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Authorities in Mizoram have been pursuing a "policy of strong Arm Measures" towards those non-political organisations in Mizoram, which openly support the current peace efforts between the Central leaders and the M.N.F. leadership.

Because of this policy, hundreds of young Mizo students and several educated unemployed Mizo youths may soon be compelled to join the underground movements, thereby creating a very explosive situation in Mizoram.

If this unhealthy trend is allowed to continue, there is every possibility of emergence of unprecedented crisis, not only in Mizoram but throughout the North-Eastern States.

I, therefore, as one of the public representatives from the North-Eastern area, demand the following measures be taken by the Central leaders:

(a) Immediate independent on-the-spot inquiry by the Army in Mizoram into the excesses and atrocities committed on the peaceful Mizo students demonstrators by the Mizoram Police and C.R.P.F., ascertain the extent of physical disabilities of the injured students, and deterrent action against those found guilty.

(b) Adequate compensation by the Mizoram Government to those seriously injured students for their full rehabilitation.

(c) Central instructions to the authorities of Mizoram Government against the use of strong arm measures and suppressive policy in dealing with such non-political organisations like Mizo Students' Association, etc.

(xvii) NEED TO MAKE SANSKRIT A COMPULSORY LANGUAGE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL.

SHRI R. K. MHALGI (Thane): The Central Sanskrit Board has recently suggested that Sanskrit should be

made a compulsory language at the High School level and that it should be taught as a regional language or one of the elective subjects. The Board also passed a resolution in a meeting held under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and Culture, that Sanskrit should be made a compulsory language for one paper at the M. A. or other post graduate courses, especially in all Arts languages subjects.

It is easily overlooked in our country that Sanskrit is compulsory in a Muslim State like Afghanistan and that Sanskrit is more known to Germans than to Indians themselves.

I, therefore, urge upon the Minister of Education, Government of India, to take speedy steps to honour Sanskrit language with proper status in the educational field of India.

(xviii) NEED FOR EXPORT OF ONIONS

SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV (Alwar): Under 377, I make the statement:

The onion grower farmers of this country suffered huge losses due to abnormal fall in the prices of the onions during the last year i.e. 1980-81.

It is one of the agriculture produce which cannot be stored for a long period except its storage in cold storages. But in every village the facilities of cold storages are not available, and poor farmers cannot financially afford to store their onion-stocks in the cold storages. The farmers raise, loans to pay charges of onion seed, fertilizers, irrigation and labour-component, they are under pressure of pay-off the crop-loan or loan of money lenders just after the harvest of the crop. Thus the farmers being under financial pressure are being compelled to sell their crops at the time when that is harvested.

Onion growers of this country suffered a loss of at least Rs. 500/- per