

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:772
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DISPLACED REANG TRIBES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that thousands of people belonging to the Reang tribe in the North-Eastern States have been displaced from their native place;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to settle the Reang tribes in their native place?

Answer

MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. About 5000 Bru (Reang) families were displaced from Mizoram to Tripura during 1997-98 due to ethnic violence in Mizoram. Approximately 800 Bru (Reang) families have since been repatriated to Mizoram.

(c): Union Home Minister visited Mizoram on 4th – 5th April, 2012 to review the Bru repatriation. As a sequel to the Home Minister's visit, Government of Mizoram prepared 4th Phase of movement plan for repatriation of about 669 Bru (Reang) families in April/May, 2012. However, due to resistance and misinformation campaign by a section of Bru leaders, only 7 Bru families could be repatriated. Further, this Ministry has released grants-in-aid of Rs. 7.87 crore in June, 2012 to facilitate repatriation / rehabilitation efforts of the Government of Mizoram.

This Ministry is constantly following up with the State Governments of Mizoram and Tripura to prepare a fresh movement plan for early repatriation of the remaining Bru refugees from Tripura to Mizoram.