

Tuki meets PM, seeks support on refugees



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Amid an escalating political [crisis](#) that cripples [Arunachal](#) Pradesh, Chief Minister [Nabam](#) Tuki met Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) in [New Delhi](#) on Tuesday evening and submitted a letter requesting the Centre's intervention to the [Chakma](#) Hajong issue.

In his letter, Tuki called the verdict a big blow to the people saying that the statewide agitations would not die down. He said, “there has been a perception and rightly so that the socio-cultural fabric of [Arunachal Pradesh](#) will be considerably altered if this order is implemented,” he pointed.

According to Tuki, the [Chakma](#) and Hajong [refugees](#), who had migrated from [Bangladesh](#) to [India](#) during the period 1964-69, were settled by the then Assam Government in the then [North East](#) Frontier Agency (NEFA). The arbitrary [grant](#) of settlement to these [refugees](#) has always been a contentious issue which is being examined for resolution by the Centre [as](#) well [as](#) the State Government.

The Centre had constituted a High Powered Committee ([HPC](#)) and several committees were also formed locally to examine the issue. He feared that the court judgment takes away the special protection given to the tribal [community](#) of [Arunachal Pradesh](#) and defies the object of having an ‘Inner Line Permit’ to enter the State.

Before that Tuki had a meeting with home minister Rajnath Singh at North Block on the same issue and urged the his to support in reaching a resolution to the conflict situation in the aftermath of the Supreme Court verdict.

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