Resettlement of Bru Migrants

1. Due to ethnic violence in the western part of Mizoram in October 1997, a large number of minority Bru (Reang) families migrated to North Tripura in 1997-1998. Approximately 30,000 (5,000 families) Bru migrants were given shelter in six relief camps set-up in Kanchanpur district of North Tripura.

2. Repatriation of Brus to Mizoram was started in 2010 and till 2014, approximately 1622 Bru families (8,573persons) were repatriated in six batches and resettled in Mizoram.

3. On 3rd July, 2018, an agreement was signed between Govt. of India, Govt. of Mizoram, Govt. of Tripura and Mizoram Bru Displaced People's Forum (MBDPF) for repatriation of 5,407 Bru families comprising 32,876 persons residing in temporary camps in Tripura. As a result, 328 families comprising of 1369 persons returned to Mizoram under the agreement upto 30.11.2019. There has been a sustained demand of Bru families that they may be settled down in Tripura, considering their apprehensions about their security.

4. Considering the demand of Bru families and in order to arrive at a permanent solution to long standing issue of rehabilitating the Bru families, a new 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.

5. 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 district 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.

Year-wise details of expenditure/fund released for Rehabilitation Schemes(Grant-in-aid) to Govt. of Mizoram & Govt. of Tripura for Bru Migrants since FY 2014-15 :-

Years	Tripura	(₹In crore) Mizoram
2015-16	30.00	5.00
2016-17	22.26	7.50
2017-18	25.14	16.50
2018-19	45.17	50.00
2019-20	28.38	100.00
2020-21	140.00	0
2021-22 (upto 31.01.2022)	83.00	0