

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN NORTH EASTERN REGION SINCE 2014

I. Security Situation in North East :

❖ The security situation in the North Eastern (NE) States has improved substantially. The year 2020 recorded the lowest insurgency incidents during the last two decades. Compared to 2014, there has been 75% reduction in insurgency incidents in 2021. Similarly, in this period, Security Forces casualties have come down by 75% and Civilian deaths by 89%.

❖ The profile of violence in North Eastern Region as a whole since 2014 is given below :-

Years	Incident	Extremist killed	Extremist arrested	SFs killed	Civilians killed	Extremist surrendered	Arms surrendered	Arms recovered	Persons Kidnapped
2014	824	181	1934	20	212	291	151	1104	369
2015	574	149	1900	46	46	143	69	828	267
2016	484	87	1202	17	48	267	93	605	168
2017	308	57	995	12	37	130	27	405	102
2018	252	34	804	14	23	161	58	420	117
2019	223	12	936	04	21	158	67	312	108
2020	163	21	646	05	03	2,696	445	466	69
2021	209	40	686	08	23	1,473	471	367	94

❖ The States of Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura remained by and large peaceful. There is a marked improvement in security situation in other States of the region.

❖ In a surrender ceremony held on 23.1.2020 at Guwahati, 644 cadres of various outfits (viz. ULFA/I-50, National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB)-8, Kamtapur Liberation Organization (KLO)-6, Rava National Liberation Front-13, Communist Party of India/Maoist-1, National Santhal Liberation Army-87, Adivasi Dragon Fighter-178 and National Liberation Front of Bengali-301) surrendered their arms. A total of 177 arms, 52 grenades, 71 bombs, 3 rocket launchers, 306 detonators, 1.93 Kg explosive and 1686 rounds of ammunitions were deposited by them.

❖ 1040 Leaders/Cadres of various underground Karbi groups (KPLT, KLNLF, PDCK, UPLA and KLF) surrendered and a total of 338 weapons (AK Series-58, M16-11, LMG-4 and others- 265) and 11,203 live cartridges were deposited by them on 23.02.2021 at Guwahati.

❖ A total of 708 Underground Cadres of United Gorkha People Organisation (UGPO-169), Tiwa Liberation Army (TLA-77), Rabha National Liberation Front (RNLF-28), Adivasi

Dragon Fighter (ADF-61), United People's Revolutionary Front (UPRF-29), National Liberation Front of Bengali (NLFB-303) and National Santhal Liberation Army (NSLA-41) surrendered on 27.01.2022 at Guwahati (Assam) along with huge quantity of arms and ammunition.

- ❖ At present, entire State of Nagaland, Assam, Manipur (except Imphal Municipal area) and parts of Arunachal Pradesh (TCL districts and 2 police stations in Namsai district bordering Assam) are under Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA). Due to improved security situation, AFSPA was removed completely from the States of Tripura w.e.f. 22.05.2015 and Meghalaya w.e.f. 01.04.2018. It is noteworthy that AFSPA has not been extended for two Police Stations in Lower Dibang Valley and Lohit districts of Arunachal Pradesh w.e.f. 01.10.2021.
- ❖ A total of 16 insurgent organizations of NE States are declared "unlawful associations" and/or "terrorist organizations" under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.
- ❖ Central Government has approved Rs. 212.85 crore for strengthening/creation of police establishments, infrastructure development for 20 police stations in Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts of Arunachal Pradesh. Out of approved amount, Rs.95.25 Crore has been released to the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

II. Agreements/Accords :

- ❖ A Memorandum of Settlement with ANVC (Achik National Volunteer Council) and ANVC/B of Meghalaya was signed on 24.9.2014 and these groups dissolved themselves in December, 2014.
- ❖ In a significant development, a framework agreement was signed with NSCN/IM of Nagaland on 3.8.2015.
- ❖ A Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) between Government of India, Government of Tripura and National Liberation Front of Tripura led by Sh. Sabir Kumar Debbarma (NLFT/SD) was signed on 10.08.2019. As a result, 88 cadres surrendered with 44 arms in a surrender ceremony held on 13.08.2019. As per MoS, a Special Economic Development Package (SEDP) of Rs. 100 crores are to be provided to Govt. of Tripura by the GoI for overall development of tribals of Tripura. Out of Rs. 100 crores, Rs. 40 crores have already been released to Tripura in FY 2020-21.
- ❖ An Agreement was signed by Government of India, Government Tripura and Government of Mizoram with the representatives of Bru migrants on 16.01.2020 for permanent settlement of 6,959 Bru families (37,136 persons) in Tripura with a financial assistance/package of around Rs.661.00 crore. As per the Agreement, each resettled Bru family would be given 30x40 sq. ft. of land & Rs. 1.5 lakh for construction of house,

fixed deposit of Rs. 4 lakhs, Rs. 5,000/- cash assistance per month for two years and free ration for two years. The rehabilitation of Bru in Tripura is making steady progress. Out of total 19 identified locations, rehabilitation work is going on in a phased manner at 7 locations in three districts of Tripura. Till date, 2228 families (out of 6959 families) have been settled in 7 locations and 2231 families have been given HBA and 942 houses have been completed. All Bru beneficiaries are paid directly through DBT.

- ❖ A Memorandum of Settlement(MoS) was signed on 27.01.2020 between Government of India, Government of Assam and representatives of Bodo Groups to solve the long pending Bodo issue. Following the settlement, 1615 cadres of NDFB groups surrendered their arms on 30.1.2020. The NDFB groups disbanded themselves on 9th – 10th March, 2020. As per MoS, a Special Development Package(SDP) for 1500 crore (Rs. 750 crore by GoI (M/o DoNER) and Rs.750 crore by Govt. of Assam) will be provided for over a period of three years for overall development of Bodo areas in Assam.
- ❖ A Memorandum of Settlement was signed between Govt. of India, Govt. of Assam and underground Karbi groups (KLNLF, PDCK, UPLA, KPLT factions) of Assam on 4th September, 2021 at New Delhi to end the decades old crisis. With the signing of this agreement, over 1000 cadres of Karbi armed groups have abjured violence and joined the mainstream of society. A Special Development Package of Rs. 1000 crores over a period of five years will be given by the Central Government and Assam Government to undertake specific projects for the development of Karbi areas.

III. Others :

- ❖ Presidential Notification No. S.O. 3675(E) extending Special Marriage Act, 1954 (43 of 1954) to the State of Sikkim was issued on 9.10.2019.
- ❖ A team of officers has been constituted to study the border related conflicts in North-Eastern States vide MHA's Order dated 18.08.2020 comprising Officers of JS level of MHA and concerned State Governments. This team will visit the disputed areas/belts in the North-Eastern States and study the border related conflicts and submit their recommendations.
- ❖ A meeting was Chaired by Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation with Hon'ble Chief Ministers, Chief Secretaries and DsGP of NE States on 24.07.2021 at Shillong (Meghalaya) on various issues of NE States including security related matters. The meeting was also attended by Minister of DoNER and Tourism, Minister of Science and Technology & Earth Sciences, Union Home Secretary and other senior officers of MHA.

- ❖ A Committee of officers has been constituted under the Chairmanship of RG&CCI to review the application of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in the State of Nagaland vide MHA's Order dated 26.12.2021.
