

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Tuesday, the 22nd 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 48 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 162 asked by Shri K. Raina, MLA regarding the delition of the post of Superintendent of Taxes from the cadre list of MCS Grade II.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 163 asked by Shri M. Manindra Singh, MLA regarding the improvement work of road from Moirang Bazar to Sendra Road.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 164 asked by Dr. Kh. Loken Singh, MLA regarding the payment of compensation of the eviction made in both sides of Nambul River during 1994 P.R. period.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 165 asked by Md. Helaluddin Khan, MLA regarding the completion of Semi Pucca bridge of Chingjao Mange Makhong.
- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 166 asked by Shri E. Kunjeswar Singh, MLA regarding the present status of the Japanese Government assisted Manipur Sericulture Project.
- (f) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 167 asked by Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA regarding the policy for rationalisation of teachers in the Schools of Manipur both in the Hills and Plains.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (Art & Culture) made a reply to Starred Question No. 168 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding steps to include a structure at Yairipok Bamon Leikai under Protected Monuments and Arhaeological Site of Manipur.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (IFCD) made a reply to Starred Question No. 169 asked by Shri S. Joy Singh, MLA regarding provision for repairing the right and left bank of Imphal River in the upper side of the Imphal Barrage.

(i) Hon'ble Minister (IFCD) made a reply to Starred Question No. 170 asked by Shri Ngursanglur, MLA regarding the components of Power and Public Health Engineering on the ongoing Khuga Multipurpose Project.

(j) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 171 asked by Shri Th. Shyamkumar, MLA regarding appointment of Graduate Teachers.

(k) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 172 asked by Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA in the absence of Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA regarding the Anganwadi Centres in Thangmeiband A/C.

(l) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 173 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the encroachment of land belonging to the Central Agricultural University, Iroisemba.

(m) Hon'ble Minister (IFCD) made a reply to Starred Question No. 174 asked by Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA regarding the present condition of Chajing Water Supply Scheme.

(n) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 175 asked by Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA regarding the holding of election of Moreh Town Commissioner and declaring Moreh Town as Municipal area.

(o) Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) made a reply to Starred Question No. 176 asked by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA regarding the works taken up under I.W.D.P. in Bishnupur and Moirang Block.

(p) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 177 asked by Shri R.K. Anand, MLA regarding the norm under which the Government Polytechnic is functioning.

(q) Hon'ble Minister (Law & L.A.) made a reply to Starred Question No. 179 asked by Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh, MLA regarding compliance of the direction of the S.C. pertaining to service conditions and post creations of Judicial officers.

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 13 & 14 were laid on the Table of the House.

ZERO HOUR:

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA drew the attention of the Chief Minister on the arrest of one Khumanthem Naobimacha Meitei of Heinoukhongnembi in the wee hour of May 22nd, 2007 by the combined forces without issuing arrest memo and said that the whereabouts of the arrested person was still not known. He further said that it was violation of the Supreme Court's directives.

Shri Manga Vaiphei, MLA raised a matter on the non-availability of doctors at the Primary Health Centre, Henglep and drew the attention of the Health Minister to make necessary arrangements to solve the problem.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar, MLA raised a matter on the mushrooming of crematoriums in and around Imphal city and expressed the need to timely check it.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BILL:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister moved the Manipur Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2007 for consideration.

Shri I. Hemochandra Singh, MLA initiating the discussion made observation on the grievances faced by the pensioners. Highlighting the plight of the pensioners, he said that the charters of demands of the Manipur State Pensioners Union should be considered on humanitarian ground. In the present scenario, the worst sufferers were the lower grade pensioners, he added. He pointed out the need to implement the CCS pension rules in the interest of the senior citizens of the state as it was already implemented in most of the North-Eastern States.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA participating in the discussion made certain observation on the Bill and said that after being passed it should be utilised purposefully and economically in the best interest of the public under close supervision of the august house. Regarding the MGEL, he said it was a good scheme to check manipulations and bogus appointments, especially in the Education Department. He also mentioned some inconvenience faced due to the backlog in the preparation of MGEL. He also made comments on the need to expedite the functioning of the Pay Implementation Cell to dispose the pay anomalies in the different departments. He further added that there should be need-based implementation in all the development works taken up by the government. He expressed concern on the condition of the telephones in the police stations in view of the present law and order situation. An effective mechanism should be chalked out to check the inability to submit utilisation certificates timely, he said. He also made observation on the French Sewerage Project and to check the irregularities in implementing the work. Regarding the issue of Kwatha village, he alleged that the statement made earlier by the Chief Minister would mislead the house and quoted newspaper reports of replacing of the idol of Eموinu by that of Durga by the AR and pointed out the seriousness of religious issues. Misconduct of the officers in the different districts in utilising the funds should be looked into, he added.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA participating in the consideration of the Bill observed on the hardships faced by the pensioners and stressed the need to set up S.B.I branch in every district to facilitate the pensioners. He drew the attention of the government on the delay in inaugurating the ITI set up in Imphal East inspite of the completion of the building construction. He also mentioned the need to properly implement the ACP (Assured Career Progressive) Schemes and to streamline the GPF Scheme. He further drew the attention of the Power Minister to make arrangements for regularisation of 9 Superintendent Engineers and to look into their grievances. He made further observation on the modernisation of police department, irregularities in the FCS Department and Social Welfare Department and to take up effective measures to solve it.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA participating in the consideration of the Bill made observation on the sensitivity of the issue of replacing the idol of Eموinu by that of Durga by the AR at Kwatha. Taking into account the seriousness of the issue, an investigation should be carried out on the report of the district administration, he said. He also pointed out the need to make quick disposal of the findings of the Enquiry Committees in the interest of the people. Regarding the case of Naobi of Leirongthel, no action had been taken against the accused and drew the attention of the Chief Minister to look into the matter in the interest of the womenfolk and

fix responsibility. To encourage writers, the state government should institute a policy to grant awards to them.

(Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 1.15 p.m. till 2.15 p.m. of the day).

(The afternoon session resumed at 2.20 p.m. with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair).

Dr. I. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA participating in the discussion suggested for proper delimitation of the Panchayat areas by strictly following the guidelines. He wanted to ensure the availability of fertilizers to the farmers, construction of roads before rainfall and for payment of salary to the employees in Bishnupur District through the SBI branch in the district. He further drew the attention to the water logging in Bishnupur District.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister replying to the discussion said that there was no instances of the AR worshipping the idol of Durga in the Imoinu temple at Kwatha and no formal complaint was lodged against them in this respect, as reported by the SP Chandel, but as the matter was again reported in the Thoudang daily, DGP was instructed for spot verification, he added. One Kh. Naobimacha arrested by security forces was now in the custody of the I/W police and no arrest memo was given by the security forces as civil police was also present during the time of his arrest, he informed. Pensions would soon be given through banks or post office after computerising the pensioners record, he informed. He further said that ACP scheme would soon be implemented after completion of the verification of the service records. He said that he would look into the non-promotion of 9 SE of the power department for a long period of time. He said that steps had been undertaken as part of the police modernisation. Regarding the Naobi Chanu's case, he informed that he would look into the matter for sanctioning prosecution at the earliest.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA sought further clarification.

Hon'ble Speaker informed that the DGP report regarding the Kwatha case could be available at his Chamber after it was submitted.

Md. Allauddin Khan, Minister (MOBC) replying to the discussion said that necessary steps for Panchayat delimitation were on and all concerned had been intimated through the DCs of the respective districts.

Hon'ble Chief Minister moved for passing the bill.

After Clause by Clause consideration, the Manipur Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2007 was passed unanimously by the House.

RAISING OF A MATTER WHICH IS NOT A POINT OF ORDER:

Shri O. Joy Singh and Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLAs raised a matter that S/Shri Ph. Ghanashyam and Moirangthem Jayentakumar, member of the proscribed UNLF now under judicial custody at New Delhi be prosecuted for the cases pending against them in the State.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA raising the matter recalled that the two persons were arrested from IGI Airport, New Delhi while on their way to Kathmandu and were now in the judicial custody in Delhi. He mentioned that 5 FIR and 9 FIR were lodged in different police stations against Shri Ph. Ghanashyam and

Moirangthem Jayentakumar respectively, for their alleged involvement in different cases. In view of the gravity of cases against them, he felt the necessity for the Home department to initiate steps for taking up trial against them in the state of Manipur.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA co-mover of the motion said that though different FIR, including some serious ones, were lodged in different police stations of the state against the two persons, the state government was not taking up any steps for their trial. Citing the extradition case of Abdul Salem and Charles Shobraj, he asked why the two persons, currently in judicial custody in Delhi, should not be brought back in the state and made to stand for trial here for their alleged involvement in different cases in the state.

Hon'ble Speaker announced that a statement regarding the matter would be made available to the Members after consulting legal experts and concerned authorities.

Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House Sine-die at 3.10 p.m.

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