## GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT ARUNACHAL PRADESH ITANAGAR

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## **GOVERNOR TO APPEAL AGAINST THE STAY ORDER OF THE SUMMONING**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri J P Rajkhowa is extremely surprised to know from TV channels of Guwahati that a Single Judge Bench Of Guwahati High Court Justice Hrishikesh Roy had issued a Stay Order staying the Order of the Governor dated 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 preponing the summoning of the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 under Art. 174(1) of the Constitution of India and also other proceedings including removal of speaker Shri Nabam Rebia by a resolution of 33 MLAs and asking for maintaining status quo ante, while the proceedings had already taken place much earlier and no confidence motion against Council of Ministers led by Shri Nabam Tuki also passed well ahead of the Order passed by the Single Judge Bench, which reportedly took place much later on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

The Governor is also surprised to know from the reports carried by the TV channels that Hon`ble Justice H Roy had also cast aspersion on the Governor, of allegedly having taken side of a party, without going through records and materials available in the Governor`s secretariat.

While the Governor has the highest regards for the independence of the judiciary, he is however pained to observe that no notice or opportunity was given to the Governor/Governor's secretariat of the writ petition filed in the Hon'ble Court, reportedly on behalf of the removed Speaker Shri Nabam Rebia. That way, the Governor feels that an opportunity was not given to him to defend his orders, as the order was issued by Hon'ble Single Judge is *ex-parte* in nature.

In view of the above, the Governor has decided to appeal against the Order for which legal options are under examination. The same will be done very shortly, after obtaining all relevant documents including the Writ petition filed and the copy of the Order of the Single Judge Bench etc.

In absence of the copy of the Order of Hon`ble High Court and absence of copy of the writ petition filed by Shri Nabam Rebia etc. the Governor is not in a position to make any further comments.

PRO to Governor Arunachal Pradesh ITANAGAR, December 17, 2015