APPENDICES
Kom Cultural Elements (External Manifestations)
Musical Instruments

Daar (Small Sum)

Sum

Mithun Horn

Ruscm

Siraangdar

Re Sam (War Headwear)
Kom Women Cultural Dress

Nuhmei Punsi and Nuhmei Punvei

Nuhmei Purisi Design

Punkhokhoi (Mgla)

Khamtlang (Mgla)

Punkhokhoi (with additional design)
Khamtlang Design

Punleng

Puntre

Thrichung and Cap (Necklace)

Hand Brace (Ornament)
Kom Men Cultural Dress

Lukom (turban)

Pundum

Puisepun

Ponhre (The first Shawl)

Punchai and Puisepun
A Korn Man in Cultural Action (Kourentak Village)

Korn Man and Woman in Cultural Attire

Reju Festival at Ichum Keirap Village
(Source: ichumkeirap.yolasite.com)
Lamkhotlam (Cultural Dance) by Khoirentak Village Cultural Troupe (Source: www.e-pao.net)

Different Designs of the Kom Women Dress (Komrem Platinum Jubilee, 2001)

Delhi Komrem Students Dance Troupe (Source: www.e-pao.net)

Mr. Ibodo Singh (Chief Minister), taking part in the Komrem Platinum Jubilee Celebration at Boat, Imphal (Source: Komrem Platinum Jubilee 2001)
MAP OF MANIPUR
(Locating Kom Rem Settlement and Present Mission Fields)

 Appendix III

Komrem Area: A Sketch by Komrem Union Manipur (1969)
A Memorandum to the Prime Minister of India

To: Her Excellency, the Prime Minister of India.

Sub: Prayer for the creation of "Regional Unit" to safeguard the interest and self-determination of "KOMREM"side the stereotype group of people.

May it please Your Excellency,

The last visit of our beloved leader, Panditji, is reminded to us and the country. In these days of mystery and intrigues, but we are looking forward that Your Excellency's visit of Manipur territory shall remove all the grievances of minority community like the KOMREM.

At the outset, the KOMREM UNION presents its gratitude for the nationalization of the major Banks in the form of socialistic governance which we believe will relieve the poor people in India.

We, the representatives of KOMREM UNION, pray honestly and sincerely that Your Excellency will take up the cause of the neglected community so that they may enjoy the facilities under the Government of India. Let us keep a sharp eye on the execution of the following:

1. Reservation of seat be made in the legislative assembly under Art. 332(1) or Constitution of India.
2. Special consideration be made in the appointments of Government services under Art. 336(1).
3. Creation of "Regional Unit" for safeguarding the interest of the minority under Art. 301(1)
4. KOMREM language and culture be included in the list of India Radio Broadcasting under Art. 315.
5. Removal of the lands belonging to the tribals by any outsiders or the forestry in any such case.
6. Combination of KOMREM with the All India Congress Party for the non-Bengalispokeds.

KOMREM UNION prays to God for Your Excellency's long life and make you the master of the world. For especially safeguarding the interest and self-determination of the neglected community like the KOMREM in Manipur and wish-adevance.

For which act of kindness, the KOMREM people shall remember you always as sun and moon endure.

Yours faithfully,

Date: Imphal,
the 23rd September 1969.

President,

KOMREM UNION IN MANIPUR.

Source: Komrem Union Manipur
### A) The main Themes of Inquiry

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<td><strong>What is the historical context of Kom and Komrem people?</strong></td>
<td>Historical background, interaction with other ethnic groups, social, political and economic context focusing on people, land and State</td>
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B) Interview Guide

1) Historical experiences and location of Koms: spanning across village to state context.
   a) Pre-colonial
   b) Colonial
   c) Post Independence

2) Cultural and political expressions of Koms: Khurpui narrative, worldview and basic cultural expressions, stories and dances.

3) Inter and intra tribe social interaction spaces

4) The circumstances leading to emergence of Komrem identity and mobilization (context and processes).
   a) Historical,
   b) Social/cultural,
   c) Socio-religious
   d) And political (geopolitical)

5) The role of the community leaders
   a) Leadership ability,
   b) Vision
   c) Main contribution


7) What is the common cultural structure of Rem Identity: a collective narrative, worldview, cultural manifestations?

8) The strategy of Komrem ethnicity?
   a) Religious Association (KRBCA) – church-wise
   b) Kom Union Manipur
   c) Youth Groups/Student Union etc.
   d) The women group
   e) Association of Village chief authority

9) Emergence of the contentious political issue (shared boundary and contested terrains)
   a) What are the Issues encountered with regard to the nomenclature
   b) Debate on basic cultural similarity
   c) Debates on the Religious nature of Komrem, its role in the Komrem society
   d) What is the acceptable nomenclature to all the affiliated tribes, kindly give your reason for proposing a name?
10) What is Komrem Association, historical events that led to the formation of the association?
   a) KRBCA
   b) Structure of the Church organization under the KRBCA
   c) How is it accommodating inter church (inter tribe) or denomination reality in Manipur
   d) What is KRBCA Contribution to the tribes, Komrem (Rem) identity

11) Mentioned some basic circumstances of each tribe affiliated to Komrem Identity, Association and Komrem Union.

12) What are the common historical and cultural experiences among the villages and tribes that bind them as people?
   a) Social/cultural,
   b) Political
   c) and religion

13) What are the elements that make them different?

14) What is your opinion about this difference/similarity?

15) What is the role, functions and contribution of Komrem Union?

16) What is the political strategy of the Komrem Union and student Union?

17) What is the interface between Komrem Association and Komrem Union?

18) What is your opinion about the interface between the political identity, cultural identity and religious identity

19) Who are the prominent Union or political leaders of the Komrem and what is their main contributions to our society.

20) Your understanding about the political perspective, identity and community empowerment.

21) How did the Association and also the Union (Komrem) handle the inter tribe relation. Mention some of the main critical inter tribe and inter domination issues and give your comment on how it was handled.

22) What is the impact of Naga – Kuki ethnic conflict or the territorial integrity conflict on Komrem or Rem identity: critical historical events?
23) What is a Komrem/Rem tribes identity today. How is it asserted in the present politics of identity in Manipur and also in the Region: larger structural processes that the influences the community?

   a) Are we Nagas,
   b) Are We Kukis
   c) Are we Rem Tribes
   d) Or any other

24) Give your observation about the latest historical developments of Komrem Association and its implication on Komrem/Rem identity: emerging change processes within the collective.

25) How do you see the role of Komrem Union in the mobilization of the Komrem or Rem identity in the emerging identity politics in Manipur?

26) What is your opinion about the past, present and future of Komrem or Rem ethnic identity?

27) Kindly give your preferred nomenclature and reasons for preferring such a name.