

Imphal, the 20<sup>th</sup>.December : BJP President Nitin Gadkari has stated that his party will go together with like-minded parties to take on the Congress for the ensuing tenth Manipur assembly polls likely to be held in February next year even as NCP and the regional Manipur People's Party (MPP) have announced of a pre-poll alliance.

“We have discussed with some parties for setting up a common opposition front in Manipur ahead of the polls and everything would be sorted out soon,” Nitin said at a media conference here on Tuesday morning before wrapping up his two-day visit to restive Manipur.

Though BJP is yet to work out its manifesto for the ensuing polls, the Party would primarily focus on all round developments and socio-economic justice.

Responding a query, the saffron party chief said he would discuss the sensitive issue of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act and the northeast people's demand to repeal it with the national leadership of the party to bring about a solution.

He said the issue and impact of the act in Jammu and Kashmir and northeast region is quite different. “ We condemn killing of innocent people and violation of human rights .”

Seeing the situation prevailing in the region, he said the party is supporting Irom Sharmila Chanu's unrelenting campaign against the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act.

On BJP's 'Vision-2025' , Nitin said the party would incorporate certain projects like setting up a sports university , world standard sports training centre, numerous technical and professional career institutions and development of tourism sectors as well as road infrastructures for Manipur.

Stating that BJP is national party cutting across caste, creed and religion, Nitin said “ we never discriminate any minorities in all nine states of the country ruled by BJP. We are against terrorists and terrorist organizations.”

Sating that the Congress-led Secular Progressive Front (SPF) government has failed in fronts and indulged in high level corruption, he iterated that the corrupt ministers would be probed and punished when BJP comes to power in the centre. He nevertheless said the BJP –led NDA will be victorious in the coming 2014 Lok Sabha polls.

Commenting on the development of northeast, he said the primary agendas to be taken up on the region are water , power , transport and communication.

Stating that BJP stands for overall development of the northeast, Nitin said the party would organize a convention on the same agenda every year and a special BJP parliamentary team has been set up for raising issues of the region in the parliament.

“ Without peace we cannot bring development and hence BJP will take every step to bring peace,” he said.

In Madhya Pradesh , a new act christened ‘ Public Service Accountability Act ‘ has been enforced and by invoking its provisions, government official should issue any documents demanded by the public within fifteen days failing which the official concerned would pay Rs 200 per day as fine.

Taking serious note of the non-functioning of the various state government department after the employees have launched a cease work strike demanding implementation of the sixth central pay commission’s recommendation, Nitin said BJP supports the demand of he employees .

This is his maiden visit in Manipur and he was address a mass rally at Bheigyachandra Open Air Theatre along with Prakash Javadekar, National Spokesperson, Dr.Najma Heptulla, National VP, Tapir Gao, National General Secretary, Kiran Maheswari, National General Secretary, P.Chandrasekhar,Zonal organization Secretary, North East States and Shantikumar Sharma, President, BJP, Manipur Pradesh on yesterday. Nitin Gadkari also attended North East Zonal Convention at Hotel Classic Imphal, yesterday.

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