

An open letter to Dr. Suresh Singh , writer of the book , The Endless Kabaw Valley

Dr. Th. Suresh Singh quotes from my book , A Short History of Kangleipak (Manipur) Part I as under at page 11 and 12:

‘ From the North - West to the South -West of Kangleipak (Manipur) , there is a high mountain range. This mountain range has several peaks by different names. From North to South , Koubru , Kounu , Loyalakpa ,Thangjing are four peaks. These four peaks are places of worship of the Meitei Race and the names of the peak are given by the names of the gods whom the Meeteis worship at the peaks. The above given hymn of invocation of the Koubru God (Koupalu in the puya) worshipped at Koubru peak. The god worshipped at the peak is the Lainingthou (King of Gods) , the Creator , the Lord , the source of everything in the Universe.’

The Dr. Author further quotes from my book as under:

“ The concept of the hymn conveys the mixed ideas of God and life and also the idea of Historical facts telling “Koubru” is the original place where the pre - history Meitei - Men and Women settled. ”

In my book , A SHORT HISTORY OF KANGLEIPAK (MANIPUR) PART - I , I actually wrote as under at page 8 -9.

“ From the North - West to the South-West of Kangleipak (Manipur) there is a high mountain range. This mountain range has several peaks by different names. From the North to the South Koubru, Kounu , Loyalakpa , Thangjing are four peaks . These four peaks are places of worship of the Meetei Race and the names of the peaks are given by the names of the gods of whom the Meeteis worship at the peaks. The above given hymn of invocation of the Koubru God (Kouplu in the puya) worshipped at koubru peak. The God worshipped at the peak is the Lainingthou (King of Gods), the Creator , the Lord, the source of everything in the universe.”

“ The concept of the hymn conveys the mixed ideas of God and life and conveys the idea of historical facts also telling you “Koubru” is the original place where the pre - history Meetei - men and women settled ”

Please compare the quotations from my book by Dr. Suresh in his book and the quotations given by me from my book. The words ‘Meetei Race’ and ‘Meetei - men and women’ in my book above mentioned have been changed to ‘Meitei Race’ , and ‘Meitei men and women’ in his book , The Endless Kabaw Valley. This is very unfair. In my career of writing more than 20 books since 1980, I never used the word ‘Meitei’ and used only ‘Meetei’. The quotations of Dr. Th. Suresh from my book , A SHORT HISTORY OF KANGLEIPAK (Manipur) Part I in his book seem to design to tarnish my integrity , image , and faithfulness to the Meetei culture in the eyes of the readers of his book , The Endless Kabaw Valley.

Please clear yourself from this unfairness felt by me and damages to my reputation by your quotation in your book, The Endless Kabaw Valley wrongly from my book , A SHORT HISTORY OF KANGLEIPAK (Manipur) Part I within a period of 30 days from the publication of this letter.

Imphal,
Dated: 7-09-2014

Yours,
Wangkhemcha Chingtamlen, writer of A SHORT HISTORY OF
KANGLEIPAK (MANIPUR) PART I