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Press Release

The Government with a view to streamline the system of issue of Indigenous Inhabitant Certificates and also to maintain a record of such indigenous inhabitants had issued a Notification on 29th June, 2019 for carrying out an exercise for Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN). Towards this, there have been views, opinions and concerns expressed by various sections including the Civil Societies and Tribal Hohos. The concerns and observations expressed by different sections is a welcome development, as such type of approach is the basis of any democratic society.

The State Government is of the clear opinion that the present exercises are new initiatives and need consultations and deliberations with participation from all sections and stakeholders. The guidelines for implementation of the policies are still at an early stage of formulation and will be finalised after extensive consultations are carried out. Towards this end, the State Government will hold consultative meets with all sections and stakeholders so that the exercise so carried out are in everybody's interest and protects the rights of all citizens. The State Government assures the citizens that it will not take any hasty decision but rather the process will involve and engage civil society and the citizenry of the State and that no decision that is discriminatory or in contravention of the interest of people or any community will be undertaken.

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