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The Kuki-Zo Council (KZC) calls upon the Government of India and the Government of Manipur to take immediate and concrete measures to address the growing administrative, humanitarian and security concerns confronting the Kuki-Zo people. The following demands require urgent attention:

1. Shortage of MCS/MPS and Medical Officers in Tengnoupal:

Adequate Manipur Civil Service (MCS), Manipur Police Service (MPS) and Medical Officers must be immediately deployed to Tengnoupal District to address its administrative, policing and healthcare requirements.

2. Shortage of Food and Essential Commodities:

Kuki-Zo communities in South West Sadar Hills (Kangpokpi), the Longpi area of Noney/Tamenglong, and the Chassad area of Kamjong are facing severe shortages of food and essential commodities due to the economic blockade imposed by the United Naga Council (UNC), which has reportedly resulted in supplies destined for Kuki-Zo areas being stopped or obstructed. The Government must take immediate measures to ensure the uninterrupted movement and availability of food, medicines and other essential supplies.

3. Economic Embargo in Kamjong District:

For the past six months, Kuki-Zo people in various parts of Kamjong district have been facing severe hardship due to an economic embargo and restrictions on movement from one village to another imposed by Naga communities in the district. These restrictions have severely affected the daily lives, livelihoods, access to essential commodities, and medical treatment of the Kuki-Zo people. Despite repeated appeals to the district administration to address the issue, no effective measures have been taken to alleviate their hardships.

4. Administrative Imbalance in Kana, Chandel:

The Kana area of Chandel district continues to face administrative disparities that adversely affect governance and public service delivery. The Government must establish a Sub-Divisional Office and Tribal Development Block in the Kana area to ensure effective administration and equitable development for the Kuki-Zo population.

5. Cold Storage Facility:

A functional cold-storage facility must be established immediately at Kangpokpi District Hospital for the proper preservation of mortal remains where required.

6. NIA Operations and Harassment of Civilians:

The KZC expresses serious concern over what it perceives as selective and

disproportionate NIA operations in Kuki-Zo areas. Innocent civilians are frequently summoned for questioning without adequate justification, while comparable or fewer operations appear to be conducted in Naga and Meitei areas. Such selective enforcement and unnecessary harassment must stop. Investigative agencies must act impartially, lawfully and without discrimination against any community.

7. Burial of Kuki-Zo Victims:

In view of the continuing killings allegedly involving cadres of NSCN-IM, ZUF-K and Naga Village Guards of Manipur, the mortal remains of Kuki-Zo victims shall not be buried until an appropriate and acceptable resolution is reached.

8. Reimposition of the President's Rule in Manipur:

The present State Government has failed to provide the Kuki-Zo people with adequate security and confidence for peaceful coexistence. **No Kuki-Zo civilian was killed during the recent President's Rule, whereas more than 24 have reportedly been killed in attacks involving Naga armed groups since the present State Government, headed by Shri Yumnam Khemchand Singh, assumed office.**

The Kuki-Zo Council therefore calls for the reimposition of President's Rule in Manipur for the safety, security and dignity of the Kuki-Zo.

9. Justice, Security and Political Resolution:

By **10 October 2026**, the Government of India must take concrete measures to address the aforementioned issues, ensure the safety and protection of the Kuki-Zo people, and hold accountable those responsible for atrocities and violence allegedly committed by NSCN-IM and ZUF-K cadres. The Government must also provide a **clear and substantive update on the status and progress of the Kuki-Zo political demand** and take concrete steps towards achieving an appropriate and acceptable political resolution.

10. Further Course of Action:

If the Government of India fails to take concrete and satisfactory measures by **10 October 2026**, the Kuki-Zo Council shall undertake a full-fledged agitation and pursue such further courses of action as it may deem necessary in defence of the rights, security and interests of the Kuki-Zo people.

The KZC expects the Government to treat these demands with the urgency they warrant. Continued administrative neglect, insecurity, unequal enforcement and delay in addressing the political issue cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely.

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