

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Tuesday, the 15th 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 Minister (Env. & Forest) made a reply to Starred Question No. 108 asked by Shri I. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA regarding Manipur Pollution Control Board.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 109 asked by Dr. Kh. Loken Singh, MLA regarding illegal entry of Foreigners in the state.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (FCS) made a reply to Starred Question No. 110 asked by Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA regarding device to check the non-issuance of S.K. Oil under PDS in the Hill Districts.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (FCS) made a reply to Starred Question No. 111 asked by Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA regarding the distribution of S.K. Oil through PDS.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (IFCD) made a reply to Starred Question No. 112 asked by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA regarding the works taken up in Bishnupur District since 2005.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (Env. & Forest) made a reply to Starred Question No. 113 asked by Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA regarding plantation of rubber plants under Forest Department.

ZERO HOUR:

Shri R.K. Anand Singh, MLA raised a matter regarding landslide at Kohima on N.H. 39 disrupting Imphal-Dimapur line and the inconveniences faced by the general public. He wanted the government to take up remedial steps to solve it.

Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA also raised a matter.

PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister presented the Third Report of the Business Advisory Committee, 2007 and also moved:

‘that this House agrees with the allocation of time proposed by the Committee.’

The House agreed.

CALLING ATTENTION:

S/Shri O. Joy Singh and I. Ibohalbi Singh, MLAs called the attention of the Home Minister on alleged threatening on the life Deputy Commissioner, Ukhrul District by some anti social elements.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA quoted some of the local dailies of 11th and 12th may, 2007 publication on the alleged threat and intimidation to the Deputy Commissioner, Ukhrul Shri Pankajkumar pal by one NSCN (IM) Klilonser and raised queries on the authenticity of the report. Highlighting the ineffectiveness of district administration in the hills, he said such issue would cast a serious reflection on the administrative machinery of the government. Regarding the intervention of the NSCN (IM) in the Ukhrul district administration, he expressed that the groundrules of the ongoing peace talks were not followed by them. He also made observation on the inefficient security forces posted there and pointed out the need to provide adequate forces.

Shri I. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA co-mover of the motion also quoted local dailies on the matter and raised queries on whether the ukhrul district administration was controlled by the NSCN (IM). Since the peace talk between the Government of India and NSCN (IM) was going on such an act of issuing warrant of arrest to the DC by NSCN (IM) for failing to give contract works to a person recommended by them was gross violation of ground rules, he said. He made observation on the security forces posted there and expressed surprise on their inaction. Expressing apprehension on whether the cease fire process had been extended upto Manipur, he wanted the Government to deal with the matter seriously.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister replying to the motion said no written warrant of arrest or abduction was issued by the outfit. Highlighting the excesses committed by undergrounds in the hills, he said the system of illegal tax collection and extortion under the cover of cease fire talk would not be tolerated and stringent action would be taken up.. He also said that the moniteering Chairman of the peace talk, General kulkarni had been informed on the matter and that there was no concrete evidence to take further legal action. Commenting on the security lapses in the district administration, he said that the government was planning to raise IRB batallion for eall the hill district.

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

Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh moved Demand No. 18 -Animal Husbandry & Veterinary including Dairy Farming, Demand No. 23 -Power, Demand No. 44 - Social Welfare Department, Demand No. 45 -Tourism and Demand No. 48 -Relief & Disaster Management.

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

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA moving a cut motion in respect of Demand No. 18, pointed out the decrease in the budget allocation. He observed that the scholarship and stipend of the veterinary students should be increased and that there should be improvement in the area of Research and Development of livestock. Rearing of indigenous cattle and increase of diary production as part of White Revolution should be taken up on a priority basis. The Board of Directors of the Apex Dairy Co-operative Society was defunct and corrective measures should be taken up, he stated. He also made further observed on the insemination of cows and unavailability of frozen semen. The recruitment of veterinary officers to fill up the present vacancies should be sped up, he added. In respect of Demand No. 23- Power, he wanted the government to purchase more transformers and improve rural electrification. He stressed the need to check the quantum of power required and provided to the consumer. He also welcomed the move of the government to introduce underground wiring. He stressed on the need for effective implementation of social welfare department. Regarding Demand No.-48, he said the department lacked vision and expressed the need to streamline its functioning.

(Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 1.10 p.m. till 2.15 p.m. of the day).

(The afternoon session resumed at 2.17 p.m. with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair).

Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA participating in the discussion observed on the inadequate number of transformers in Ukhrul District and stressed the need of electrification in the interior hill areas also. Regarding Tourism Department he emphasised the importance of exploring eco-tourism sites and wanted development of tourism infrastructure to boost up revenue of the state.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving cut motion observed that the Social Welfare Department was not functioning properly and added that the department lacked transparency in appointment matters. He expressed unhappiness on the non-implementation of Disabled Act in the state and wanted the department to implement reservation of disabled persons. Pointing out the defects of the present Manipur Electricity Act he said that the Act lacked mandatory provision and expressed desire to entrust the department to a board for effective management. On Veterinary Department, he said that the department lacked thrust areas in taking up works. Regarding Tourism Department, he said that tourism infrastructure must be created to attract more tourists in the state. He also expressed desire to relax restrictions imposed to the foreign tourists and wanted the government to apprise the Home Minister on the matter.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA moving cut motion on Social Welfare Department commented on the non-implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes properly and added that verification should be done to check misuse of funds in the department. He also expressed desire to have a separate full-fledged directorate of Women & Child Development. On Tourism he stressed the need to develop infrastructure and wanted lifting of Restricted Area Permit from the state. He observed on the Veterinary Department and suggested for framing of a concrete policy of the department. He also observed on the Relief and Disaster Management and Power.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA participating in the discussion observed that the Social Welfare Department lacked uniform distribution of nutrition food to the Anganwadi Centres and expressed concern on the pathetic condition of Anganwadi Centres in hills. He stressed the need to supply skimmed milk to the Anganwadi Centres. He also mentioned, among other things, rationalised

distribution of old age pension, providing facilities to Blind School at Heikakpokpi, implementation of State Plan Action for Children, etc. He also made observation on power Department.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA participating in the discussion observed that there was huge shortfall in the demand and supply of electricity in the state hindering overall activities of the state and wanted measures to cope with such problem. He also pointed out the lack of supervision of the officers in the department and wanted the involvement of local clubs or organisations for helping in the realisation of power tax and checking illegal power connection. Regarding Social Welfare Department, he said that the department lacked transparency and wanted its proper monitoring. He expressed desire to streamline construction of Anganwadi buildings and distribution of old age pension benefit on monthly basis. He informed the House that Annapurna Scheme did not reach to the targeted groups and also wanted enhancement of the amount of National Family Benefit Scheme.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar, MLA participating in the discussion observed that power consumers in the state had no habit of paying tax. Regarding Social Welfare Department he said that a systematic distribution of pension benefit scheme should be made. Expressing concern on the irregularity in the implementation of Annapurna Scheme and Family Benefit Scheme, he said that a number of fake beneficiaries was also identified. and that proper verification should be made and befitting action should also be taken up against the officers involved, he added.

Shri I. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA moving cut motion said that tourism infrastructure must be developed to attract more tourists in the state. On power department, he highlighted the plights of the inhabitants affected by the Loktak Hydro Electric Project and wanted payment of compensation to them very soon. He expressed unhappiness on the non-availability of engineers in the office and wanted to look into the matter. He also made observation on the Social Welfare Department and expressed desire to enhance the amount of scholarships of the hearing impaired persons. He also suggested for introducing pension scheme for the HIV infected young widows in the state.

Shri Manindra Singh, MLA participating in the discussion requested the government to complete the incomplete construction works at Sendra Tourist spot and the Recreation hall at Thanging temple, Moirang.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister replying to the demand discussion clarified that the Artificial Insemination Programme under the Veterinary Department was still continuing and added that the department is trying to increase the quantum of production of improved variety of calves. The department is trying to strengthen the Diary Development Plant at Porompat and at the same time set up similar plants at other districts, he informed and added that MPSC was instructed to start the process of filling up the vacant posts in the Veterinary Department. Regarding Social Welfare Department, he informed that instead of the ready to eat food supplied to women and children through Aganwadi Centres under the Women and Child Nutrition Programme, hot cooked food would be provided as per the instruction of the Central Government, he said and added that the Old Age Pension would also be distributed through either Banks or Post Office to plug any room of fund misappropriation. Clarifying on Power Department, he said that with the passing of the Electricity (Manipur Amendment) Bill, 2007 during the current session and after the project of laying underground cables was complete collection of electricity tax would improve and the leakage in electricity would also be plugged to a large extent. Rural Electrification, he said, was in full swing with the sole aim of electrifying all the

villages by 2009. He further informed that after the completion of major projects like Loktak Downstream Project and Tipaimukh Project the present problem of electricity would be solved to a large extent. He appealed to the cut motion movers to withdraw and allow the demands to pass.

S/Shri Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, Radhabinod Koijam, Dr. Ibohalbi, R.K Anand and O. Joy Singh, MLAs sought further clarifications and the Hon'ble Chief Minister clarified.

All the cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 18, 23, 44, 45 and 48 were passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

The Hon'ble Speaker announced in the House the suspension from service of Shri Medha Singh, the person involved in the Rs 88 lakh scam of the Malaria Department.

Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House at 5.10 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Wednesday, the 16th May, 2007.

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Secretary,

Manipur Legislative Assembly.
