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LIES

OF MR. NISHIKANT SAPAM,
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Meiteis Can Never Agree to Kuki Demand For Manipur Division—Meitei MLA Nishikant Sapam Who Backs BJP

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LIES#1

MLAs have taken oath to safeguard the integrity of Manipur.

FACT – The forms of Oath or Affirmation for Union Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of Council of States, Ministers of State, Members of State Legislature, etc., are available in the Third Schedule of the Constitution. The language used in the form of oath for Members of State Legislature at (VII)A is “.... I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of **India.**”

Nowhere it is mentioned about the integrity of Manipur. Please be informed that **Manipur does not have a separate Constitution** of its own. Your own oath-taking video is publicly available for reference.



LIES#2a

How can the Kuki-Zomi & associated tribal population, which was only 1% in Manipur in 1902 rise upto 29% in 2022 ?

FACT – There was no census in 1902.

1. Even if you are talking about the census of 1901, there was no proper state machinery to record the population in the Hills of Manipur. Even then, according to 1901 census, Manipur has a total population of **2,84,488, out of which 41,262 (14.50%) are Kuki-Zomi Tribes**. How can you believe that 1% of the population fought the mighty Britishers in 1917-19 – during the “Anglo-Kuki War of Independence” or “The ZoGal?”

Source: Registrar General & Census Commissioner, Government of India



LIES#2b

How can the Kuki-Zomi & associated tribal population, which was only 1% in Manipur in 1902 rise upto 29% in 2022 ?

FACT – There is no official census for 2022.

2. Even if you are talking about the census of 2021, this is yet to be released. As per Census of 2011, the total population of Manipur was 28,55,794. The tribal population was 11,67,422 and the Kuki-Zomi population (including Mizo, Hmar & other Zo ethnic tribes) was 4,48,214 which was only **15.69 % of Manipur**. Your concocted claim that Kuki-Zomi population in Manipur has risen to 29% in 2022 is without any merit.

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LIES#2c

How can the Kuki-Zomi & associated tribal population, which was only 1% in Manipur in 1902 rise upto 29% in 2022 ?

FACT – The population of the Kuki-Zomi & associated tribes' population is NOT influenced by the Myanmar refugees.

3. With regards to refugees from Myanmar as a result of political unrest, the number is in hundreds and these are not only from the Kuki-Zomi-Mizo-Hmar communities, but also from other ethnic groups including **Myanmarese Meiteis**. If there are huge number of illegal Myanmarese immigrants as claimed by you, who are they, and where are they? Why have the Government of Manipur not deported them to Myanmar?



LIES#3

Kuki-Zomis are into poppy plantation and drug business.

FACT – Unfortunately, due to the total failure of the Govt of Manipur in providing jobs, a small section of the Kuki-Zomi tribals have resorted to poppy cultivation for their livelihood. These are impoverished tribals with no influence, but the major actors are **Meitei merchants** with tight ties to the State machinery. As per data from Superintendent of Police, Narcotics & Border Affairs, Manipur, the no. of people arrested in Manipur drug cases, community-wise, during the year 2017- 2023 is **Meitei (incl Pangals) – 1464 cases** and **Kuki-Zomi – 873 cases**. Your allegations are loaded with hate for a certain community and are without merit.



LIES#4

Meiteis were Scheduled Tribes before merger with India

FACT – “Scheduled Tribe” is a constitutional term. The Constitution of India was adopted on 26th January 1950. **There was no Scheduled Tribe in India before 1950.**

The first notice on the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (C.O.22) was published on **June 6, 1950**. You may have confused yourselves with the sociological term of “Tribe” or “Tribal.”

Your comment reveals your ignorance and bigotry.



LIES#5

Kuki-Zomis get top bureaucratic jobs because of ST status.

FACT – Scheduled Tribe Quota in India is 7.5 % only.

The **Meiteis** can get into the **27% OBC** quota and **15% SC quota** in jobs under Government of India.

In Manipur, in addition to the unreserved category and other special categories, the **Meiteis get 17% OBC quota and 2% SC quota** reservation in state government jobs. Therefore, your claim of quota discrimination is totally unfounded and rife with greed, subjugation and oppression of the highest degree.



LIES#6

Churachandpur is named after our king Churachand Maharaj.

FACT – During the Anglo-Kuki War/ZoGal of 1917-19, the Kuki-Zomis resisted the British. In response, the British reorganized the Hill Areas administration, establishing three Sub-divisional headquarters: Soungpi, Ukhrul, and Tamenglong, with B.C. Gesper as SDO.

In 1921, B.C. Gesper organized a feast for war veterans of the Labour Corps. The Sub-Division was renamed Churachandpur in honor of the Meitei King who attended as "**guest of honour**." Despite protests, the Meitei Manipur Government has not addressed the demand to revert to the original name, Lamka.

The Hill Areas of Manipur **were never under the direct control of the Meitei Kings**, as the British administered them separately. Article 371C of the Constitution governs the administration of the Hill Areas. Hence, Manipur has two Members of Parliament representing **Inner Manipur for Meiteis** and **Outer Manipur for the Hill Areas**.