


RESOLUTION PASSED
BY THE MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN ITS SITTING HELD
ON 9TH JULY, 2010

WHEREAS the territorial integrity of Manipur is seriously challenged and threatened by the demand for creation of the so-called Nagalim (Greater Nagaland) by annexing into the present Nagaland State, the Naga inhabited areas in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Myanmar covering 1,20,000 sq.km. of land. As far as Manipur is concerned the demand of the NSCN (I-M) entails, if acceded to, the balkanization and extinction of this ancient State, for almost nine-tenth of its area would be sliced off from it. This is not tenable historically, and geographically, sociologically and culturally.

AND WHEREAS the territorial demand of the NSCN (I-M), which is presently engaged in dialogue with the Government of India, gets ostensible encouragement from the provisions of Article 3 of the Constitution of India, which empowers the Parliament *to form a new State by separation of territory from any State or by uniting two or more States or parts of States or by uniting any territory to a part of any State; increase the area of any State; diminish the area of any State; alter the boundaries of any State and alter the name of any State.* There is always a nagging fear in the minds of the people of Manipur that one day Government of India may sacrifice Manipur to buy peace with NSCN (I-M). Therefore, the surest way to protect the territorial integrity of Manipur and the firmest assurance of Government of India in this respect to the people of Manipur would be to amend the provisions of Article 3 of the Constitution of India so as to exempt the State of Manipur from the purview of this Article.

Hence, **"This House unanimously resolves to urge the Government of India to amend Article 3 of the Constitution of India so as to exclude the State of Manipur from the purview of this Article."**

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