

Editorial

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ST demand: Is this a consensus decision for all Meitei Meetei

The demand for scheduled Tribe status for Meetei/Meitei people might have been considered as legitimate for those supporting it. But for many the demand is a threat to the 2000 plus history of the erstwhile Asiatic Kingdom. It is not about being superior or not it is about protecting the status of the erstwhile nation. Misinterpreting the idea of opposing the demand by some self proclaimed intellectuals or in other words intellectual of the Indian system is a hurdle to the stand of the people. Every person from rich to poor, illiterate to literate knows the benefit provided to the Scheduled Tribe community and including in the list of Schedule Tribe will also give the similar facilities. People across the state particularly among the Meitei/Meetei people know that the Meitei / Meetei Community are now at a very critical stage. The apprehension of the land being occupied by the outsiders, the divide among the various ethnic community of the state and so on, are some of the worrisome issues. Will the demand for the ST for Meitei or Meetei community help in protecting the erstwhile nation, which has been a home of multiple ethnic community, Imphal Times journalist, Sh Ajit Singh, at one of his write up published yesterday in this newspaper also question the same by presenting a complete picture of the threat perception to the erstwhile Asiatic kingdom due to the issue of the NSCN-IM. In his write up it was also question whether the demand for the ST for Meetei/Meitei is a consensus demand for all the Meitei/Meetei community.

Well, It is a known fact that, before the merger of the erstwhile kingdom Manipur, to the Indian Union in 15 October, 1949, after the signing of the controversial merger agreement with the dominant of India in September 21, 1949, Manipur was then a sovereign nation having its own constitution. It is also a fact that meitei are the majority community and since the time there were very small communities whose status was not that good as compare with the then ruling community. These whole of the smaller ethnic communities are really backward that the state has to give some kind of status to improve their situation to compete with the major community.

But after Manipur was merged to the dominion of India (or say annexation) the so call majority meitei become a mere minority group when compare with those of the people of the mainland Indian community. Being an erstwhile kingdom with organised set up all the administration the meiteis are somewhat superior. But the influx of the illegal or legal migrants from the mainland has given a threat to this people.

When the valley region which is a home of all the Manipuri communities has been dominated by these so called illegal or legal migrants, there is definitely a threat to the cultural, social and economic condition of the state as a whole. It is considered that if the identity of meitei is protected all the other Manipuri communities like those under the Kuki, Naga, Zou, Paite, Hmar, Meitei Pangal can be protected.

Surprisingly the issue which should be supported by whole community has been somehow distorted with the idea of converting the whole meitei into ST status. This idea may be easy process but, the idea will definitely sabotage the healthy relationship between the Meetei and other ST communities. It is to be reminded only few among this STs have managed to come up but 95 percent of the STs need to be supported. Let the ST issue be never brought up at this crucial hour or people need to think why the matter which may incite anger between the ST people and Meetei community should be raise.

During pre World War II (Colonial period), we have learnt that there were freer trade between colonies and their coloniser (intra trade). Most of the colonisers from Europe built their isolated empires taking the advantage of these intra trade systems. However, since the end of the World War II, such restricted trade among nations got collapsed. Erstwhile trade rules framed by colonisers were completely obsolete as compared to new trade rules during post war period. Establishment of GATT ensures freer trade among the nations across the globe irrespective of level of respective participation of member nations. However article XXIV of GATT provides grant of establishing for regional trading partners without bypassing international trade. Under this article regional trading agreements flourished in Europe in late 1950s. In similar objective in North America also, NAFTA was formed. Contrary to restricted trade during pre WWII, these trading partners provided flexible tariff among the members. It never undermines international trade of such members with the rest of the world. Till today, it is officially reported that many successful regional trading partners mushroom across all the continents as well as inter-continents. Through this trading partners, many countries expertise in technological innovation that is termed as "Flying Geese Approach". South Korea, and Japan expertise in the manufacture of vehicles and electric machines

through this above mentioned approach when they form trading partners with USA. Similarly, many South East Asian countries including China started globalisation of their economies since late 1970s. As a part of globalisation, many manufacturing companies started opening their overseas branches in these countries. The economic factors behind shifting of manufacturing companies are such that it reduces huge transport cost; it obtains economies of scale since wage in these countries are comparatively low; and huge market potential in these countries. Driven by these factors, many companies from USA, and Western Europe started shifting their production plants to these countries especially in China. These western based companies import such manufactured goods to their home country and still find economies of scale due to low cost incurred to wage and free import tariff. For an example, USA has relied its demand on imported pharmaceutical drugs which are manufactured by its companies in China taking advantages of cheap labour. Imports from China has increased in multiple fold since the later joined WTO in 2001 and USA has promised free tariff on the goods if China signed WTO frameworks. However, there are always pros and cons of such free trade policies and clearly surfaced in European Union (EU) since the wake of 2000s. Ominous

phenomenon of free trade varies depending on the level of development of a country. Less developed Eastern EU countries experienced more agrarian oriented development where countries specialised in agricultural production and moved away from manufacturing of engineering goods according to articles. Wage level in pre EU is reportedly higher as compared to wage level during post EU era and huge numbers of skilled labours are found migrated to Western EU countries. Among the developed EU countries also, there is always threat of cheap labours to high waged local labours. That is the reason why Britain voted for BREXIT in their referendum. One of the fear factors against the globalised super nation is financial austerity which has been faced by many EU nations that poses U-turn from globalised to restricted world. At present, USA is revoking protocols of free trade to restricted trade and it covers not only its trade partners like China but also its partners of NAFTA (Mexico and Canada). The reasons why USA pursues this stringent actions are such that it has been facing severe financial debt; its manufacturing companies have been shifting plants to other countries; and there is growing threat of unemployment in it. Recently, USA levy 30% of import tariff on those goods imported from China and the later also retaliated with

similar tariff levels on goods imported from the former. However, the big question is, would this action bring its companies back to USA again. Many economists opine that companies will not come back to home instead they may shift their plants to the countries friendly to USA. Aftermath reaction of shifting these plants to China is that Chinese companies acquire technological knowhow through Flying Geese Approach. These companies had apocalypse since long back and nurtured their own innovations. That's why they have their patents in many electronic items and the visible example is introduction of Huawei, the 5G network with its own android operating system which is going to be exported to many countries in the world. Chinese local firms start export of its own manufactured goods (which is copied first from USA firms and innovated with additional technologies) through its Belt and Road Initiatives. Highest incidences of such trade war between USA and China will be borne by their on consumers where consumers' surplus will be robbed away by their governments in the form of tariff revenue. Hence, the present world is experiencing restricted trade system which had witnessed a century ago. This yields in restricted trade blocks where there will be free exchange of goods and technologies among the partners. Moreover, it will lead to regional economic power then multi polar world where there will be competitive edges in all respects.

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MP Dr. R.K. Ranjan stresses media's role in achieving government's developmental initiatives

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Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Imphal organised a one-day media workshop "Vartalap" on the theme 'How to make our cities better' at the conference hall of Hotel Classic in Imphal, today.

The workshop was inaugurated by Director MAHUD, Harikumar, who lighted the inaugural lamp of the workshop in presence of Director PIB, Imphal Shri Abhishek Dayal, and other dignitaries.

In the morning session, four resources persons namely,

Harikumar, Director (MAHUD), Smt. Y. Narmada Devi, State Mission Director, Town Planning Department, S M. Manas Singh, Associate Town Planner gave a power point presentation on Smart City Mission, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transportation (AMRUT) and also Smt. N. Sabita, expert on Gandhian Thought delivered a speech on the subject and Gandhi's message for upliftment of masses. The afternoon session was graced by Member of Parliament, (Lok Sabha) Dr. R.K. Ranjan Singh and Director General of NEZ, PIB Shri LR Vishwanath as Chief Guest and Guest of honour respectively.

In his speech MP Dr Rk Ranjan stated that media persons has a great role to play in dissemination of information pertaining to the implementation of different government schemes and policies. He also urged upon the media persons to take the role of vigilant to achieve the goal of development and making Imphal a Smart City Mission. "There is a great role to be played by media in the development of the capital city into a modern smart city. Please do inseminate the initiatives being taken up by the government for the welfare and development of the state, and the capital city," he said. While highlighting the initiatives of the government, media also need to have a close vigilant the implementing processes so as to point the flaws so as to give the government a chance to rectify the flaws. At the same time, media also need to highlight the unwanted in the way of development like making the city neat and clean like people dumping waste at improper places. It will able to create awareness to the people that their role is also indispensable in the government initiative of keeping

the place neat and clean. Only the media can create a sense of belongingness among the masses, he added. MP said that while planning Smart City, problems of garbage and drainage management are faced. All citizens should involves ourselves in cleaning and keeping our city clean. He urges the media persons to be vigilant and take photograph of those who throw garbage on the road and get it published, so that such thing won't happen again. Only then, people oriented city could be created he observed and also expressed his desire that a media persons should act as vigilance and make aware of the government projects and schemes being implemented by the government. He appealed to the media personals to educate and make awareness to the general public to achieve a good future and bright Imphal city. He also urges the media persons rather than simply reporting, to go for investigative reporting of all the developmental projects and facilities including PDS and DBT provided by the present govt. so that it can be known whether it reached to the needy people or delivered to the public, he added.

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ASSAM SCHEDULE VIII FROM No. 160
High Court Criminal Process No. 4
PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE
OF A PERSON ACCUSED
No. IV Scheduled V Act V 1898
(Section 87 of the code of Criminal Procedure)

(1) Name description and address	whereas complaint has been made before me that (1) Md. Azad Khan S/o Lt. Houba Khan of Moijing P.S & Dist. Thoubal Manipur
(2) Has committed on is suspected to have committed	2) the offence of U/S-379 IPC punishable under Section to Indian penal code and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest
(3) Name	thereupon issued that the said (3) Accused cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said (4)
(4) Have absconded or is in concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant	Have absconded or is in concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant Proclamation is hereby made that the said (4) Accused
(5) Place of before (6)	is to appear at (5) the Chief Judicial Magistrate K/A, Diphu
(6) This Court or	answer the said complain on the 20.09.19dat of Dated 19.07.19 day of 20

Forwarded to SP Thoubal Manipur
C.J.M.
Karbi Anglong Diphu (Assam)

Name changed

I, the undersigned, Irengbam Monisha Devi, wife of Sorokhaibam Bhothen Singh, a resident of Pangei Khundrakpam do hereby declare that I have abandoned, relinquished and renounced the use of my old name Irengbam Monisha as I have assumed by new name Irengbam Monisha Devi.

Sd/-
Irengbam Monisha Devi
W/o Sorokhaibam Bhothen Singh,
Pangei Khundrakpam

RC Book lost

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I have lost the Registration certificate of my Motor Car (LMV), Maruti Swift ZAI+ Model, Manufacture by Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. Having registration No. MN01AG0341 (Chassis No. MBHCZC63SDJXXXXX; Engine No. K12MN72XXXXX) on the way between Singjamei to Paona Bazar in Imphal West district on September 10, 2019.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/- Priyanka Adhikari
Brahmapur Bheigyabati Leikai
Contact No. #+91 87948 99635

Mark Sheet & Certificate lost

I, the undersigned, Mayengbam Keshorimohon, do have declared that, I have lost my original certificate and Mark Sheet for my High School Leaving Certificate Examination issued by BOSEM bearing Roll No. 170 of 1980 (date of Birth 1/3/62) on the way between Keishamthong to Babupara on September 8, 2019.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Mayengbam Keshorimohon
Son of Mayengbam Tomba

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