



Citizenship Amendment Bill introduced in Lok Sabha

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The Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha, after rejecting the Opposition's objections over its introduction. The Bill was introduced after the division of votes in the House. 293 members voted in favour of introducing the bill while 82 voted against the move. Earlier, Home Minister Amit Shah introduced the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019 in the House amidst uproar by the opposition members. The legislation is intended to amend the existing law in order to grant an exemption to illegal migrants in selected categories. Introducing the Bill, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the Bill is not against minorities and does not violate Article 14 of the constitution. Congress, TMC and DMK members opposed the

introduction of the Bill in the House. Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said it is regressive and violates Article 14 of the constitution. RSP leader N K Premchandran also opposed the Bill saying it violates the basic feature of the Constitution. Prof Saugata Roy of TMC also opposed Bill's introduction.

Talking to media outside Parliament House, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said that the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019 is in the interests of the Northeastern States and the country. He expressed confidence that the bill will get the nod from both the houses of the Parliament.

Salient features of the Citizen Amendment Bill

- The bill seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to make illegal migrants of six communities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan eligible for Indian citizenship. The communities are Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians. The legislation relaxes the 11-year criteria for citizenship to six years for refugees belonging to these six religions.
- The Bill also proposes to give immunity to such refugees facing legal cases after being found illegal migrants. The amendment will not be applicable to the tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram or Tripura as included in the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution and in the areas covered under the Inner Line Permit (ILP).
- The ILP regime is applicable in Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram. The bill was passed by the last Lok Sabha but it could not be taken up in the Rajya Sabha.

Normalcy cripple in Manipur as anti-CAB protestors called total shutdown

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Normal life in Imphal and other part of the state has been severely affected as anti-CAB protestors due to total shut down called by MANPAC. Almost all streets of Imphal show less traffic flow as commercial transporters stay of the road. Except some few shops almost all shops were seen shut since early morning. Even schools and colleges as well as private run offices and banks remain close during the shut down called. At Kwairanbandh Keithel large number people staged a sit-in-protest in Imphal. Meanwhile AMSU Protest in front of Kangla Main Gate Against CAB. AMSU is a component of North East Students' Organisation calls Manipur Total shut down on

10 December as a part of NESO North East wide Total Shut down

The 54 year old AMSU stood against illegal immigrants since 1980. First time in the history of MANIPUR AMSU launched a campaign against illegal immigrants. Two of the AMSU volunteer sacrifice their life for the future of the Manipur.

In 1980 AMSU,AMSCOC signed an agreement between the Government it clearly mentioned that

"The Foreigner must be identified on the basis of the census report 1951 and the National Register of Citizen 1951 and the village directory 1951"

In 2018, AMSU launched a campaign in Manipur against CAB and submitted memorandum to Governor not to passed CAB

Editorial

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A phone call that overwhelm our CM; But there is no sort cut to the introduction of ILPS

Overwhelm by a telephonic call with Union Home Minister Amit Shah who assured ILPS for the state of Manipur, Chief Minister N. Biren took no time to appeal his party karyakats and spread the message. He even directed the State Home Department to issue notification to celebrate the big announcement made by Amit Shah. Unfortunately, when the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was tabled in the Lok Sabha today and was introduced with 293 votes, nothing has been mentioned about the state of Manipur during this whole process. Home Minister justified the bill saying that it is neither against the constitution of India nor does it mention any religion while facing the roar by opposition MPs who termed it as 'anti-constitutional' or 'anti-secularism'. If the assurance given to Chief Minister N. Biren Singh for extension or introduction of ILPS in Manipur by Home Minister Amit Shah as a counter measures from the impact of CAB comes to fruit, it is not only the Chief Minister or the BJP Karyakata that will appease the Union Government but people across the state will be ready to garland them. It is not because people accept ILPS as a tool to protect the people of Manipur from the impact of CAB. But the appreciation would come for the concern that these central leaders have for this state. This, at least, everyone is clear. However, in this dire time something is always better than nothing. Though, this something is not the provision that protects the people of Manipur wholly.

Now that CAB is introduced, there will be more discussion and readings coming on this bill in the parliament. Therefore, at this crucial juncture there should be intervention from MPs from Manipur to amend the bill so that some protective mechanism comes to light. One way out is to produce the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation 1873 in parliament and be extended to the state of Manipur. We should also remember that this has been discussed and passed twice in Manipur State Assembly and now the matter must go to the parliament. Only then there is a possibility of things working out, though limited in nature. However, there should be no confusion on this matter on how to go about this matter. There cannot be any short cut to this. The matter must go the parliament. It cannot be done through a mere executive order. Otherwise, any other attempt will be null and void.

ILPS does not entail the protection of indigenous people of Manipur from the impact of CAB. In order to understand this, we just need to look at the situation of Nagaland which has special protection under Article 371(a), is a tribal state and at the same time ILPS is enforced over there. 2011 census data reveals that there are 75000 Bengalis, 63000 Biharis, 44,000 Nepalis alone in Nagaland. Most importantly, economy of Kohima, Dimapur and Makokchung are controlled by the outsiders. Coming to Mizoram with its protective provisions, there are 108000 Bengalis and around 11000 Biharis and Marwaris. In Arunachal Pradesh the situation is similar, the total population of Bengalis is 100600 and around 93000 Marwaris and Biharis live there. In Meghalaya, 233000 Bengalis live and in Tripura the situation is dire, as 24 lakh Bengalis have settled there. Given this, the stand of NESO and MANPAC is correct when they oppose CAB in totality. No provision can protect wholly the state of Manipur. With this, the future of people of Manipur is grim with this bill being introduced in the parliament.

CM inspects solid waste treatment plant at Lamdeng Khunou



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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today inspected the Solid Waste Treatment Plant located at Lamdeng Khunou in Imphal West district and a site located nearby where a new bio-medical treatment plant would be set up soon. Speaking to media persons, the Chief Minister said that the existing plant has no treatment facility for bio-medical wastes. Moreover, its daily consumption capacity is only 100 tonnes though Imphal city produces around

130 tonnes of garbage every day, the Chief Minister informed. As such, there is urgent need for a new plant which also has the treatment facility of bio-medical wastes, Shri N. Biren Singh said. The Chief Minister also urged the public to keep garbage in proper places so that it can be collected by concerned NGOs and Imphal Municipal Corporation instead of dumping it into rivers and inappropriate places.

Regarding apprehension on Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019, the Chief Minister

informed that Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah had informed him over the phone that the Inner Line Permit (ILP) system would be enforced in the whole State in order to exempt Manipur from the purview of CAB. Stating that implementation of ILP in the State has been a dream and a long standing demand of the people of the State, the Chief Minister observed that people should thank the Central Government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Home Minister Shri Amit Shah for their concerns for the State.

Amit Shah introduces of Inner Line Permit System in Manipur in LS

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Home Minister Amit Shah today re-introduce the Inner - Line permit system in the state of Manipur in Lok Sabha today. Home Minister Amit Shah today announced the Lok Sabha that the Eastern Bengal Frontier Regulation 1853 is a long pending issue of the state and to protect the state of Manipur the regulation need to be introduced and the Prime Minister has approve for introduction of the regulation which is popularly known as Inner Line Permit System.

Don't give voting rights to illegal migrants

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Dec 9,

The Shiv Sena has demanded that even if union government wants to grant citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians (except Muslims) from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan after seven years of stay in the country, by including a special provision within the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB), such "indigenous" people should not be given voting rights for 25 years.

In a party mood piece Marathi daily "Samma", Shiv Sena Party President Uddhav Thackeray, who is also

Maharashtra CM, has suggested that such refugees should not be granted voting rights for 25 years. Besides, instead of indulging in such "vote bank politics" take action against countries who are perpetrating injustice on Hindus in their country. "Its true that only India is the powerful "Hindu nation" in the world. But no illegal migrant can be considered for citizenship".

Regardless of the religion, migration of people to India will disturb demography and culture of India. The states including West Bengal, Meghalaya, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Mizoram have already

expressed fear that the entry of these people will endanger the identity and livelihood of local populace. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has also opposed the idea. Under the circumstances, to transport all the migrants to Gujarat, is the only option. Most of the states including Maharashtra are over populated.

Would Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, supported CAB, if he was not to be a CM representing the BJP? "Samma" has questioned. "Samma" has also targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah alleging that both wants another partition based on

- Shiv Sena Hindu and Muslim population.

While earlier Shah used to say that all illegal migrants will be driven away, now the BJP has changed its stand. Whereas the Shiv Sena has been opposed to entry of illegal Bangladeshis in India, regardless of their religion from the day one and even today stands by the same. Even after scrappering article 370, to integrate Kashmir with India, Kashmiri pundits migrated elsewhere are unable to return to Kashmir. What the government wants to do about this situation? "Samma" has questioned.

Himanta irks at anti-CAB protest on walls

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Guwahati, Dec. 9,

Assam finance minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday questioned about the emotions behind writing anti-CAB slogans across the freshly painted walls in Guwahati. The city has been given a new look with fresh coats of paint on walls, road dividers and pavement railings ahead of the Indo-Japan Summit on December 15 next. Moreover, the State

Government is leaving no stone unturned to ensure that the city is thoroughly decked up ahead of the Indo-Japan Summit through the massive clean-up and beautification drive that is still underway. Himanta on Monday shared a few pictures on his Twitter handle which showed anti-CAB slogans such as 'No CAB', 'Oppose CAB' written across the freshly painted walls of Guwahati. He also asked whether these slogans were written

out of 'demonic joy' or 'democratic protest'. Himanta tweeted: 'Demonic joy or democratic protest? Snapshots of anti-CAB slogans across freshly painted walls of Guwahati.' It may be mentioned that raging protests have been going on across the nation against the controversial bill that proposes to grant Indian citizenship to non-Muslim refugees from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan.