

PM hints at positive response for talk: Dr Gohain



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There seems to be an end to the decade-old deadlock over the ULFA-government talk. The encouraging development surfaces as prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh shows keen desire to hold talk with ULFA when a delegation of the state's civil society called on him on Monday evening.

Led by noted critic and educationist Dr Hiren Gohain, the Sanmilito Jatiyo Abhibartan delegation urged Dr Singh to revive the talk to end the decade old insurgency problems confronting Assam and its people. Talking to reporters after the date with Dr Singh, Dr Gohain, the chief convener of the convention said they are happy with the PM's positive response.

"We are hopeful of a positive solution at his kind intervention. As we urged him to release the jailed top ULFA leaders to help them take a formal decision at an earlier date, the PM flashed a green signal and advised us to take it up with home minister P Chidambaram whom we will meet very soon," said Dr Gohain. Notably, Dr Gohain and his delegation was scheduled to meet.

Dr Singh in the morning. But laer it was rescheduled in the evening. The SJA deleagtion are secheduled to meet Union home minister P Chidambaram, UPA chief Sonia Gandhi along with some other top leaders on Tuesday and Wednesday before wrapping up the visit.

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