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Government of India, Govt. of Tripura and National Liberation Front of Twipra (NLFT-SD) Sign Memorandum of Settlement

New Delhi: August 10, 2019

A Memorandum of Settlement was signed here today on 10th of August, 2019 by the Government of India, Govt. of Tripura and National Liberation Front of Twipra led by Sabir Kumar Debbarma (NLFT-SD).

NLFT has been banned under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act since 1997 and has been involved in violence, operating from their camps across the international border. NLFT has been responsible for violent activities including 317 insurgency incidents in which 28 security forces and 62 civilians lost their lives during the period 2005-2015. Peace talks with NLFT were initiated in 2015 and there has been no violence by NLFT since 2016.

NLFT (SD) has agreed to abjure the path of violence, join the mainstream and abide by the Constitution of India. It has agreed to the surrender of its 88 cadres with their weapons. The surrendered cadres will be given surrender benefits as per the Surrender-cum-Rehabilitation Scheme, 2018 of the Ministry of Home Affairs. The State Government of Tripura will help the surrendered cadres in housing, recruitment, education etc. Government of India will consider the proposals of Tripura State Government regarding economic development of tribal areas of Tripura.

The Memorandum of Settlement was signed by Sh. Satyendra Garg, Joint Secretary (North East) of Ministry of Home Affairs, Sh. Kumar Alok, Addl. Chief Secretary (Home) Govt. of Tripura and Sh. Sabir Kumar Debbarma & Sh. Kajal Debbarma of NLFT (SD).

Later on the NLFT representatives called on Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah at New Delhi after signing the Memorandum of Settlement.
