



# NATIONALIST DEMOCRATIC PROGRESSIVE PARTY

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It has come to the attention of the NDPP that during the meeting of the NPF Legislators today the 7th of March 2019, 18 opposition MLAs have proposed in a letter addressed to the Leader of the NPF Legislature Party proposing that “under the present Political scenario prevailing both in the State as well as in the Country that a stable Regional coalition in the State is the need of the hour so as to deliver goods to the people and also to face any eventualities in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. In this regard you may kindly initiate necessary steps so as to realise our objectives as mentioned above by finalising the necessary modalities with the NDPP leadership at the earliest (before the upcoming Parliamentary elections).” In this regard the NDPP is constrained to issue the following for the benefit of the people and our alliance partners:

- 1) While appreciating the opposition party for finally acknowledging that the NDPP “is” a Regional Party, the proposal of the NPF Legislators is absurd and incomprehensible since the NDPP-BJP alliance was and is a pre-poll alliance wherein the election campaign of the alliance was launched at Tuensang by none other than the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi. Thereafter, like minded parties like the JD(U), NPP and the Independent had joined the NDPP-BJP alliance immediately after the declaration of results on the 3rd of January 2018 thus making it possible to form the People’s Democratic Alliance (PDA). The NDPP remains forever grateful to its partners for making it possible to collectively work for the people of Nagaland. Therefore, for the opposition to now start talking of a “Regional Coalition” holds no water, especially when they themselves had openly rejected the consultation meet of all stakeholders on the 31st of January 2018 as well as by rejecting the provisions of Article 371A as was endorsed by all Tribal Hohos!
- 2) The NDPP puts on record that its leaders have ever met with any of the leaders of the opposition NPF to discuss such matters and has never even intended nor intend to do so in the future. The NDPP respects all the pre-poll and post-poll commitments with our alliance partners and will never jeopardise the trust and confidence enjoyed between our alliance partners especially at a juncture when the PDA is in a much stronger position and will be completing one year on the 8th of March 2018 by the grace of the Almighty.



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- 3) The proposal of the opposition MLAs only brings into the open what the NDPP have always stated - that the opposition camp is wrought with desperation, mistrust and frustration and that it was only matter of time before the dam would burst. The fact that only 18 MLAs have appended their signatures also reveals the disunity amongst the opposition Legislators which was always a well-known fact right from the beginning. It is unbecoming for the oldest regional party in the North East to behave in such a cheap manner especially the Hon'ble MLAs by resorting to create confusion amongst the masses and as well as to try and create division in the PDA. It is however put on record that the PDA government is firmer than ever, and such cheap gimmickry employed by the opposition is not only disgusting but is also an insult to the mandate reposed on them by the electorates of their respective constituencies! The opposition NPF as a responsible party should behave in a manner befitting a political party rather than delve on rhetoric's and false propaganda.
- 4) The opposition NPF should well remember that they have been rejected by the people of the State in the last general elections and the mandate of the people is with the PDA government. Therefore, they should stop resorting to all possible kinds of mischiefs up their sleeves to try and dislodge the present dispensation in the State. It is not too long ago where the people had witnessed the intra party political drama played by the NPF party in the last four years of the DAN-III government and even today, it seems like the same scenario is unfurling itself before the eyes of the people. It is musing that such an unpredictable political party that is strife with internal problems thus incapable of providing a stable government, is trying to dislodge a firm and united alliance that has the mandate of the people of Nagaland. the NDPP and PDA will not be fooled by such dramatics and is not foolish to invite members of a political party full of mistrust and confusion into its folds.
- 5) Though the NDP-PDA was well aware of the internal problems burning within the folds of the NPF party and its rank and file, as responsible parties and leaders, we have refrained from giving our comments on their internal matters as respect for the oldest regional party. However, it is shocking that instead of appreciating the stand of the ruling alliance, the NPF Legislators have instead decided to try and create confusion by involving the NDPP which has absolutely no hand in the internal problems of the NPF! The NPF should learn to resolve and keep its internal problems within its walls instead of involving others just because they cannot solve their problems. The self-destruct button of the NPF seems to have already been pressed and it is only a matter of time before we see the explosion!



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- 6) The NDPP therefore assures the people of the state that the government and the alliance is intact and stand united in our commitment to the people; and that such malafide intentions of a desperate opposition party to try and dislodge the alliance with its lies and rhetoric's will only further strengthen the unity of the alliance rather than creating confusion and misunderstanding as is the intention and habit of the Naga People Front!

(Issued by NDPP, Media & Communication Committee)

