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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 144 of the Rules of Procedure

on India, the situation in Manipur
(2023/2781(RSP))

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on India, the situation in Manipur (2023/2781(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas India is a very diverse country with a rich history and unique cultures and religions that differs from state to state; whereas India's constitution provides for religious freedom;
 - B. whereas the conflict between the Meitei community and Kuki tribe populations in India's Manipur state has been raging for months; whereas on 3 May 2023 violent clashes erupted during a solidarity march organized by tribal communities to protest against a longstanding demand by the Meitei people for Scheduled Tribe status under the Indian Constitution, which would grant them privileges similar to those enjoyed by tribal communities;
 - C. whereas the violence has thus far resulted in at least 133 deaths, over 230 injured, and over 60,000 people being internally displaced; whereas churches, temples, synagogues and commercial buildings and about 1,700 homes were systematically destroyed; whereas at least 249 Christian churches have been destroyed since the beginning of the conflict;
 - D. whereas in May 2023 the Indian Army was deployed in the region and the Union government took over the security situation in Manipur; whereas despite the military presence and the visit of Amit Shah, the Indian Union Home Minister, clashes continue on an almost daily basis; whereas various reports question the role played by state security forces, emphasizing absence of the security personnel in places directly targeted by mobs;
 - E. whereas the internet has been shut down in most states, resulting in a slowdown in the information transmission between various districts.
 - F. whereas religious freedom in India has declined in recent years, marked by the promotion and enforcement of discriminatory laws and practices that negatively impact the country's minorities of Christian, Muslim, Sikh, and Adivasis populations
1. Expresses deep concern about the situation in Manipur;
 2. Encourages the central Indian government and all political actors and religious leaders to take urgent steps to restore calm and ensure an inclusive dialogue with the participation of civil society and affected communities as the way out of the crisis;
 3. Calls on the authorities to launch an independent investigation to probe the violence and to tackle the impunity enjoyed by those perpetrating the violence, including arsonists and murderers;

4. Calls the authorities to ensure the rehabilitation of victims in relief camps and elsewhere to their homes, lands, and properties, to provide victims with access to legal assistance and to provide protection to places of worship;
5. Welcomes the Rs. 1 million compensation offered by the government of India and encourages it to dispense adequate additional compensation for victims and for reconstruction of buildings, including churches;
6. Calls on all the EU institutions and its Member States to continue to raise human rights concerns with the Indian authorities; Stresses that, the European Parliament would welcome a more pronounced position of India on Russia's unprovoked brutal aggression against Ukraine;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the EU Institutions and the Government and Parliament of India;