

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa chaired a review meeting on law and order in the State in view of The Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment dated 17/9/2015 in WP (C) No. 510 of 2007 concerning settlement and grant of citizenship to the Chakma-Hajong refugees of 1964-69 stream, at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015. Chief Minister Shri Nabam Tuki, State Home Minister Shri Tanga Byaling, Chief Secretary Shri Ramesh Negi, Principal Secretary (Home) Shri Dharmendra Sharma and Director General of Police Shri S. Nithianandan were present in the meeting along with senior officers of Administration and Police were present.

The Governor, while reviewing the general law and order and overall security scenario in the State, insisted on effective reporting of cases through filing of FIR with the Police Stations and more focus on prosecution and conviction. He also stated that any law and order situation, if created by any organization or group of miscreants would have to be dealt with firmly in a non-discriminatory manner.

Advising on the Supreme Court verdict, the Governor stressed that there must be no breach of the peace whatsoever and no breakdown of law and order or any kind of economic blockade be allowed as such unlawful activities apart from hurting the common men, will also weaken the stand of the State Government and the indigenous people. He emphasised on protection of life, liberty and property of every individual and all sections of the people including foreigners as enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution. He cautioned against anti social elements trying to take advantage of the emotive situation to create law and order problems and desired that firm and timely action must be taken against all such elements under the law.

The Governor viewed that the people of the State and the State Government appear to have no objection to granting of citizenship to eligible Chakmas and Hajongs but they are totally against their settlement in Arunachal Pradesh. He advised for concerted efforts from the State Government, by urgently taking Government of India into confidence to address the issue satisfactory and effectively, as the Govt. of India is also the Respondent No. 1 in the WP(C) 510/2007.

The Chief Minister, briefing the Governor, on the Cabinet decision of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 on Supreme Court Order in the Chakma Hajong issue informed that the State Government is going to file a Review / Curative petition in the relevant cases, before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in view of the special situation of the indigenous people of the State, after due consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India as the Joint High Power Committee constituted on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010 with representatives of all concerned was yet to formulate its recommendation on the issues relating to settlement of Chakmas and Hajongs in Arunachal Pradesh, including possibility of granting citizenship to eligible Chakmas and Hajongs.