

**GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
HOME DEPARTMENT**

P R E S S R E L E A S E

No.D.32020/20/2018-HM Dated Aizawl, the 4th May, 2023: The Government of Mizoram has expressed its deep concern over the recent incidents of violence in Manipur, and is also concerned about the safety and security of the ethnic Zo tribes – Zohnahthlak as a result of these unfortunate incidents.

On May 4, 2023, Mizoram Chief Minister Mr. Zoramthanga spoke to his counterpart, the Manipur Chief Minister Mr. N. Biren Singh to discuss these disturbing incidents and acts of violence in Manipur. The two leaders agreed to work together to address the situation and discussed ways to ensure the safety and security of the Zohnahthlak people and other tribal communities in Manipur, so that peace and harmony can once again prevail.

Following the discussions between the two Chief Ministers, the Mizoram and Manipur governments are expected to issue a joint statement to this effect . The Union Home Minister, Mr. Amit Shah, also spoke with Mr. Zoramthanga and assured him that the Central Paramilitary Forces would be deployed if necessary.

The Mizoram government calls for peace and harmony to be restored in Manipur. While expressing solidarity with the Zohnahthlak community, the Mizoram government appeals to all cross sections of society in Mizoram to work towards maintaining peace, and to do away with any such elements that may escalate or aggravate the present situation.

The Mizoram government assured the Meitei people living in Mizoram, of their safety and security and also called on them to engage in peace-building measures so that normalcy can once again be restored in the areas affected by the violence in Manipur. The Home Minister, Mizoram is closely monitoring the situation and developments so as to ensure that no untoward incidents occur in Mizoram.