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Title : Regarding killing of villagers in land mine blasts in Churachandpur district of Manipur.

SHRI MANI CHARENAMEI (OUTER MANIPUR): Mr. Speaker, Sir, as per article published ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : You cannot show any book here.

SHRI MANI CHARENAMEI : Sir, as per article published in the North East Sun magazine of November, 2005 issue, many innocent people were maimed and some have lost their lives due to explosion of land mine bombs planted by the valley-based undergrounds who forcibly took shelter in the remote tribal villages in Churachandpur district of Manipur. The undergrounds have been planting land mines in and around the villages they have occupied to prevent anyone from entering the villages or leaving the villages. Land mine bomb victims were reported since 25th November, 2004 and as many as six land mine explosions have occurred, the latest being on 21st November, 2005. All these incidents occurred in the interior areas of Thanlon, Henglep and Tipaimuk sub-divisions of Churachandpur district. Altogether four people have been killed and more than 20 people injured. Terror and fear have gripped the minds of the poor tribal people in the district. The adamant State Government took cognizance of the gravest situation only when the Zomi Students Federation resorted to violent agitation, forcing the State Government to sign an MoU with the student group on 25th August, 2005. One of the agreed points of the MoU was to sanitise the district from underground elements. However, till date no appropriate action has been taken by the State Government and the villagers have been left virtually paralyzed and helpless, gripped with fear and insecurity as the underground elements are still active in the interior areas of the district.

Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Prime Minister, hon. Minister of Defence and hon. Minister of Home Affairs to the gravest situation prevailing in Churachandpur district to order a detailed enquiry into the matter and to give strict instructions to the State Government to take up immediate necessary action to sanitize the district from the terrorising the underground elements. Thank you, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : Thank you very much. It is important.