

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Wednesday, the 21st March, 2007 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon'ble Chief Minister, 5 Cabinet Ministers, 51 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 11 asked by Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA regarding the progress of Pallel-Chandel road.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 13 asked by Dr. U. Deben Singh, MLA regarding the construction of road of Kakching Lamkhai to Wabgai Lamkhai Bazar.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 14 asked by Shri Wungnaoshang Keishang, MLA regarding the firing incident at Ukhrul District.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 15 asked by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA regarding the post poll incidents at Sandangkhong area.
- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 16 asked by Shri R.K. Anand, MLA regarding the number of existing A.W.C. under different I.C.D.S. Project.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (F.C.S) made a reply to Starred Question No. 17 asked by Shri E. Kunjeswar Singh, MLA regarding the distribution of P.D.S. items.

- (g) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 18 asked by Shri I. Ibohanbi Singh, MLA regarding the passing of Loktak Protection Bill.
- (h) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 19 asked by Dr. H. Borajao Singh, MLA regarding the issue of work order of Khurkhul to Sekmai road.
- (i) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 20 asked by Dr. Kh. Ratankumar Singh, MLA regarding the construction of Sekmaijin to Khordak Echil road.
- (j) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 21 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding the construction of bridge over Thoubal river.
- (k) Hon'ble Minister (Health) made a reply to Starred Question No. 22 asked by Shri Th. Navakumar Singh, MLA regarding the number of staff in C.H.C Sagolmang.
- (l) Hon'ble Chief Minister in the absence of Minister (I.F.C.D) made a reply to Starred Question No. 23 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the measures taken up by the government for controlling flood.

Answers to Stareed Question No. 12, 24 & 25 and Unstarred Question Nos. 1 & 2 were laid as written replies on the Table of the House.

OATH TAKING:

The Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly administered the oath to Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh as a member of the Manipur Legislative Assembly.

CALLING ATTENTION:

(i) S/Shri Radhabinod Koijam and O. Joy Singh, MLAs called the attention of the Chief Minister on the reported land disposal case at Gurgaon, Haryana.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam called the attention of the Chief Minister on the reported land disposal case at Gurgaon, Haryana. Quoting the editorial of the 12th March '07' of the Imphal Free Press and the 10th March '07' edition of the same

daily he expressed apprehension of losing the land which is situated in a prime location at Gurgaon, Haryana, citing past instances of selling off of the Redlands in Shillong and the MST complex in Dimapur. He enquired as to why the 4.25 acres of land earmarked for the construction of Institute of Performing Arts was leased out to an export company for a period of 30 years extendable for another 20 years instead of developing the site for performing arts. He observed the need to cancel the deal if at all it was taken up in the interest of coming generations. Further, he sought the details of the deal to be tabled before the House.

Shri O. Joy Singh participating in the calling attention enquired about the benefit in leasing out the site earmarked for the Manipur Institute for Performing Arts to an export company and also wanted to know whether it would be possible to retrieve back the site after the lease period expires. Further, he asked if proper procedure was followed in taking up the deal and wanted the details of the deal to be placed before the House.

Hon'ble Chief Minister replying to the calling attention motion said that the said land was not sold off as reported in the media and there was no intention of selling the land, he added. He said that due to financial constraints, development of the site was proposed to be taken up by entrusting it to a company and reserving 50% of the site for the construction of structures of the performing arts while leasing out the other half for income expenditures. Bidders are invited after it was duly advertised in the leading national dailies and 4 (four) parties had applied, he said but no decision regarding the matter had been taken as yet, he added.

The Hon'ble Speaker announced that the details of the said deal would be available in his office chamber and that interested Members could examine it.

(Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 1.00 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).

(ii) Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh and Shri I. Ibohanbi Singh, MLAs called the attention of the Chief Minister on the reported case of physical assault and raping of a girl by a personnel of 38th Assam Rifles at Kotlen.

Dr. Ng Bijoy Singh, MLA quoting newspaper reports, initiated the motion and stated that a girl was physically assaulted and raped by a personnel of the 38th Assam Rifles posted at Kotlen on March 13, 2007. Citing other similar incidents in the past since 1974, he remarked that such case was in violation of human rights and constitutional laws. He sought clarification regarding any remedial measures

for the incident. Manhandling the media persons by AR personnel was an instance of violation of right to information, he added.

Dr. I. Ibohanbi, MLA co-mover of the motion, expressed concern over the increasing number of human right violation day-by-day. He remarked that such a heinous act should not be discussed as an isolated case but in the context of the general trend. He asked why the culprit was arrested after delaying 3/4 days and not on the same day of the incident. He sought clarification regarding preventive measures taken up by the Government for tackling the situation.

Hon'ble Chief Minister replying to the motion make a statement that the culprit was arrested on March 18 and was remanded for 10 days at Imphal police station after undergoing medical examination at RIMS, Imphal. The victims statement had been taken and her undergarments had been sent to forensic science laboratory, he added. In view of the threat of agitation by KSO, ATSUM, ANSAM and other organisations, the government tackled the situation by initiating a joint meeting of high ranking officers of the police, Assam Rifles authority and the representatives of the agitating organisations on March 17, he further stated. Befitting penalty would be given to the accused and compensation would be given to the victim after getting the report of the enquiry within one month.

Dr. Bijoy Singh, MLA suggested for counselling the security personnel and repealing AFSPA, 1958 as remedial measures.

Dr. I. Ibohanbi Singh, MLA suggested for penalising the high ranking officers of the Assam Rifles.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS, 2006-07 & DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS:

Shri O. Ibohi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister moved for discussion and voting on Supplementary Demands for Grants, 2006-2007.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA participating in the discussion expressed concern over the irregular power supply in Manipur despite regular tax collection. The Leimakhong Heavy Fuel Power Plant was a white elephant, he remarked and suggested that the state government needed to urge the Centre to provide greater share of power from Loktak Hydro Electric Power Project. He stated that the Tipaimukh Dam might affect the state but benefit other states. He suggested among other things bigger budgetary provision for power, resource mobilisation,

kerosene supply and streamlining of education. He pointed out the bad sanitary system in Imphal city.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA participating and supporting the demand made some observation for improving power supply, water supply, road condition and public distribution system. Improvement of power supply was inevitable for implementing various schemes, he observed. He suggested that technical audit and financial audit were needed in PHED schemes as there was no quality control in these schemes. He expressed concern over partiality in allotment of transformers and urged the government to make allotment on need basis.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA participating in the demand discussion made some submission that many PHED schemes were partially implemented and basic needs were not available to the people. He pointed out the need for extra budget for exigencies. He suggested for patronising arts and culture including literature in the same way sports was being patronized.

Shri I. Ibohanbi, MLA participating in the discussion expressed concern over the partial implementation of SSA and the deteriorating condition of colleges and higher education. He pointed out the irregularity in power supply and water supply. He drew the attention of the government to the incomplete road construction in his area.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA participating in the discussion suggested for bigger budget allocation for education. He pointed out the chaotic condition in National Institute of Open Schooling and suggested for a better policy. He remarked that the budgetary provision for arts and culture were inadequate for achieving the objectives. He also highlighted the bad irrigation system in his locality.

Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA participating in the discussion stated that the recent appointment of DGP was not as per rules. He suggested for streamlining discipline and moral of police personnel. He mentioned inter alia irregular attendance of teachers in hill districts, practice of government doctors in private clinics or hospitals, election of district councils and sports infrastructure in hill districts.

Dr. Khasim Ruivah, MLA participating in the discussion lamented the lack of development in the hill areas. He pointed out that Education, electricity, infrastructure etc. were nonexistent in the hill areas and further appealed to the government for equal distribution of developmental works in the hill and valley areas in order to remove the sense of alienation felt by the people living in the hill areas.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister replying to the general discussion said that the appointment to the post of DGP was not on promotion but purely on in charge basis as a compliance of a ruling by the Supreme Court and only for a temporary period. He further clarified that the government was planning to take up the Tipaimukh Dam Project and the Loktak Down stream Project in order to improve the irregular supply of electricity in the state. He also informed that power theft could be prevented to a certain extent after the project of laying the underground cables was taken up and further appealed to the general public to pay the power tax regularly. In order to improve water supply, in and around Imphal, replacement of defunct pipes was being taken up in a phase manner, he said. He also clarified that violation of SSA guidelines, if any, would be checked. The SPF government, he further said, was giving priority to the development of hill areas and accordingly several development works were being taken up in the hill areas and many were in the pipeline, and appealed to the MLAs to help take up these works.

S/Shri Radhabinod Koijam, O. Joy Singh and Meghachandra Singh, MLAs sought clarifications regarding the non replacement of faulty transformers, non availability of Kerosene to the general public and alternative arrangement for collection of power tax in the state.

All the demands were passed unanimously by the house.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

i) Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Finance Minister moved for leave to introduce the Manipur Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2007.

The House agreed and the Bill was introduced.

ii) Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Finance Minister moved for leave to introduce the Manipur Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2007.

The House agreed and the Bill was introduced.

RAISING OF A MATTER WHICH IS NOT A POINT OF ORDER

S/Shri O. Joy Singh and Radhabinod Koijam, MLAs raised a discussion on the alleged irregular procedure of rationalisation of new A.W.C and appointment of employees thereof.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving the discussion pointed out certain irregularities in the process of rationalisation of Anganwadi Centres in Manipur

sanctioned by the Central Government in compliance to an instruction by the Supreme Court. He pointed out that benefits like SNP (Supplementary Nutrition Program) which is meant for lactating mothers, benefit to be given to adolescent girls etc. were not implemented by the anganwadi centres in Manipur. He also charged that the DPC conducted recently for recruitment of Supervisors and others was irregular and was done in a hasty manner. He, therefore, made suggestion that the rationalisation of the newly sanctioned Anganwadi Centres should be done in consultation with all the MLAs.

Shri. Radhabinod Koijam, MLA co-mover of the motion said that most of the Anganwadi Centres in Manipur were not functioning properly due to various factors and added that these centres should be made functional. He also pointed out that all the provisions of Anganwadi centres were not fully implemented inspite of money sanctioned for them by the central government. He further said that the motion was put up to draw the attention of the Minister in order to rectify the mistakes.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister replying to the discussion said that rationalisation of the Anganwadi Centres except for Chandel District, was yet to be done and added that the recruitment process was taken up to make the newly sanctioned centres operational. He further clarified that the government would rectify mistakes, if any. He also informed that the Central Government would be sanctioning the Anganwadi Centres in phase manner and added that all the MLAs would be consulted during the rationalisation process.

S/Shri Radhabinod Koijam and O. Joy Singh MLAs sought further clarifications.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister gave the clarifications.

Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House at 6.00 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Thursday, the 22nd March, 2007.

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Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly
