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Title: Need to initiate action for repatriation of Bru (Reang) people, a minority ethnic tribe of Mizoram taken refuge in Tripura.

SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY (TRIPURA EAST): Madam, I would like to raise one very important humanitarian issue. There are more than 35,000 Reang people who are the residents of the Mamit district of Mizoram. Following an incident there, they had to desert their place and they have been sheltering now in the North Tripura District for the last 17 years. I hope the common people of Mizoram are also very apathetic that these people, their own people should go back to their own home. In the previous years, there have been a number of attempts from the Government of India, the Government of Mizoram and the Government of Tripura in this regard.

My request is that the Government of India should take a concrete initiative so that these people are repatriated and rehabilitated properly. Before that, some initiative should be taken to have a meeting between the community leaders of Mizoram and the displaced people so that they could stay there in their home in Mizoram and settle there. The children of those displaced persons who were born in 1997-98 have grown to 17 to 18 years. Their names are also to be enrolled in the electoral rolls and they are also to be enrolled in the panchayat register. They should be provided with all facilities till such date that they can live up with their livelihood. This is my earnest request.

HON. SPEAKER:

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Md. Badaruddoza Khan are allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri Jitendra Chaudhury.