

Outfits under UPF in Manipur

2283. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Zomi Revolutionary Organisation, with its Arm Wing ZRA along with other Tribals Outfits, have come together under United People's Front (UPF), based in Manipur, if so, the details of outfits under UPF;

(b) whether the UPF comes under suspension of operation (SoP) with Government of India since August, 2008;

(c) if so, the number of political talks held since then and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether interlocutor for smooth tri-partite talk involving State Government and Central Government would be appointed soon and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) Yes, Sir. The details of outfits under United People's Front (UPF) are as under:

- (i) Kuki National Front (KNF)
- (ii) United Kuki Liberation Front (UKLF)
- (iii) Zomi Revolutionary Army (ZRA)
- (iv) Hmar Peoples Conference/Democratic (HPC/D)
- (v) Zou Defence Volunteer – (ZDV-UPF)
- (vi) Zomi Reunification Front (ZRF)
- (vii) Kuki Revolutionary Army (Unification)-KRA(U)
- (viii) Kuki Revolutionary Front-(KRF)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no political talk with the Group.

(d) Appointment of an interlocutor is not under consideration at the moment.

Decline of Padma awards

†2284. DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the famous movie writer Salim has declined to accept Padma award;

(b) the number of persons who have declined to accept civil honours; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the concerned persons are asked before announcing their names for civil honours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) to (c) In accordance with the normal practice, willingness of the person proposed to be conferred Padma Awards is informally ascertained (to the extent possible) before the announcement of the Award. Five persons including Shri Salim Khan declined to accept the Padma Awards in 2015.

Strengthening the States

2285. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal for strengthening the States through more powers in conformity with the true federal character of the country;

(b) if so, whether any request has been received by the Centre recently; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) The Government is committed to fostering the spirit of cooperative federalism so that the Union and the State Governments come on a platform to forge a common national agenda for development. However, No specific proposal has been received in this regard.

Recruitment of SC/ST persons in CAPF

†2286. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the rank-wise, gender-wise and force-wise number of persons belonging to the category of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs);

(b) whether persons belonging to the category of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are recruited in very small number in the CAPF;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has recently launched any special drive for the recruitment of the persons belonging to the category of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in CAPFs; and

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