

'TR Zeliang does not belong to Scheduled Tribe' claim rejected as baseless



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DIMAPUR, Feb 11 (NENA): [One](#) KK Kulimbe reportedly invested Rs 5000 with the alleged intention of exhibiting his rare discovery that TR Zeliang, the Chief Ministerial candidate of the Naga Peoples' Front (NPF), did not belong to a Scheduled Tribe.

It was pleaded the nomination of Zeliang from Peren Assembly Constituency be rejected for the forthcoming polls based on the new discovery. For obvious reasons, the plan however failed and his baseless discovery was ignored with the contempt it deserved sources in NPF said on Friday.

The soil of Peren district recognizes the forefathers of TR Zeliang, his family history and his political career spanning four decades. Zeliang hails from the village of Mbaupungwa, a satellite village of one of the oldest villages in Zeliang area under Peren called Nkialwa village.

A hundred years back, his great grandfather Namso was the GB of Mbaupungwa village which is an undeniable and known fact. The discovery of KK claiming that Zeliang does not belong to a Scheduled Tribe is not only fake but ridiculous and is a monument of his misdirected energy, the outcome of which is self-defeating and condemnable, the sources said.

In a similar way, KK pleaded that the nomination of Zeliang be rejected for the forthcoming polls based on another of his discovery related to Zeliang's educational qualification.

It has been claimed Zeliang never declared that he passed BA even as the contentions disputing this fact were not examined by the Peren Court which dismissed the complaint on ground that the limitation period expired. Further, Even this time, Zeliang mentioned clearly that he appeared in BA and failed. Zeliang stated the truth in the nomination papers of 2013 as well as 2018 and this puts to rest all controversies around his educational qualification, it has been claimed, the NPF sources further claimed.

Zeliang has been in political life since the late seventies of the last century. He contested Assembly polls in 1982, 1987, 1989, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013 of which he won the last six contests, some from Tening Assembly Constituency and some from Peren Assembly Constituency, both under Peren district, [Nagaland](#).

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