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To

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Subject: Repatriation of Bru migrants from Tripura to Mizoram

Sir,

Please refer to the discussions we had on various issues relating to repatriation of Bru migrants from Tripura to Mizoram when you volunteered to discuss the outstanding issues relating to this matter with leaders of Bru Co-ordination Committee (BCC) and Mizoram Bru Displaced People's Forum (MBDPF). I am thankful that during your meeting with Bru leaders on the 29th Dec., 2010, BCC & MBDPF have since expressed their commitment to fully support and facilitate the repatriation process.

2. As clarified during our meeting on 04-01-2011, MHA has agreed to provide grants-in-aid to Government of Mizoram for providing following assistance to Bru migrants on their repatriation from Tripura to Mizoram :

- (I) Housing Assistance to each Bru family - Rs. 38,500/-
- (II) Cash Assistance to each Bru family - Rs. 41,500/-
- (III) Free Ration to each Adult and each minor Bru family members for one year.

(IV) Reimbursement of transportation cost incurred by Government of Mizoram on repatriation of Bru migrants from Tripura to Mizoram.

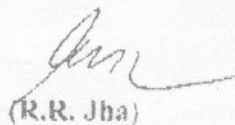
(V) Blankets and utensils to each Bru family.

3. Government of Mizoram has agreed to resettle the Bru migrants on their repatriation to Mizoram in identified villages of Western Belt of Mizoram as per tentative plan prepared by them. This issue has also been discussed by Bru leaders with the State Government in the past. A Special Development Project for Western Belt of Mizoram where Brus are to be resettled is also under consideration of State Government of Mizoram and Ministry of Development of North-East Region.

4. In case BCC / MBDPF propose to set up a mechanism for assisting the Govt. of Mizoram in preparation of schemes for self-employment of Brus in Mizoram, Ministry of Home Affairs would support such initiative. However, the financial assistance for implementing the schemes would have to be considered in consultation with Government of Mizoram and various Central Ministries / Departments administering such schemes.

5. Govt. of Mizoram has been advised to complete repatriation of Bru migrants so that the relief camps in Tripura could be closed early.

Yours sincerely,



(R.R. Jha)

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2. Bru Co-ordination Committee, Damdai Village, Mamit District, Mizoram.
3. Mizoram Bru Displaced People's Forum, Naisingpara Camp, Tripura (North Dist.), Tripura.