

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ECONOMIC BLOCKADE IN MANIPUR
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was an economic blockade in Manipur recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Kuki State Demand Committee (KSDC) had announced indefinite public blockade in all Kuki areas of Manipur w.e.f. February 24, 2013 but later decided to suspend the blockade w.e.f. February 28, 2013. Again, a 48-hour 'economic blockade, along National Highways in Manipur, called by the (KSDC) demanding initiation of early political dialogue, Commenced from 1700 hrs of July 9, 2013 and ended at 1700 hrs on July 11, 2013. The United Naga Council (UNC) has also announced a 3 days blockade from 11th August to 13th August, 2013 for their demand of a separate administration from the State Government of Manipur. No blockade related untoward incident has been noticed during the 'economic blockade'.

Escorts were provided for inter-state movement of vehicles and security forces deployed at strategic locations to ensure smooth flow of vehicular traffic.