

Nagas waiting for settlement before Christmas



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[Nagaland](#) wants the most striking political issue to be settled before the upcoming assembly polls early next year. This was more or less of what Chief Minister TR Zeliang said Union home minister Rajnath Singh in [New Delhi](#) on Friday.

Zeliang along with his full team of DAN Cabinet and M.P Neiphiu Rio met Singh and impressed upon him the urgent need for finalizing the solution to the long standing Naga [Political](#) issue.

The Chief Minister said that it had been 20 years of negotiations and with the State scheduled to have Assembly Polls early next year, it is important that settlement of the vital issue is initiated before the elections.

Rio said with the commitment and leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister and Union [Home](#) Minister, the final settlement does not seem to be very far and that it will be in the interest of all if the settlement is done before Christmas.

Singh appreciated the initiative of Chief Minister [Nagaland](#) and his colleagues for highlighting the need for an early solution and hoped that settlement of Naga [Political](#) Issue will be done [soon](#).

Later in the afternoon on the Chief Minister along with his colleagues had a meeting with R.N. Ravi, Interlocutor for Naga Peace Talks at [Nagaland](#) House and requested Ravi to ensure that settlement of Naga [Political](#) issues is done before elections.

The Chief Minister also appreciated the efforts made by the Interlocutor towards an inclusive solution that is both honorable and acceptable.

Ravi explained that they are very near to final solutions and it is essential that all parties are involved in the final negotiations to ensure a peaceful and longlasting solution.

He also mentioned that most of the substantial issues have been resolved and only symbolic issues need final resolution. He also urged all concerned to impress upon all parties for the need of an early solution, preferably before elections in the best interests of the State.

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