

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Monday, the 14th May, 2007 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon'ble Chief Minister, 6 Cabinet Ministers, Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 49 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 98 asked by Shri I. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA regarding the construction of Shopping Complex and Market Shed at Oinam Bazar.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 99 asked by Dr. U. Deben Singh, MLA regarding fake appointments in Govt. Departments.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 100 asked by Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA regarding the total amount earmarked for the Self Emploment Generation Scheme (S.E.G.P.) during the last 3 financial years.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 101 asked by K. Raina, MLA regarding the irregular power supply in the areas covered by 33 KV Power Station at Maram.
- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 102 asked by Shri Th. Shyamkumar, MLA regarding instruction of the Government to make compulsory wearing of helmet by two wheeler drivers.
- (f) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 103 asked by Shri Awangbow Newmai, MLA regarding strength of teaching and non-teaching staffs for the High Schools of Langmei, Magulong, Namtiran, Tousem and Makur.
- (g) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 104 asked by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA regarding number of staff of Primary School, Junior High School and High Schools in Kumbi A/C.
- (h) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 105 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the construction of building for on-line lottery by Manipur State Lotteries.

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 106 and 107 were laid on the Table of the House.

ZERO HOUR:

Shri I. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA referring to the Calling Attention Motion raised on 3rd May 2007 on the suspicious death of Premila at RIMS, said that the investigation report which had been submitted should be placed in the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BUSSINESS:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Leader of the house announced the Bussiness of the House for the week.

CALLING ATTENTION MOTION:

S/ Shri O. Joy Singh, and R.K. Anand Singh, MLAs called the attention of the Home Minister on the harassment of the general public of Kwatha village by the troop of A.R posted there, thereby affecting the normal life of the villagers.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA quoted the 11th May 2007, Naharolgi Thoudang publication and observed that local people of Kwatha village were virtually kept under house arrest. He said that the village rice mill and the Umanglai temple were not easily accessible to the people but controlled by the A.R. The idol of Imoinu was replaced by the idol of Durga and even the annual Lai Haraoba function was held after a lapse of three years with their permission, he added. He expressed that it was a sentimental issue and gross violation of Articles 25 and 26 of the Indian Constitution. He also quoted 14th May 2007 publication on the harassment of Sajik Tampak people by A.R and sought detailed information from the Minister.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA co-mover of the motion observed that the A.R, instead of upholding the mandatory provisions of the Constitution violated it. Citing many such cases of army and Para military excesses, he said it was clear violation of the fundamental rights. Regarding the intervention of the A.R in the annual Lai Haraoba function, he said that such customary practices were prerogative of the king. He stated that it was a sensitive issue and expressed apprehension of a communal twist. He wanted the Chief Minister to take the matter seriously and give proper directions.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister said that information on the matter was being collected and a reply would be made either in the evening or on the next day.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh made an announcement that Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar had applied for leave of absence for 18th and 19th May, 2007 to appear before the Delhi High Court.

The House took up for consideration the leave application of Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar, MLA seeking permission of the House for remaining absent from the sittings of the House on 18th and 19th May, 2007 so that he may be able to appear before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court at New Delhi in compliance of the Court's Order dt. 14/03/2007.

Shri O. Joy Singh, Leader of the Legislature wing of the Manipur Peoples' Party (MPP) the party to which Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar Singh belong observed that since Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar, MLA has to appear before

the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in compliance to the Court's Order, his application seeking permission of the House for remaining absent from the sittings of the House under Clause 4 of Article 190 of the Constitution of India read with Rule 316(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Manipur Legislative Assembly, shall have to be granted by the House.

The House granted the leave of absence to Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar, MLA for the two days i.e. 18th and 19th May, 2007.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS, 2007-2008:

Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh moved Demand No. 11 -Medical, Health and Family Welfare Services, Demand No. 16 -Co-operation, Demand No. 26 - Administration of Justice, Demand No. 35 -Stationery & Printing and Demand No. 46 -Science & Technology.

Hon'ble Speaker clubbed the five demands for a joint discussion.

Dr. Ng Bijoy Singh, MLA moving a cut motion in respect of medical, Health and Family welfare made observations on the health scenario of the state. To improve the Health Centres by proper monitoring, he emphasized the need to maintain visit book and increase the number of staffs. He said the allocation of budget for Medical education and Specialised Training and School Health Mission should be increased. In the field of nurses training, Manipur was at par with the other states, he asserted. He wanted the government to strengthen the ambulance services and health intelligence. Regarding the construction of 50 bedded hospitals in some of the hill districts, he said that the construction work should be sped up. He wanted the government to streamline the drug control administration and National Rural Health Mission. Post- mortem centre at district level should be set up, he added. Regarding Science and technology, he observed that the Remote Sensing Centre and MANIREDA were self sustainable units and wanted the government to make it function properly.

(Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 12.55 p.m. till 2.00 p.m. of the day).

(The afternoon session resumed at 2.05 p.m. with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair).

Shri R.K. Anand Singh, MLA mover of cut motion pointed out that due to the lack of adequate doctors, nurses, compounders, other staff, infrastructures, medical equipment, medicines and other non-medicinal items in the PHCs, CHCs and district hospitals the poor people living in the far flung areas of the state did not get proper health care. He pointed out that J.N. Hospital, Porompat was in a pathetic state with most of the machines being defunct and sought attention of the Medical Minister to improve the hospital. Pointing out the unhealthy practice of working at private hospitals by government doctors, he urged the government to formulate a policy to check such practices. Talking on Administration of Justice, he observed that the poor people living in the far flung areas did not get justice on time as most of the district judiciary system was not functioning properly and expressed regret that most of the CJMs of other district were functioning from Lamphel instead of their respective districts.

Dr. Khasim Ruivah, MLA participating in the demand discussion critically observed out the lack of health services in the hill areas resulting to many deaths. He further pointed out the lack of specialist doctors, medicines, infrastructures etc. in the hill areas. He emphasised the dire need of Ambulance service in the hill

areas and commented that infrastructure development of health care centres in the hill was not properly implemented. Solar Lanterns and Solar Lamps provided by the Science and Technology Department should be made available to all the households of the hill areas in view of the lack of electricity and kerosene in the hill, he said. He commented on the lack of seriousness of the government to take up the feasible projects of tapping solar energy, wind energy and establishing Micro Hydel projects in the hill areas.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA mover of cut motion stressing on the importance of public health sector said that more attention should be given to preventive measures rather than curative measures. He pointed out the need to construct 100 bedded hospitals in all the districts. Pointing out the practice of government doctors becoming specialist doctors at the expenses of state exchequer and leaving government service for a more lucrative job, he said that a special policy was needed to check such practices. Commenting on the piling up of hospital waste at the J.N.Hospital, Porompat and other district hospitals he suggested for setting up Hospital Waste Management to deal with hospital waste and added that CT Scan and MRI should be provided to all district hospitals. He further suggested for effective implementation of National T.B Control Programmes, Malaria Control Programme and National Aids Control Programme in the state.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion observed that infant death rate was very high in the villages due to the lack of proper medical facilities and appealed to the Minister concerned to prevent such happenings by providing the required facilities to the villages.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA participating in the discussion said that a policy should be framed for effective transfer and posting of doctors and other staff of PHEs, CHCs, PHSCs and district hospitals. He further pointed out the need for opening more urban hospitals for easing the rush at RIMS and JN Hospital and added that reintroduction of mobile hospitals would greatly benefit the poor people living in the remote areas where medical facilities were not available. AIDS awareness, he said, should also be done to the hill areas too and not confined in Imphal only. Posting of one Gynaecologist and one Paediatric doctors to the district hospitals would save many lives, he said. He also suggested for providing more solar lamps to the people living in the hill.

Shri V. Hangkhalian, MLA participating in the discussion expressed regret over the non-performance of minor and major operation at JN Hospital and urged the government to look into the matter. Highlighting the need of an extra Anaesthetic doctor at Churachandpur District Hospital, he urged the Medical Minister to send one such doctor. Pointing out the importance of Remote Sensing, he drew the attention of the Science and Technology Minister to improve the department in the interest of the state.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving cut motion said that the state government was still unable to provide basic healthcare to the people of the state. Acknowledging the availability of good doctors in the state, he said that the government was unable to fully utilise the service of these doctors due to inefficient management and lack of an efficient transfer and posting policy of doctors. He wanted the Minister to give a clear statement on the progress of the investigation on the Rs. 88 lakh scandal in the Malaria Office under the Medical Department. He further commented on the non-functioning of the machinery and medical equipment in JN hospital and added that it was due to failure of hospital management. He further commented that some doctors lacked professional ethics. He suggested for improving the conditions both in terms of infrastructure,

equipments and management of the health centres and hospitals in all the districts uniformly and further stressed for increasing the budget allocation. Regarding Administration of Justice, he proposed for increasing the budget allocation and quicken the disposal of cases for delivery of justice.

Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh, MLA taking part in the discussion drew the attention of the Minister concerned towards increasing the strength of Judges taking the population of the state into account as per the Supreme Court's directive and also suggested for increasing the number of Special Courts like Family Court and NDPS Court. Highlighting the pathetic and deplorable conditions of the existing 34 Courts including the inadequate staff, he observed the need for improvement and proper monitoring of the judicial system. He also suggested the need for a Law Secretary (Judicial) on deputation to the Law Department, as was being done in the states having Guwahati High Court excepting Manipur, for bridging the gap between the Government and the Judiciary.

Shri I. Hemochandra Singh, MLA taking part in the deliberation suggested for increasing the budget allocation and streamlining of the Remote Sensing department and implementation of the assurances given by the Ministers of the respective departments. He further drew the attention of the Minister concerned towards the requisite qualification for the post of Director, Remote Sensing.

Shri Gaikhangam, Minister (Medical, Health and Family Welfare) replying to the discussion said that infrastructure development of District Hospitals, PHSCs, PHCs and CHCs were in the offing. Steps for setting up of 50 bedded hospitals in all the districts excepting Churachandpur and Thoubal under NLCPR were underway, he informed and added that funds had been earmarked for upgrading the J.N. Hospital to a 480 bedded hospital and for replacement of the outdated equipments. Hospital Management Society was set up to cater to the lack of proper healthcare facilities, unavailability of life saving drugs timely and shortage of manpower, etc, he said and added that steps were being taken up to make up for the shortage of specialist doctors in the district hospitals. Vacant posts in the department were filled up on regular basis after conducting DPCs and some staffs were also engaged on contract basis to solve the problem of manpower shortage, he said. He further said that action would be taken against those officials involved in the Rs.88 lakhs fraud in the Malaria office and information would be placed before the House. Noting the suggestions of the Hon'ble Members, he requested the movers to withdraw the cut motion for passing.

S/Shri O. Joy Singh, I. Ibohalbi Singh, V. Hangkhanlian, N. Mangi Singh, R.K. Anand and Dr. Bijoy Singh, MLAs sought further clarifications and the Minister gave replies.

Md. Allaudin, Minister (Sc & Tech) replying to the discussion informed that the present Director of Remote Sensing fulfilled the guidelines prescribed in the RR and added that plan for upgradation of the office room was underway. He further said that the nonpayment of salary to its staff was due to irregularity in the DPC for their regularisation and ways for rectifying the irregularity would be found out to solve the matter. Steps for making available solar lamps, through MANIREDA and Sc & Tech., were being taken up in the interior areas where electricity was not available, he informed and further added that 98 sites in the state had been identified by the department for electrification of interior villages from non-conventional energy source with a target production of 80 megawatt.

Dr. Bijoy Singh and V. Hangkhanlian, MLAs made further queries and Minister replied that suggestions were noted and a copy of the RR would be made available.

Shri Th. Debendra Singh, Minister (Law and Legislative Affairs) replying to the discussion said that he would see if the number of Family Court could be increased to atleast two. Due to lack of sufficient number of cases, Session Court could not be set up in all the districts, he informed and added that for speedy disposal of cases, 2(two) Fast Track Court funded by the Centre were set up for a term of 5 years disposing many cases and with the term extending for another 5 years many more cases would be disposed of soon. He further said that many person were engaged on contract basis to overcome the shortage of manpower. At present, Court buildings were being constructed under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes(CSS) and development of the remaining could be taken up if fund was available under the CSS.

All the cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 11, 16, 26, 35 and 46 were passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh made an announcement that the Manipur Reservation of Vacancies in Posts and Services (for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Amendment Bill, 2006 which was passed by the House on 18th September, 2006 was returned by the Governor for further consideration.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister sought the permission of the House to withdraw the said Bill.

The House agreed to the withdrawal of the Manipur Reservation of Vacancies in Posts and Services (for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Amendment Bill, 2006.

Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House at 5.50 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Tuesday, the 15th May, 2007.

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Secretary,

Manipur Legislative Assembly.
