

Repatriation of Bru Migrants from Tripura to Mizoram

Due to attack on minority Reang tribes by Mizo villagers, a number of Bru (Reang) families from Western Mizoram migrated to Northern Tripura from October 1997 onwards. The number of such Bru migrants who are sheltered in six relief camps set up in Kanchanpur District of Tripura is about 30,000 (5000 families).

The Ministry of Home Affairs have been extending grants-in-aid to the Government of Mizoram for rehabilitation/resettlement of Brus and to Government of Tripura for maintenance of Brus lodged in various relief camps. Grants in-aid of Rs. 9.96 crore and Rs. 7.86 crore was released in the year 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively to the Government of Mizoram for rehabilitation of Bru families. Further, Grants-in-aid of Rs. 29.35 crore and Rs. 6 crore (upto 31.12.2012) was released in 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively to Government of Tripura for maintenance of Brus lodged in various relief camps of Tripura.

As a result of regular follow-up by MHA with the Government of Mizoram and Tripura, the repatriation process of Bru (Reang) refugees started in November,2010 and continued up to May/June,2011 (in three batches). As a result, approx.. 800 families (about 4,000 members) have since been repatriated to Mizoram upto June,2011 which includes self-repatriation. This is in addition to repatriation of approx.. 459 Bru families displaced from Mizoram and Tripura due to fresh incidence of violence in November, 2009. Thereafter, further repatriation was stopped due to protest by certain Mizo NGOs demanding rehabilitation of around 83 Mizo families reportedly displaced from Sakhan Hills of North Tripura (where they were originally settled) by some Brus of Mizoram staying in Tripura. The displaced Mizos of Sakhan Hills of North Tripura were demanding adequate rehabilitation package in a similar manner as is being given to the displace Mizoram Brus.

The matter of Sakhan Mizos has been amicably resolved by disbursing a rehabilitation package of Rs.1.50 lakh, in July, 2012, to each of the 83 displaced Mizo families of Sakhan Hills of North Tripura. The State Government of Mizoram prepared a movement plan for repatriation of 669 Bru (Reang) families in the 4th Batch in April-May, 2012. Rs. 7.87 crore was released in June, 2012 as an advance for commencing the 4th phase of Bru repatriation. But, the repatriation did not take place as envisaged, due to resistance and mis-information campaign by some Bru leaders. As a result, only 7 (seven) Bru families could be repatriated back to Mizoram.

In view of the amicable settlement of the Sakhan Mizo issue, State Government of Mizoram & Tripura have been impressed upon to fix-up a new time frame for early completion of Bru process.

Year-wise details of expenditure/fund released for Rehabilitation Schemes(Grant-in-aid) in Mizoram & Tripura for Bru Migrants

No.	Years	For Tripura State	For Mizoram State
1	2005-06	11	05.00
2	2006-07	10.00	03.22
3	2007-08	12	00.16
4	2008-09	14.96	01.61
5	2009-10	31.60	05.00
6	2010-11	12.50	12.40
7	2011-12	29.35	Nil
8	2012-13	18.63	11.39
9	2013-14	Nil	Nil