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To,
His Lordship the Chief Justice of India
Supreme Court of India
New Delhi- 110001

Subject: Request for independent and impartial benches of judges in the Manipur High Court in the conflict cases- Redg.

Lordship,

As you know there has been a long standing and unfortunate dispute between the Meitei's and Kuki's in the State of Manipur which erupted in long standing conflict where properties were destroyed and many tribals killed. Some of these cases are pending before the High Court at Manipur.

With a heavy heart we write this letter after experiencing a certain imbalance in the allocation of judges for the benches dealing with the Kuki cases. We hesitated to write this letter in the fear that that it may be understood wrongly. However, now, we are compelled to communicate to you because in case after case justices from the Meitei community are on the benches of the High Court dealing with highly contentious matters regarding these two communities, and justice is not being delivered.

If justice must not only be done but must be seen to be done as well, from our community we feel that it would be impossible to get justice if judges from the Meitei community are constantly dealing with legal matters relating to the conflict between the Meitei's and Kuki's. We have seen this in cases and therefore we now write with the request that in cases relating to the tribals no Meitei or Kuki judge should be put on the bench; rather since there are judges available who are neither Meitei's nor Kuki's our sentiments and experiences may be respected.

Kindly direct and take into consideration and ensure that judges who are neither Meitei nor Kuki be assigned our cases in the High Court as well as the Lower Courts.

We thank you for this consideration.

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