

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2777
TO BE ANSWERED ON - 08.08.2024

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST TRIBAL STUDENTS IN MANIPUR

2777 SHRI S VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the exam results of Kuki-Zo students from Manipur University are being revised after their protest against discrimination where many of them were even awarded zero marks initially;
- (b) whether the Ministry would intervene and advise the University Grants Commission (UGC) to constitute a committee to investigate the allegations of discrimination, harassment and oppression against the said students;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Ministry has taken up the issue of transfer of all Kuki-Zo students from Manipur University to other reputed State Universities with UGC and the Ministry of Education to ensure continuity of their academic career without a break; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) to (e) : The subject matter falls under the domain of the Ministry of Education. As per information provided by the M/o Education has stated that,

"Manipur University informed that an inadvertent error was committed in the Tabulation sheet which was subsequently reexamined and rectified. Accordingly, the revised result for the students including Kuki-Zo students has been published by the University.

Education falls under the concurrent list, and thus the Central and State Government both monitor and facilitate educational institutions. Manipur University has allowed students to attend classes and appear in the Online and/or Offline University examinations in any affiliated college of their choice within the State, as per the convenience of the students. The

University has been continuously providing best possible support in terms of uploading the class notes to the website of the university, sending study materials through email, making phone calls, conducting Google classrooms etc to all students who are not able to attend the University. Further, Manipur University has also allowed students to transfer credits from one affiliated college to another so as to make them enable to study in any college of their choice located in their district, within the State.

Further, Manipur University has informed that as per request received from some students, Manipur University, Imphal along with North Eastern Hill University, Shillong and Assam University, Silchar has devised a joint way forward to ensure continuity of the academic career of these students".