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**Government of India and NSCN issue Joint Communiqué**

**Talks progressing in right direction, closer than ever before to final settlement**

Shri R.N. Ravi, Government of India Interlocutor and Shri T. Muivah, General Secretary, National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) issued a Joint Communiqué after their talks here today.

Following is the text of the Joint Communiqué:

“The political initiative of the Government of India and NSCN to amicably resolve the Naga political issue has received a new urgency and impetus during the last two years. The talks have become more purposeful, less ritualistic, more forthright and far more frequent. In the last two years we met more times than all the years before. It helped building unprecedented mutual understanding and trust.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's statesmanship, his respect and love for the Naga people, their legitimate rights and aspirations and wisdom of the Naga leaders could lead to the historic Framework Agreement of August 3, 2015 which settles the political parameters of the final solution. Within these parameters, details are being worked out in earnest.

Prolonged illness and unfortunate passing away of Shri Isak Chishi Swu, Chairman NSCN, adversely impacted the process. His departure is a big loss for all of us.

We assure the people that the talks have been progressing in right direction with determination. We are closer than ever before to the final settlement and hope to conclude it sooner than later.”

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