

MIZORAM POLICE PRESS STATEMENT

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There were social media and local news items alleging that 550 bags of illegally smuggled Areca Nuts transferred from Archhuang village, already seized by Mizoram Police were further seized forcibly by the Assam Rifles at Siachangkawn, Lawngtlai District on 11.9.2020. Immediate preliminary enquiry has been done and the facts are as follows:-

The areca nuts were illegally smuggled from Myanmar and were kept at Archhuang Govt.Primary School and Anganwadi Centre for over two months, waiting for opportunity to be taken out. OC Sangau PS was approached by the owners and requested that these areca nuts needed to be shifted out since Schools would be re-opened soon. OC Sangau PS contacted SDPO Lawngtlai over phone and verbally received instructions that he should provide assistance, then prepared a "To whom it may concern" letter in case they were stopped on the way. The areca nuts were then transported out by the owners using 20 hired vehicles. However, all the vehicles carrying areca nuts were stopped and seized at Siachangkawn by Assam Rifles. It is found that the approach made by the owners of the goods and subsequent actions of Mizoram Police were not mentioned in General Diary of the Police Station and seizure memo was also not prepared. Provision of police assistance for transport of illegal goods amounts to serious misconduct and as such OC Sangau PS has been placed under suspension w.e.f. 15.9.2020 for his misconduct pending disciplinary proceedings against him. Further, advisory memo was issued to SDPO Lawngtlai for his lack of supervision and professionalism unbecoming of a responsible police officer and his actual involvement in the matter is being enquired.

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Tun hnai Chanchinthar leh Social Media hrang hranga lo lang Mizoram Police ten Myanmar ramri Archhuang-a dan lova Mizorama phurh luh Kuhva rah bag 550 an man chu Siachangkawn-ah Assam Rifles duty ten an lo man nawn leh ni awma thuthang awm chu chhuichian mek a niin tunthlenga thil awmdan hriattheih chin chu a hnuai mi ang hi a ni a, thil awmdan chhuimek zel a ni bawk.

Heng kuhva rah te hi Archhuang Primary School leh Anganwadi Centre ah thlahnih chuang dah tawh ni in Covid Lockdown avangin an phurhchhuah theihloh thu leh School tan a hnaih tawh avanga phurchhuak tura an ngen angin Kuhva rah neitu te hian OC Sangau PS hnen ah a phurhchhuahdan kawng ah tanpui turin an ngen a. OC Sangau PS chuan SDPO Lawngtlai phone-a a biak hnuah SDPO Lawngtlai thupek angin Local Task Force ten anlo tihbui lohna tura Lehkha siamsakin heng kuhva rah te hi Archhuang atangin a neitu te hian an phurchhuak ta a ni. He an kuhva phurhchhuah hi Siachangkawn-ah Assam Rifles ten an lo man ta a ni. OC Sangau PS hian heng kuhva te hi a man lova, Police Station General Diary-ah pawh engmah ziahluh a ni lo in Seizure memo pawh siam ani lo bawk. OC Sangau PS hi hetiang dan in phalloh bungrua man lova a phurhchhuahna kawnga alo puih avangin ni 15.9.2020 atanga suspend nghal ni in departmental enquiry lak mek a ni. Hemi chungchangah hian SDPO Lawngtlai pawh Advisory memo pek a ni a, a inhnawih dan kimchang pawh chhuimek a ni in atul anga action lak a ni ang.

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