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The Hon'ble Governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma Heptulla is deeply concerned at the indefinite economic blockade imposed by the United Naga Council (UNC) on two National Highways from 1st November, 2016. The blockade has caused immense hardships to the people of the state, particularly in the valley districts. Further, general elections to the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly are just round the corner as they are scheduled on the 4th and 8th March, 2017 respectively. In order to enable the general public to participate in this very important democratic process and exercise their right of franchise freely and fairly, lifting of the economic blockade is indispensable at this critical juncture. The Hon'ble Governor strongly and sincerely appeals to the leaders of UNC and their supporters to consider lifting of the blockade at the earliest keeping aside the stand-off between the UNC and the Government.

The Hon'ble Governor has also expressed concern at the picketing of Government offices in all the Naga dominated areas in the Hill Districts and appeals to all concerned to discontinue such agitation in the interest of the people of the state so as to enable the Government functionaries discharge their responsibilities without any interruption. All issues can be and should be resolved through dialogue. Further, she also expresses her confidence that the leaders of UNC and their supporters will consider lifting the blockade on humanitarian ground and in the larger interest of all the people in the state.

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