

Lack of discipline leads to spike in COVID cases: CM

IT News

Imphal, June 13:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh visited the new COVID Care Centre opened at UNACCO School, Meitram in Imphal West District today. He was briefed by Health Services Director Dr. K. Rajo and other officials outside the containment boundary of the Centre.

Speaking to media persons, N. Biren Singh observed that lack of discipline among inmates and violation of safety guidelines are the main reasons for the rise of COVID-19 cases in the State. Stating that mischievous inmates would be put behind bars, the Chief Minister said that eight inmates had already been jailed so far.

The Chief Minister further stated that it was encouraging that MLAs, CSOs and



many student bodies have been actively involving in imparting awareness to the inmates of Quarantine Centres so that they may under-

stand the gravity of the situation and realize the importance of maintaining safety guidelines.

N. Biren Singh further

said that around 48 patients are being treated in the new COVID Care Centre and the Government is considering to increase the number of beds

from 100 to 300. The Chief Minister further informed that necessary manpower has been deputed at the Centre for proper care and treatment of patients. Meanwhile, recovery rate of patients is also increasing, he added.

Stating that RIMS would not admit new COVID-19 patients now, the Chief Minister said that it would be kept as a general hospital while COVID-19 cases would be treated only in JNIMS, COVID Care Centre, Meitram and some district hospitals.

Advisor to CM K. Leishiyu, MLA Kshetrigao ACN. Indrajit, MLA Naoriya Pakhanglakpa AC S. Subashchandra, Health Services Director Dr. K. Rajo and other officials also accompanied the Chief Minister during the inspection.

Manipur COVID-19 updates: Total tally climbs to 419

IT News

Imphal, June 13:

In Manipur, atleast 34 new cases have been reported, taking the total number of cases in the state to 419.

According to reports, out of 34 new cases, 21 cases were reported from Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) and 13 new cases were detected in Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS).

Out of 649 samples tested in JNIMS, 21 came out positive, while out of 454 samples tested in RIMS, 13 were positive.

The active cases in the state stand at 330, while the total number of recovered cases is 89.

No deaths have been reported in the state so far.

Six inebriated inmates of a quarantine centre, who tried to manhandle volunteers in the Bishnupur district, were sent to the Central Jail Sajiwa and there has been no fresh trouble there.

Chief Minister N. Biren, who also holds the Home portfolio, said those who violate the regulations will be sent to the jail. The volunteers also threatened that they would quit service if go home if the trouble-makers were not imprisoned.

DC announces SK College as containment zone

IT News

Imphal, June 13:

The Bishnupur district administration has announced the premises of SK Women College Nambol as containment zone after 4 (four) inmates have been tested with novel Coronavirus.

An order in the connection has been issued by DC of Bishnupur district Neeta Arambam under para 12 of the Manipur Epidemic Disease Control-19 Regulations 2020.

Mentioned may be made that the quarantine center at SK Women College was on news after some inmates were sent to prison for misbehaving to the volunteers yesterday. MLA of Nambol Assembly constituency personally visited the center after a video of scuffled between some inmates and volunteers at Social media.

NCC conducts annual prize distribution ceremony

IT News

Imphal, June 13:

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony for cadets who have received CWS Best Cadet Award and NCC CWS Scholarship, was organised in NCC Gp HQ, Imphal on 12 June 2020.

There were total of 19 cadets who received various awards. Brig RS Sethi, Gp Cdr, NCC Gp HQ, Imphal presented the cheques to the winners.

NCC CWS Best Cadet Award is given to cadets who excel in various NCC activities. Eligible cadets apply through their respective NCC Units. They are screened at various levels and thereafter DG NCC declare the cadets who make it in the merit list. NCC CWS Scholarship is purely based on academic performance and screening takes place similar to CWS Best Cadet Award.

CWS Best Cadet were awarded a cash incentive of Rs 4500/- each and the second Best cadets were awarded Rs 3500/- each. CWS Scholarship of Rs 6000/- each was awarded to 11 Cadets for meritorious students.

Some beneficiaries wrongly entered in PM KISAN list in Bishnupur district—Nodal Officer

IT News

Imphal, June 13:

Regarding the enrolment of ghost villagers in the PM-KISAN beneficiary list in some villages of Bishnupur district, Nodal Officer of PM-KISAN of Bishnupur district Pasanta Oinam in a clarification note said that some beneficiaries who belong to different districts are wrongly entered under the villages of Bishnupur district. The statement said that the wrong inclusion of beneficiaries from other district/villages is caused by the miss match of beneficiaries in the web portal as there are similar village names at different districts of our state. The Nodal officer also stated that the director of Agriculture Department will be requested to remove the wrongly entered beneficiaries from the web portal.

Meanwhile, the clarification fails to convince the vil-

lagers of Kwakshipai and Khoijuman Village. Talking to Imphal Times, a club member of Kwakshipai said that when name of villages are different and districts and block are required to filled in the form how could such a mistake be accepted without taking any action against the wrongdoers.

On the other hand, Zilla Parishad member of Khoijuman, while talking to Imphal Times said that the DC of Bishnupur district has convened a meeting on Monday with all Zilla Parishad members of the district and Pradhans. The issue will be deliberated and will demand appropriate against the wrongdoer, he said.

Mention may be made that each beneficiary of PM KISAN gets Rs. 6000 on installment basis per year. The beneficiaries are small and marginal farmers of the respective villages.

Health Ministry issues guidelines for offices to contain spread of Covid-19

Agency

New Delhi, June 13:

Health Ministry has issued guidelines for Offices on preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID-19. Only asymptomatic staff or visitors will be allowed. Their entry will be allowed if they are wearing mask. Mandatory sanitizer dispensers and thermal screening provisions at the entrance. There will be separate entry and exit for staff and visitors.

There should be specific marking with sufficient distance for queue management and social distancing norms. There should be proper crowd management in parking lots and outside the premises. There must be effective and frequent sanitation and also cleaning and regular disinfection. There must be safe disposal of face covers, masks, gloves etc. Poster, Standee and Audio Visual on Covid

Preventive Measures must be displayed at all times.

There must be airconditioning with temperature of 24 to 30 degree celsius and relative humidity of 40 to 70 per cent. There must be intake of fresh air and cross ventilation. It asked to avoid frontline work and take extra precaution for high-risk employees, such as older people and pregnant employees.

Health Ministry said, in religious places, footwear to be taken off inside own vehicle and touching of statues, idols, holy books is not allowed. Recorded devotional music to be played and choir or singing groups to be avoided. Shopping malls should take precautions while handling supplies and there must be thermal screening of staff for deliveries. Social Distancing is a must within and outside shops, elevators, cafes. Gaming areas and cinema halls to remain closed.

PM Modi to hold 6th meeting with States, UTs on June 16 and 17

Agency

New Delhi, June 13:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with the Chief Ministers of all States and Union territories on 16th and 17th of June at 3 P.M. He will interact with them through video conferencing.

On 16th June, the Prime Minister will interact with 21 States and Union Territories - Punjab, Assam, Kerala, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Goa, Manipur, Nagaland, Ladakh, Puducherry, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra, Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Sikkim and Lakshadweep.

Mr Modi will interact with 15 States and Union Territories - Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir,

Telangana and Odisha on the following day.

The meeting assumes significance in the wake of the rising number of Corona virus cases in the country. This will be the sixth meeting of the Prime Minister with the Chief Ministers since the announcement of nationwide lockdown in March. Currently, the country is under the fifth phase of the lockdown which entails much more relaxations than the previous ones. Under Unlock 1.0, the Centre and State Governments have eased several restrictions for the convenience of public and businesses to ensure that economic activities gather momentum.

Cabinet Secretary yesterday held a meeting with Chief Secretaries of all the states and advised them to focus on containment, testing and tracing, health infrastructure upgradation and community engagement for effective management of COVID-19.

2400 Indian stranded seafarers reach Mumbai

Our Correspondent

Mumbai, June 13:

Nearly 2400 Indian seafarers stranded on different ships and hotels abroad were brought to Mumbai by two cruise liners- "Celebrity Infinity" and "Anthem of the Seas" and were quarantined in hotels designated by the Maharashtra Government.

While the vessel "Celebrity Infinity" was anchored at the Mumbai Port on Friday, another vessel "Anthem of the Seas" reached Mumbai in the wee hours of Saturday morning. The vessel "Celebrity Infinity" is a passenger ship built in 2001 currently sailing under the flag of "Malta". The "Anthem of the Seas" is sailing under the flag of "Bahamas".

The "Celebrity Infinity" which came from Port of

Piraeus of Athens, Greece, brought in about 1500 seafarers, whereas "Anthem of the Seas" which arrived from the Port of Gibraltar (a seaport in the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar) brought in 924 seafarers.

Both the vessels comprised a sizable number of seafarers from Goa. The seafarers were received by Nicholas Almeida/ Adv. Godfrey Pimenta, Adv. Vivian D'Souza and Rita D'Sa representing the "Watchdog Foundation" and Adv. Tulip Brian Miranda, President, Bombay East Indian Association.

The swabs of the seafarers were being collected. The non-Goan seafarers will remain quarantined till such time they are allowed to proceed to their homes after they are issued the transit passes

for travel by road.

The Goan crew members will be allowed to proceed to Goa and will be quarantined as per the changed Standard Operating procedures (SOPs). As per the prevailing regulations, the natives of Goa are allowed free quarantine, while those from outside Goa are charged Rs 2500 per person.

Now these seafarers would be ready for "sign-on" (to enter into fresh contract) if the COVID-19 test is negative. In response to the seafarers' appeal on its COVID-19 module, the Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is tracking around 20,000 seafarers located in the Caribbean, Latin America, Spanish coast, Gulf of Mexico among other areas. Once clusters of seafarers are found in zones like the Caribbeans, they will

be evacuated through non-schedule commercial flights.

The seafarers are being evacuated as part of the ongoing "Vande Bharat Mission" for which MEA has received over 1,77,000 requests from Indian nationals stranded abroad, including from the stranded seafarers.

"We are aware of the difficulties that they are facing in the territorial waters of the United States, Suriname, and several other countries in the Western hemisphere. They will be evacuated in due process," an official said indicating that the window of evacuation is likely to last for the next three to four weeks.

Another batch of seafarers which reached Manila, Philippines, by P & O Cruise Ship "Pacific Dawn", on Saturday morning, will be coming to Mumbai by air.

Online survey for people undergoing quarantine launched

IT News

Imphal, June 13:

Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) has launched Online Survey for people undergoing Institutional Quarantine and Home Quarantine to assess the functioning of Quarantine Centres and other related administrations.

A statement by YFPHR said that the forum received various grievances from the returnees to our state from other Covid-19 Red Zones of India since the evacuation work stated by the Government of Manipur and further launching of the flight ser-

vices by the GoI during this peak hour of the outbreak.

The Link to the Online Survey will be available at our Facebook Page: Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights and also can reply the questions at our Email: youthforumhumanrights@gmail.com or Whatsapp us at +91 7085215248. The Online Survey will end on the 30th of June, 2020. We appeal all the comrades under the Institutional Quarantine Centres and those under Home Quarantine to provide their valuable inputs for betterment of the administration and functioning of the QC's for the future returnees.

★ Editorial

Need for empathy, understanding and responsibility

'Remember we are fighting the ailment, not the ailing' - an empathic reminder of how our response should be towards the returnees who are undergoing the mandatory quarantine period at various institutional and community centres across the state. Unfortunately, there has been increasing reports of mismanagement by the authorities running these centres as well as unwarranted actions by the inmates. There still are a lot of people who are evidently unaware of the purpose of such centres, and perhaps the level of awareness and sensitization amongst the public remains much to be improved. How would one otherwise explain the recent incidents of people in these quarantine centres venturing beyond the restricted area to meet their girlfriends and friends, of friends from the locality trying to sneak in things to the inmates not allowed within the centre as well as the inmates turning the centre into a place of revelry thereby putting themselves and others at risk of transmitting the virus? Given the present circumstances, it would not be an exaggeration to state that a lot of people who really matters have lost the plot, from those who are entrusted with organizing and arranging the centres to the returnees who are eagerly waiting for the moment when they can be with their family and friends in the safety of their homes. The single most important thing that can successfully stem the spread of the present contagion are understanding and empathy, and what should have been the easiest of prerequisites have turned out to be the most deficient traits.

It is such inexplicable thoughtlessness pervading the society that makes the act of a few worth mentioning, not to glorify the individuals but to try and make the significance of their actions known. After laying his profession on the line to help a returnee under quarantine to bade her last farewell to her departed father while observing the safety protocols to the letter, the SDO of Samulamlan under Saikot constituency of Churachandpur District has once again put humanity before everything else and made possible the transfer of a lady police employed with the CRPF outside Manipur who came back to the state on maternity leave and in her eighth month of pregnancy from the institutional quarantine centre to the community quarantine centre much closer to her home so that she can avail of help and assistance, given the advanced stage of her pregnancy while following the prescribed protocols. Such acts of understanding and empathy has shown once again that given the unprecedented nature of the present crisis, what really matters is the ability to go beyond the call of duty to try and find ways to bring solace and relief to people in need.

People who are coming back should be treated with sympathy and understanding and should be made to feel comfortable given the fear and uncertainty with which they have to spend their mandatory period in these quarantine centres. The inmates should also understand the pressure under which the authorities are operating in order to run these centres and take it upon themselves to follow the prescribed protocols so that the dreaded epidemic can be eradicated from the state and beyond. The biggest impediment to the whole effort to contain the epidemic still remains the mindset of a few returnees who are either expecting to be treated as guests of the state or are behaving like detainees. Everyone of us should understand that we all have a stake in taking up the fight against the pandemic, and our actions will determine the safety or otherwise, not only for ourselves but also for those who are near and dear to us.

Assembly Constituencies continue to lift PDS item

IT News
Imphal, June 13:

Several Assembly Constituencies (ACs) of the State continue to lift PDS items, specially rice, allocated for June 2020 from certain godowns located at various parts of the State. The lifted PDS items are for distribution to the beneficiaries of the ACs.

In Imphal West District, a total of 2,295.1 quintal of rice under National Food Security Act (NFSA) was lifted today. The lifted rice included 930.6 quintal for Sagolband AC and 1,364.5 quintal for Mayang Imphal AC. For the District all the ACs, except Patsoi, Konthoujam, Sekmai-Saitu and Wangoi, had completely lifted their allocated quantities of NFSA rice for June 2020.

There was lifting of 1,156.4 quintal of rice under NFSA for Chingai AC of Ukhrul District on 11th June, 2020 from FCI Godown, Ukhrul thereby completing lifting of its allocated quantity for the month of June, 2020.

Imphal East District had started lifting of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMKAY) rice for June 2020 with 1,670.5 quintal lifted today for its Khundrakpam AC. Nambol AC of Bishnupur District also lifted its allocated quantity of 1,752.40 quintal of PMKAY rice for June 2020 today.

It may be mentioned that the State Government had been taking up concerted efforts, by distributing PDS items to the residents of the State, to ensure availability of foodgrain during the ongoing lockdown.

Letters, Feedback and Suggestions to 'Imphal Times' can be sent to our e-mail : imphaltimes@gmail.com. For advertisement kindly contact: - 0385-3590330 (O). For time being readers can reach the office at Cell Phone No. 9862860745 for any purpose.

Protective Thinking: The Unwelcome Delimitation, Part-I

By: Pakinrichapbo, Advocate

The Union Government decision to set up Delimitation Commission 2020 to redraw the assembly and parliamentary constituencies of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland and Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has received a mixed reaction from these states and one union territory.

Several stake holders ranging from political parties in opposition to NGOs have openly stated their reason to oppose the delimitation exercise in their respective states primarily citing the issue of its timing and absence of accurate census. This article shall discuss why the delimitation exercise is not welcome by those who opposed it while at the same time it is welcomed by some stake holders, and why Central government wants to go ahead with delimitation in haste.

Opposition in Assam
Staunchly opposing delimitation exercise, Assam former Chief Minister, Tarun Gogoi, and other senior Congress leaders have mentioned that, While the next census will be carried out in 2021 what is the use of carrying the exercise now based on 2011 census. This is nothing but an attempt to divert from real issues.

Cited in the Economic Times (1st March 2020), the leader of the opposition party in the Assam Assembly, Debabrata Saikia argued that there is no change in the state. The National Register of Citizens exercise is yet to be

completed and there will be further complication due to delimitation.

Opposition in Manipur
Three time Chief Minister and present Congress Legislative Party (CLP) in Manipur, Okramllobi Singh, said, The Congress will never support the delimitation plan. It is also a bit confusing that the BJP-led coalition Government in Manipur has not spoken a word. He further explained that the government should not turn a blind eye to the inevitable fall out. He further added that his party will never support Central government to carry out delimitation move at a time when people are struggling amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Okram Joy, another veteran politician, also questioned Central government urgency to launch delimitation now when the government had frozen the 2011 Census and that there would not be delimitation until 2026 (Cited in The Hindu, 28th May 2020). He also stressed that due to 200% increase in the population of the hill district of Senapati and just 2 increase in Imphal valley, around four assembly constituency seats may be given to the hill districts and fears that valley districts will see a decrease in its assembly seats.

Opposition in the UT of J&K
With respect of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the situation seems chaotic as the reasons for oppositions to delimitation exercise vary from party to party. The National Conference (NC), whose three MPs including Farooq Abdullah were nominated as

members of the Delimitation Commission by Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla, on 28.05.2020, rejected the whole process on 29.05.2020. The NC stated that they will not participate in Jammu and Kashmir Delimitation Commission.

The NC spokesperson said participating in the Delimitation Commission will be tantamount to accepting the events of August 5, 2019, which the NC is unwilling to do. Whereas the Reconciliations, Returns & Rehabilitation of Migrants, a Delhi based-NGO of the Kashmiri Pandits, has urged the centre to stop the delimitation process in Jammu and Kashmir since 2011 census is used for the purpose which would keep the pandits out from the process. More than two lakhs Kashmiri pandits are not enrolled in the electoral roll of Kashmir. The NGO maintained that the delimitation should start after completing the domicile process of the Kashmiri Pandits to give appropriate figure of their population, especially for those who are enrolled in their respective parliamentary constituencies as specified in their domicile certificates.

Opposition in Nagaland
Unlike their counterparts, Nagaland reason for opposition the delimitation is quite unique in their own unique way (as the people in Nagaland generally consider themselves to be Unique). Several factors, which most Nagaland political parties as well as some tribal organizations took as their justification for their opposition to the delimitation exercise, are

worrisome as they reveal the old mentality of a tribalist. In other words, state actors appear more worried to see decrease in their district assembly constituencies that will no doubt reduce their share of fish and loaves post-delimitation. NNDPP, through its press statement dated 08.03.2020, pointed out the Naga political talk which, allegedly, is at its advanced stage of inking a final settlement, along with other reasons like tribal equity, dynamics of district representation, consultations with the apex tribal bodies, and mass based organizations, etc. as the reason for their opposition. Yet, these are not really the case here. Rather, what is really required in Nagaland at this point in time is political honesty from all political parties to prevent manipulation of electoral rolls and ensure the Census is accurate so that the Delimitation Commission can table a fair report upon which the government can act on the recommendations.

Certainly, the assertion of carrying out delimitation, even when notification is issued for 2021 census, to some reasonable degree sounds reasonable because delimitation based on past census of 2001 may not give the best approximation of the ground reality. On the other hand, however, the Naga PeoplesFront (NPF) and the Nagaland Unit of the Janata Dal United (JD-U) have welcomed the delimitation. Nevertheless, the true color of any political party will be revealed once the delimitation exercise starts.

Fourth delimitation in Manipur: An impact analysis

By : Prof. R.K. Narendra Singh

continued

In fact, a high population growth of a society or community has always attributing some demographic components like exceptional high fertility, low mortality, high influx, low educational level, low standard of living, and so on and so forth. Without these abnormal demographic behaviors, the population alone cannot go up on its own, and in other words, the population is the outcome of these components. However, in case of erstwhile subdivisions, nothing abnormal demographic components were noticed; and the patterns were more or less similar to other sub-divisions of the state then how was it happen? Whether was it a natural growth or exaggerated one made with vested interest? It might be being answered only through thorough technical analysis as it is an academic issue.

Finally, the Census Authority of India adjusted the figures of only three selective sub-divisions of Senapati district viz., Mao-Maram, Paomata and Purul out of the 9-controversial sub-divisions without proper recounting in its final Census Report 2001. It was just an eyeshaw. Interestingly, a figure of 96,670 was subtracted from the total population of 223,778 (provisional) and making final population (127,108) of the three, which sarcastically entailed the three sub-divisions have same decadal growth rate of 39.16% each. It established the fact that the final Census report of the three sub-divisions of Senapati district is not the exact population figures, rather highly negotiated and manipulated ones. Secondly, several series of final Census report of India 2001 of Manipur state excluded the population of the controversial three sub-divisions viz., Mao-Maram, Paomata and Purul of Senapati district. It is because of the fact that the adjusted figures could not be classified according to the census parameters considered like age, caste, religion, fertility, mortality, etc. Henceforth, the population of Manipur state reflected in Census 2001 is not the true population figure of the state. Further, while calculating entitlement of seats for the House of the people (Parliament) and the State Legislative Assembly, caste-wise population is one of the essential ingredients. Therefore, the delimitation exercises on the basis of false population figures and on the estimated caste-wise figures might certainly be violating the main objective of the Delimitation Commission of India that it maintains people proportionate political representation in policy making bodies like in the House of the people (Parliament) and in the State Legislative Assembly.

Table-2 deals with existing entitlement of seats for parliament and state assembly of Manipur since 1952. The maximum strength of the members in the Lok Sabha in the India Parliament would be 552 but at present strength are 543 members only. If the Delimitation Commission for the forthcoming delimitation in Manipur allowed to increase one seat (make 3) then it is likely to give the democratic rights to the voters of eight Assembly segments (seven in Thoubal district and one in Jiribam district) who have been denied the right to contest the Parliamentary elections. For this, first the Delimitation Act, 2002 needs to be amended which is next to impractical. On the other side of the coin, if the Delimitation Commission has followed strictly the provisions of the Delimitation Act, 2002, there is no chance of increase in Lok Sabha seat as it implies only readjust the division into territorial constituencies for Lok Sabha and State Assembly.

Table-3
Existing entitlement of seats in the House of the people (Parliament) & Assembly

Year	Status	Parliament			Assembly				
		Total no. of seat	Unreserved (inner)	Reserved (ST) (outer)	Total no. of seat	Unreserved (UR)	Reserved SC	Reserved ST	
1952	UT	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
1962	UT	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
1967	UT	2	1	1	30	21	-	9	-
1972	State	2	1	1	60	40	1	19	-
2002	State	2	1	1	60	40	1	19	-

Based on the 4th Delimitation Commission's Guidelines and Methodology the followings are the probable entitlement seats for Manipur State Assembly.

First, the entire Manipur State is divided into the entitlement seats i.e., 60 for Assembly and 2 for House of the People. Then the number is assigned for Unreserved and Reverse including SC and ST according to their population. Further, allocation of number of constituencies to each district is to be made based on the total population of the district divided by the average population per constituency and it comes 38,232 approximately per assembly constituency.

Table-4
Caste-wise probable entitlement assembly seats through delimitation, 2020

Caste	Population (2001)	Population composition (%)	Entitlement assembly seats	
			Fractions	Round off to
Un Reserved	1,365,610	59.53	35.71	36 (40)
ST	741,141+127,108* = 868,249	37.85	22.71	23 (19)
SC	60,037	2.61	1.57	1 (1)
Total	2,293,896	100	60	60 (60)

* Controversial adjusted population of Mao-Maram, Paomata & Purul.

† Figure within parenthesis indicates existing entitlement of seats.

Caste-wise distribution of probable entitlement assembly seats is calculated based on their population (shown in table-4). Exact figure of ST population of Manipur in 2001 is not available as Census final population total of Manipur classifying in terms of caste excluded population of Mao-Maram, Paomata and Purul. However the population of Senapati district including and excluding the three sub-divisions are 2,293,896 and 2,166,788 respectively and the discrepancy figure is certainly the population of the three sub-divisions i.e., 127,108. Again on the assumption that all the population in the three sub-divisions are ST, the caste-wise probable entitlement assembly seats is estimated, shown in table-4.

The UR/ General including all castes other than ST an SC has highest population composition (59.53%), followed by ST (37.85%) and lowest pertains to SC with a percentage of 2.61. The whole population is proportionately distributed into 60 assembly seats in terms of caste. It is observed that from the 3rd Delimitation (based on Census 1971) to the proposed 4th Delimitation (base on Census 2001), UR might be losing 4 seats, the same adding to ST while SC maintains the same existing entitlement seat that is one seat. The distribution is made in terms of district-wise, three valley seats go to its counterpart hill districts.

to be continued