

Demand For Frontier Nagaland Territory

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The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has agreed to the demand by the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation (ENPO) for autonomy in the proposed Frontier Nagaland Territory (FNT).

Frontier Nagaland Territory (FNT)

About:

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 FNT is a proposed administrative region demanded by the ENPO to address the developmental imbalances in 6 eastern districts of Nagaland- Kiphire, Longleng, Mon, Noklak, Shamator, and Tuensang.

Objective:

 It aims to grant executive, legislative, and financial autonomy to these districts, enabling better governance and focused resource allocation to bridge the "development deficit."

Significance:

 These districts, which are home to 7 Naga tribes (Konyak, Khiamniungan, Chang, Sangtam, Tikhir, Phom and Yimkhiung), account for over 30% of Nagaland's population and 20 of the 60 legislative assembly seats.

Background:

• The demand for a separate state for Eastern Nagaland **began in 2010**, led by the ENPO citing a significant "development deficit" in the region.

Nagaland:

• After Independence in 1947, the Naga territory remained part of Assam. It was recognized as a state on 1st December 1963 under the State of Nagaland Act, 1962.

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