

Regarding situation in Manipur

SHRI RICHARD VANLALHMANGAIHA (MIZORAM): Sir, we all know about the communal violence in Manipur, which has been going on for the last one-and-a-half years. More than 200 people have lost their lives. More than 50,000 houses have been destroyed. More than 300 churches have been spoiled. Even if the Central Government has deployed more than one lakh paramilitary forces, this will not be a correct solution.

My State, being the neighbouring state of Manipur, has a number of internal displaced persons. It has also international displaced persons from Bangladesh and Myanmar. They are all our brothers and sisters.

As you know, the population of Mizoram is only 12 lakh whereas the budget and the resources are very limited. Knowing that the Central Government has given us a huge amount of fund to rehabilitate our sisters and brothers from Manipur, I would like to thank the Central Government wholeheartedly for their kindness towards these displaced people. ? (*Interruptions*)

My request and suggestion to the Central Government is to act as a facilitator between these two community leaders under the guidance of the Central Government. Let them sit on one table to discuss, and negotiate many things. They can discuss many topics like the President's Rule, change of leadership, separate administration, ceasefire, compensation to the families whose loved-ones are dead, compensation to the wounded persons, and many, many more other things.

If we do not stop this, we do not know how many more lives will be lost. God has given us a precious life. Why are we taking the lives of others unnecessarily? We should find a measure to stop this. Thank you, Sir.