

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
ARUNACHAL PRADESH
ITANAGAR**

PRESS RELEASE

PUL, TAGA CALLS ON THE GOVERNOR

A Joint delegation of 32 (Thirty-two) members of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly led by Shri Kalikho Pul (included in 32) along with leader of Opposition Shri Tamiyo Taga called on the Governor Shri JP Rajkhowa at Gandhi Hall, Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 15th February 2016 at about 1200 hrs.

Shri Pul, who came along with 18 (Eighteen) other Congress Legislative Assembly members, submitted a Memorandum to the Governor staking claim to form the Government in the State.

Shri Chowna Mein along with 4 (Four) other MLAs, namely Shri CT Mein, Shri Zingnu Namchoom, Shri Wangki Lowang and Shri Honchu Ngandam, who were claimed to be with the other group of the Congress Party submitted a Memorandum stating that they are with Shri Kalikho Pul. They reaffirmed their "support to the leadership of Shri Kalikho Pul to be the head of the council of ministers that may be sworn in" at the end of the President's rule".

Shri Taga, who also came along with other 10 (Ten) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLAs submitted a Memorandum stating unconditional support to Shri Pul. The substantive part of their Memorandum is reproduced below:-

"In affirmation of this support (their support) to Shri Kalikho Pul, we, the weleven members belonging to the BJP in the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, hereby sign this document and we urge you to kindly invite Shri Kalikho Pul to form the Government in the State as soon as the Proclamation under Article 356 is revoked or whenever it ceases to operate".

The two Independent MLAs, Shri Paknga Bage and Shri Tsering Tashi also submitted a Memorandum extending their support to Shri Pul. They affirmed their "support to Shri Kalikho Pul to be the leader of the house and to be the next Chief Minister of the State whenever the Proclamation under article 356 of the Constitution that is currently operatives is revoked or ceases to be operative".

Interacting with MLAs, the Governor assured to put forward their claims to the President of India for information and direction if any after duly examining and consulting legal experts. He added that it is for the President of India to decide whether to lift the President Rule (PR) in the State or not and when. Again, it is for the President of India to make a decision on reviving the life of the Assembly by revoking the suspension order. The Governor hoped that there will be a stable, solid and democratically elected people's Government in the State on revocation of the PR.

The Governor advised the 32 MLAs and also those currently staying outside the State to be in the State and attend to the welfare of the people who elected them.

Earlier, the MLAs conveyed their gratitude to the Governor for his initiatives to resolve various problems of the people and government employees during the President Rule. They informed that people of the State are appreciating his welfare measures and for streamlining the law & order machinery and financial matters.

Shri Pul, Shri Chowna Mein, Shri Wanglin Lowangdong, Shri TN Thongdok and Shri Tamiyo Taga briefed the Governor on the status of their respective party position. Shri Taga in his brief speech made it clear that the BJP would be supporting a Congress Government led by Shri Kalikho Pul as the leader and had no intention to form a BJP led Government.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
ITANAGAR, February 15, 2016