

Tackle law & order with firm hand: Guv to GoAP



ITANAGAR | Oct 01 | While reviewing state's law and order, In view of Sep 17 Supreme Court verdict directing to grant citizenship to Chakma-Hajong refugees of 1964-69 & their settlement at Raj Bhawan here today, Governor J P Rajkhowa, in his presidential address, insisted on effective reporting of cases by filing FIRs and ensure prosecution & conviction.

Law and order situation, if created by any organization or group of miscreants would have to be dealt with firmly in a non-discrimina-

tory manner, he said without mincing any words.

On the SC verdict, he stressed that there must be no breach of peace whatsoever or any kind of economic blockade be allowed as such unlawful activities apart from hurting the common men, will weaken the stand of the GoAP & the indigenous people.

He emphasised on protection of life, liberty & property of every individual of all sections including foreigners. He cautioned against anti-social elements trying to take advantage of

the emotive situation to create, law & order problems and desired that firm & timely action must be taken against all such elements under the law.

The governor viewed that state's people & the GoAP appear to have no objection to grant citizenship to eligible Chakmas-Hajongs but they are totally against their settlement. He advised for concerted efforts by urgently taking the GoI into confidence to address the issue effectively as the GoI is respondent number one.

Chief Minister Nabam

Tuki, informed the governor the GoAP would move a review petition in the SC after due consultation with the MoHA as per Sep 30 Cabinet decision.

Earlier, DGP S. Nithiananda, political secretary & Joram Beda highlighted the law & order and Chakma-Hajong issue through PowerPoint presentation.

Home Minister Tanga Byaling, Chief Secretary Ramesh Negi, principal home secretary Dharmendra Sharma & senior officers were present. (PRO)