to justice at the earliest.

The Governor was informed by DGP, Assam that both the SPs of Papum Pare District and Sonitpur District were working in tandem to maintain the peace, ensure security on NH-52 even by providing escorts and for nabbing the attackers on Arunachalees/killers of the Adivasi person by joint operation. A criminal case was also registered at the Behali Police Station, as informed by DGP, Assam. In this regard, the Governor had a talk with the District Authorities of Sonitpur District also. He was glad to know from them, that, normalcy was fast returning in the bordering areas and the economic blockade, which was launched by some organisations on Assam side was lifted, due to intervention by the authorities of Papum Pare and Sonitpur Districts.

The Governor termed the attacks on the three Arunachalees and torching of their vehicles as cowardly acts and severely condemned the attacks. He also condemned the unfortunate killing of the Adivasi person and conveyed his deep condolences to the family of the deceased Kolai Orang. The Governor appealed to the people of Arunachal Pradesh as well as Assam to maintain the age-old brotherly and friendly relations, particularly to those residing near the inter-State border and not to be swayed by any baseless rumours and not to take law into their own hands under any circumstances. He also appealed to the media-both Electronic and Print to exercise their restraint, in such situations and not to give undue publicity, so that communal harmony and peace could be maintained and the law could take its own course.

The Governor also volunteered to take up the matter with the Centre for any additional assistance/force, should the State Chief Minister so require, based on realistic assessment of law and order situation.

PRO to Governor  
Arunachal Pradesh  
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