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Confidence Building Measures being taken by Mizoram Police to enable the People of Mizoram and Reang (Bru) migrants to cast their votes in Mizoram

The Mizoram Police Department has taken all possible measures for conduct of peaceful, free and fair election of MLA in 2018. Confidence building measures in connection with casting of votes in Mizoram by Reang (Bru) migrants residing in Relief Camps, Tripura have also been taken especially in **Mamit, Kolasib and Lunglei** districts where the repatriated Reang (Bru) have settled. The villages in Mizoram which are currently inhabited by Reang (Bru) are visited by SP and other senior Police Officers at regular intervals to instill confidence and to listen to the concerns of Reang inhabitants. The Central Armed Police Force(CAPF) and State Armed Police (SAP) from Assam who are deployed for Mizoram MLA election and arriving with effect from 29.10.2018 in the Districts are also being inducted and deployed for area domination in the vulnerable areas.

- 1) In **Mamit district**, eleven(11) Reang (Bru) families consisting 67 members were repatriated from Relief Camps, Tripura into the district, Mizoram at three different villages recently. Security to the repatriated Reang(Bru) has been provided by Mamit District Police. Regular intensive Patrolling was also carried out in and around the Reang (Bru) villages in Mamit District. Senior Police Officers also paid a visit to the repatriated families to build confidence and to solve problems whenever necessary.

New Border-outposts (**BOP**) had been set up and opened on 28.10.2018 at two villages in Mamit District, (i) **W.Bunghmun** and (ii)**Tumpanglui** where some Reang (Bru) families are settled. The new BOPs are manned by 4th IR Bn. Personnel.

- 2) In **Kolasib District**, two (2) Reang (Bru) families of 10 members were repatriated from Relief Camps, Tripura into the district, Mizoram at two villages on 28.8.2018 at **Meidum** and **Zodin(Rasdali)** village. Security has been provided by visiting the families and villages by Police Officers and men at regular intervals from Kolasib and Bairabi Police Stations. Apart from these, some other villages for proposed repatriation of Reang(Bru) like Zophai, Pangbalkawn, Bukvannei, N.Thinglian, S. Chhimluang, Saihapui K, Dilzau and Hortoki which are also vulnerable areas in connection with the coming General election are watched closely.

New Border-outpost (**BOP**) had been set up and opened at **Bukvannei** village on 29.10.2018 by 1st IR Bn.

- 3) In **Lunglei District**, twenty (20) Reang (Bru) families of 86 members were repatriated from Relief Camps, Tripura into Lunglei district, Mizoram at Dinthar and Putlungasih villages. Security to the repatriated Reang(Bru) has been provided by Lunglei District Police. Regular intensive Patrolling was also carried out in and around the Reang (Bru) villages,. Senior Police Officers of Lunglei District also paid a visit to the repatriated Bru families to build confidence and to solve their problems whenever necessary.

SDPO Tlabung and Officers-in-charge of Tlabung, Lungsen and Bunghmun PS visited the Bru villages in their respective jurisdictions to instill confidence to the Bru inhabitants. One Inspector of Police has been deployed to visit all the Bru Relief camps in Tripura accompanying the Officer nominated by DEO, Lunglei for the same purpose,

to listen to the security and other concerns of Bru inhabitants and voters who plan to visit Mizoram to cast their votes and take corrective confidence building measures.

- 4) The Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) and State Armed Police (SAP) being deployed for security of the forthcoming Mizoram MLA election-2018 are being inducted wef. 29.10.2018. For the first phase of induction, the following 15 Companies of forces are being inducted into 8 Districts in Mizoram:
- (i) **10 companies of SAP, Assam (AP Bn.& IR Bn.)** – 3 Coys. in Aizawl District, 2 coys. each in Mamit & Champhai districts, and 1 coy. each in Kolasib, Serchhip & Siaha District.
 - (ii) **3 companies of 438Bn. BSF** – 1 coy. each in Aizawl, Lunglei and Kolasib District.
 - (iii) **2 companies of CRPF** – 1 coy. each in Mamit & Lawngtlai District.

These Security forces are deployed alongwith local Police and Magistrate teams for area domination patrolling in the vulnerable areas in the Districts to instill confidence as well as for Election Expenditure monitoring teams, Flying Squads, Static Surveillance Teams, Quick Response Teams, Sector Police and Nakas (Check-posts).

- 5) Mizoram Police therefore, request the general public to cooperate and give full support to the endeavours of the security forces to conduct peaceful, free and fair election in Mizoram. At the same time, Police personnel are also constantly instructed not to cause any undue hardship and inconvenience in the lawful discharge of their duties before and during the forthcoming general MLA election 2018.

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