

**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
HOME DEPARTMENT**

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No. 1701/155/2023-HD-HD: Whereas, report has been received from the Headquarters 28 Sector Assam Rifles that 718 fresh refugees have crossed Indo Myanmar Border (IMB) and entered in the general area of New Lajang (Latitude-23°51'11" and Longitude- 94°09'15") of Chandel District as on 23-07-2023 due to the ongoing clashes at Khampat (Opposite BP 58) as given below:

Date	Area	Male	Female	Children	Total
22-07-2023	Lajang	02	03	08	13
23-07-2023	Bonse	06	06	26	38
	New Samtal	33	33	23	89
	New Lajang	62	56	112	230
	Yangnomphai	54	50	39	143
	Yangnomphai Saw Mill	45	52	78	175
	Aivomjang	07	08	15	30
TOTAL:		209	208	301	718

2. Whereas, in connection with similar issues in the past, State Government had clearly informed Assam Rifles, being Border Guarding Force, to take strict action to prevent entry of Myanmar national into Manipur on any ground without valid visa/travel documents as per instruction of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India;

3. Whereas, the State Government views the fresh illegal entry of 718 refugees very seriously with utmost sensitivity as the same may have international ramifications more particularly in view of the ongoing law and order issues;

4. In view of above, State Government has sought detailed report from Assam Rifles Authority to clarify on the facts and compelling circumstances/reasons, as to why and how these 718 Myanmar nationals were allowed to enter into India in Chandel District without proper travel documents; along with strict advice to push back those 718 illegal Myanmar nationals immediately.

5. The Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police of Chandel District have also been advised to oversee the implementation of the above and also keep biometrics and photographs of all such persons.


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