

Starvation deaths in Tripura's Bru refugee Camps

SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA (Tripura): Sir, two women and two children have died in Bru refugee relief camps in Tripura since 31st October. The agitating refugees are claiming that four persons have died due to shortage of food.

The refugees have been agitating near their Naisingpara relief camp in Tripura North districts seeking resumption of the ration supply to the camp inmates. The ration was stopped by the Government from 1st October, following their reluctance to go back to Mizoram. Over 37,000 Bru people had fled their homes in neighbouring Mizoram in 1997 following an ethnic strife and over 4,400 families are still lodged in six relief camps in Tripura. As the Centre stopped supply of food and cash dole, many of the camp inmates have suffered the most. Six persons died because of starvation. They were not treated before their death. Only one infant was taken to the hospital, where he died.

The Bru refugees fled from neighbouring Mizoram in 1997, following ethnic clashes with the majority Mizos and set up six camps in Kanchanpur and Panisagar sub-divisions in Northern Tripura.

The Centre signed a pact with Tripura and Mizoram Governments and the MBDPF, on 3rd July last year, for repatriation of over 5,000 families. The agreement promised ₹ 4 lakh as a fixed deposit, ₹ 5,000 for a period of two years, with ₹ 1.50 lakh for construction of house to each family after their repatriation.

I urge upon the Central Government to immediately look into the matter and provide them food.

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श्रीमती सरोजिनी हेम्ब्रम (ओडिशा): महोदय, नॉर्थ ओडिशा में रासगोविंदपुर एयरस्ट्रिप को विकसित करके उड़ान स्कीम में एक एयरपोर्ट निर्माण करने के बारे में ध्यानाकर्षण करना चाहती हूँ।

महोदय, उड़ान स्कीम के अंतर्गत सेकण्ड फ़ेज़ में ओडिशा के तीन शहरों को एयरपोर्ट निर्माण के लिए शामिल किया गया था, उनमें से Mayurbhanj जिले का Baripada भी शामिल था। रासगोविंदपुर एयरस्ट्रिप 11 हज़ार फ़ीट का एक कंक्रीट रन-वे है जो कि बेकार