

CAB not tabled at RS due to ruckus in the house; House adjourned till 11 am tomorrow

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The contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016, which has been listed in the revise list of business for Rajya Sabha to be tabled by the Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh today could not be tabled due to ruckus in the parliament over issues where Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav was not allowed to attend a meeting at Up by the Chief Minister Aditya Nath Yogi. Without presenting the Bill which is burning the entire states of North India, Rajya Sabha adjourned till 11 am tomorrow after the ruckus.

Rajya Sabha chairman Venkaiah Naidu today urged members to let the House function smoothly. His appeal came following yesterday's disruptions that led to adjournment of the House for the day when the Congress MPs walked up to the well to protest.

Meanwhile, members of the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) led by CWP leader Okram Ibobi and CLC member Gaikhangam, who is also the president of the MPCC along with other MLAs today stage a protest demonstration at Jantar Mantar New Delhi. Spokesperson of the MPCC Kh Joykishan while talking to this reporter said that even though the contentious CAB Bill has not been present today there is still possibility that it may be presented tomorrow. "The Congress Party has issued Whip to all the RS MPs of the Congress and the congress will move every steps to block the Bill from getting passage in the Rajya Sabha", Joykishan said.

He further said that the congress MLAs will continue the sit-in-protest at Jantar Mantar tomorrow as they might present the Bill tomorrow. He also said that

HM says, matters about CAB clarified to CMs

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Home minister Rajnath Singh today said various provisions of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2019 have been clarified to political leaders from North Eastern states including some chief ministers. In a written statement in Lok Sabha, Mr Singh said the Bill was passed by Lok Sabha in the Winter Session of Parliament. Mr Singh said the central government has apprised the representatives of North Eastern states of the steps that have been taken to preserve the cultural, social and linguistic identity and heritage of people of North East. Mr. Singh added that it is with this intent that a high level committee is constituted to examine effectiveness of actions taken since 1985 for improving financial resources and administrative powers of Autonomous district councils of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura.

there is also possibility that the RS session extends till Feb 15. Joykishan however did not confirm that matter about extension of the session.

Meanwhile, BJD of the Orissa had assured to oppose the Bill to Akhil Gogoi team which has been campaigning against the passing of the Bill tooth and nail.

When the congress party held protest at Delhi, people across the state also stage protest at many part of the state. Till the filing of this story police resorted action against protesters at Singjamei and Kwakeithel area. Sounds of firing tear gas shells and mock bombs fill the air of Imphal.



District administration imposes indefinite curfew; prohibit transmission of CAB agitation on Cable TV; data internet service shuts

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District administration of Imphal West has imposed indefinite curfew in Imphal West and Imphal East district in the wake of the series of mass agitation being underway in the two districts in protest against the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill 2018. The district administration has also issued order to stop broadcasting of peoples' agitation against Citizenship Amendment Bill in local cable TV channels. Internet Data Service has also been down since last midnight even though no notification regarding the ban has been made available to media houses. But source said that the data internet service providers has been asked to

shut down until the impasse continues.

As per order issued by the district administrators of both Imphal East and Imphal West the prohibitory order is being issued under Section 144 of the CrPC as there is an apprehension of serious breach of peace, disturbances to the public tranquility and grave danger to human lives and properties in the area due to the situation arising out of the intense agitation launched by various Civil Society Organisations under the banner of Manipur People Against Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 (MANPAC) and People Alliance Manipur (PAM) against the passing of the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016.

In another order issued by the District Magistrate Imphal

West, broadcasting or retransmission of agitation / protest of any form, inflammatory speech or public discourse that may incite to violence, or any programme which may lead to breach of public peace and tranquility in the interest of the general public by local cable TV channel has been prohibited under Section 19 of the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1995.

The order means that the two popular local cable TV network - ISTV and the IMPACT TV will have to stop broadcasting discussion on issues of CAB at the same time any protest of agitation against the CAB bill at the street of Imphal could not be transmitted.

Section 19 in the Cable Television Networks

(Regulation) Act, 1995 conferred Power to prohibit transmission of certain programmes in public interest to the District Administration. If in case the authority thinks it necessary or expedient so to do in the public interest, he may, by order, prohibit any cable operator from transmitting or re-transmitting any programme or channel if, it is not in conformity with the prescribed programme code referred to in section 5 and advertisement code referred to in section 6 or if it is likely to promote, on grounds of religion, race, language, caste or community or any other ground whatsoever, disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious, racial, linguistic or regional groups or castes or communities or which is likely to disturb the public tranquility.

Turmoil continues; life paralysed as curfew imposed but there is no let up in protest against CAB in Manipur

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Manipur continues to reel under serious turmoil as there were no let up in the protest against the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016. Normal life was completely paralysed as district administration of Imphal West as well as Imphal East clamped indefinite curfew but protest of various kind was witnessed by the people at various places of the state including at Imphal by violating the curfew. At Khumbong area under Lamsang police station large number anti CAB protesters confronted police team who tried to stop them. A samarendro, a former journalist and a local leader was reportedly assaulted inhumanly by a police personnel.

People Alliance of Manipur (PAM) and Manipur Peoples Against CAB (MANCAB) has been spearheading the peoples' movement against the passing of the CAB. At Kiyamgei Pal Ahnbi, male protesters numbering around 100 pull down there pant and showed their bump at the temporary office of BJP

Manipur Pradesh at Kiyamgei showing their anger to the BJP for pushing to pass the CAB. Speaking to the media person one of the protestor, who identified himself as Sanajaoba said that the protest is against the BJP's genocide mission to the people of the region.

"Cut our private parts so that there will be no further offspring of the indigenous people in future", shouted the protesters terming that CAB is no different from killing the indigenous people of the state. At many places of the state various protesters in every nook and corner of the state blocked roads, staged sit-in-protest, organised rallies and burnt effigies of PM and CM. Mass protest was also organised at Thoubal District from dawn by blocking National Highway No.2 prohibiting passersby except essential services. Women folks stayed the whole night. In morning around 10:30 A.M, people blocks the road and burns the effigies of PM and CM at Thoubal market and Wanging.

Earlier student of Manipur University organised a Candle light protest against the contentious CAB.



Curfew fails to stop peoples' movement- PAM

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Peoples Alliance Manipur (PAM) today said that people of the state today defy the curfew imposed by the district administration and stage various form of protest at many part of the states particularly in the area where curfew is being imposed. "People at various part of the state particularly in Imphal West and Imphal East where the curfew is being imposed came out and dare tear gas and mock bomb of the police which tried to stop them from staging protest", a convener of PAM talking to Imphal Times said. He said that protesters came

out since early morning to stage protest. Terming today's protest as the mass success of the people of the state the Pam convener said that there has been no record in the history of the world where the peoples' movement could be suppressed.

The PAM convener further appealed the people to continue the protest and said that PAM will also keep continuing the protest along with the people. The PAM convener said that even as the Bill cannot be table today at the Rajya Sabha due to ruckus in the house, there is still possibility that the Bill be table tomorrow as the house will start from 11 am tomorrow.

CAB, 2016 itself is a tool for invasion, marginalisation, colonisation and annexation

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All Tribal Rights' Protection Forum Manipur [ATRPFM] has vehemently oppose the passing and enforcement of CAB, 2016.

In a statement the forum said that India should first secured the rights of the citizens of India before looking beyond its boundaries. The Human Rights Watch, in its World Report, New York, January 18, 2018, it has explicitly referenced that the Indian government neglected to stop or solidly research vigilante assaults against minority religious groups during 2017. Many senior leaders of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) freely promoted Hindu supremacy and ultranationalism to the detriment of basic rights for all Indians. Fanatic Hindu gatherings, many professing to be associated with the ruling BJP,

carried out various attacks against Muslims, Christians and other minorities in the name of religion which is against the spirit of secularism and basic structure of the Constitution is being defeated. Extremist Hindu groups, many claiming to be affiliated with the ruling BJP, committed many assaults against Christians and other minority communities and instead of taking prompt legal action against the attackers, police frequently filed complaints against the victims. There were somewhere around 38 such assaults in 2017, and 10 individuals were murdered, the report said.

Hence, it is shameful and hypocritical on the part of India to rehabilitate minorities from outside the country without securing the rights of the minorities in India, the statement added.

Members of civil society and religious minorities in India

were concerned over minority communities feeling "increasingly vulnerable" due to Hindu nationalist groups engaging in violence against non-Hindu individuals and their places of worship. It shall be noted that indigenous people from North East Region, Dalits, Muslims, and Christians were feeling increasingly insecure in India. Under such circumstances, the action and inaction of the Indian Government to grand citizenships to illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan automatically choose NE region as their residents. That will certainly affects the distinct history, identity, race, culture, religion, topography, language etc would be invaded and the indigenous minority people of the NE region would be wiped out from their own land. Thus, CAB, 2016 itself is a tool for invasion, marginalisation, colonisation and annexation of land, property and life of the small indigenous NE people. Accordingly, All Tribal Rights' Protection Forum Manipur [ATRPFM] vehemently oppose the passing and enforcing the CAB, 2016.

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population. The cities in other parts of the country are already congested and if the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 become an Act, the illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan automatically choose NE region as their residents. That will certainly affects the distinct history, identity, race, culture, religion, topography, language etc would be invaded and the indigenous minority people of the NE region would be wiped out from their own land. Thus, CAB, 2016 itself is a tool for invasion, marginalisation, colonisation and annexation of land, property and life of the small indigenous NE people. Accordingly, All Tribal Rights' Protection Forum Manipur [ATRPFM] vehemently oppose the passing and enforcing the CAB, 2016.