## CITIZEN ACTION PARTY - SIKKIM सिटिजन एक्सन पार्टी - सिक्किम

(For Reforms in Sikkim)

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## PRESS NOTE

Consequent upon assuming office of the President, Citizen Action Party-Sikkim, Shri L.P. Kafley along with Shri Lakpa sherpa, Vice President (National co-ordination) visited the National capital, New Delhi and met Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, The Union Finance minister, Govt. of India on 12.6.2023. During the meeting with the hon'ble Minister, Citizen Action Party-Sikkim raised the issue on expansion of "Sikkimese" defination in Finance Act 2023 and stressed to revisit on the Finance Act 2023 and maintain status quo of Sikkimese definition. Accordingly, CAP submitted a memorandum on this matter to the Hon'ble minister requesting the ministry to include old settlers of Sikkim in other catagory and do away the clauses iv and v of section 10(26AAA) of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

Mr. Kafley and Mr. Sherpa also briefed her on complete financial indiscipline in the state, non adherence to Fiscal Responsibility and budget management (FRBM) Act which is pushing Sikkim towards eminent debt trap. Citizen Action Party-Sikkim has requested the minister to intervene in the matter and save sikkim from falling into economic crisis.

Citizen Action Party-Sikkim also visited the office of Shri. Gajendra Singh Shekawat, Hon'ble minister, Department of Jal shakti, River Redevelopment and Ganga Rejuvenation, Govt. of India and placed before him the issues concerning, ongoing Jal Jivan Mission project of the Central Govt. in Sikkim.

Citizen Action Party also submitted a memorandum to the hon'ble Minister Of Tribal Affairs and requested to grant tribal status to 12 left out communities of Sikkim on most urgent basis.

Shri L.P. Kafley and Shri. Lakpa Sherpa also visited the Ministry of Home affairs, Govt. of India and submitted memorandum on the issue of reservation seats for Limboo & Tamang in the State Legislative Assembly and restoration of seats for Nepali communities in the state Legislative Assembly.

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