

## Press Release

We are deeply aggrieved to learn that there is a mass exodus of the students of the north-eastern states from other areas, especially a few southern states of our country. They are returning back to their native states leaving their studies and career for fear of their life. There is a wild rumor that the people from the Northeastern region would be attacked to avenge the ethnic violence, which has already taken 74 lives in Lower Assam and can spark retaliatory attack. This is really a worrisome issue, because it is going to hinder their studies and career on the one hand and pose a grave threat to unity of Indian Federalism on the other. It is sad for secular and harmonious character of our nation. Our constitution provides every citizen of India the right to visit and settle in any part of the country without any fear. But the present situation, if persists, would make our constitution redundant and tear the fabric of social harmony of our nation.

No doubt, the central government and the governments of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh have assured them of full protection and swift action against the culprit, which is commendable but is not proving adequate to deter their apprehension of retaliatory violence. Hence, their exodus continues.

In such a situation, we think that there is a need to do more than giving assurances. We are of the firm opinion that this is our national duty to extend our hands to help the students of the northeastern community. We are aware of the fact that the study of the students must not suffer. So, if permission given we offer admission to the students of the northeastern region in our university, colleges and schools, where they will be provided full security and cordial atmosphere. We also appeal to all the universities of the country to arise to the occasion and help them in the similar way.

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