

# MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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Saturday, the 5th May, 2007.  
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*The House assembled at 11.00 am of Saturday, the 5th 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 45 Elected Members.

### **QUESTIONS:**

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Tourism) made a reply to Starred Question No. 49 asked by Shri Erabot Yumkham, MLA regarding the establishment of Tourist Centre at the Manipur Mountaineering Institution Complex at Lamdan.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Health & Family Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No. 50 asked by Shri Awangbow Newmai, MLA regarding the sanctioned posts of doctors and nurses in a PHC.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (Health & Family Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No. 51 asked by Dr. U. Deben Singh, MLA regarding the staff strength and equipments of Rural Hospital, Kakching.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Health & Family Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No. 53 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the staff strength and construction of buildings for PHSC.

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 48 & 52 and Unstarred Question No. 8 were laid on the Table of the House.

### **CALLING ATTENTION:**

Shri O. Joy Singh and Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLAs called the attention of the Home Minister on the alleged killing of one Nongmaithem Tomba alias Chingnung of Kumbi Kangjeibung Mapal.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving the Calling Attention Motion quoted the daily newspaper Imphal Free Press and alleged that Shri Nongmaithem Tomba alias Chingnung of Kumbi was killed by the Assam Rifles stationed at Sagang after he was picked up from his house at 11.00 pm and the dead body was handed over to the Kumbi Police Station the next morning. Refuting the version of the Assam Rifles that Shri N. Tomba was killed in an encounter, he questioned why the civil police of that area was not informed during such a operation and alleged that it was gross violation of the dos and don'ts given by the Supreme Court to the Army while utilising the powers conferred to them under the Armed Forces Special Power Act. He alleged that many insurgents and innocent people were

killed in such fake encounters by the army without any trial in the court. He opined that a House Committee should be constituted to examine this case assisted by criminal lawyers since such an incident was not the first and the last.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA co-mover of the calling attention motion said that the news report clearly points that the incident was a fake encounter and added that legal experts should be consulted to examine whether certain clauses of AFSPA could be amended to permit Judicial Enquiry into any excesses committed by the army under the provision of AFSPA. He urged the Hon'ble Chief Minister to look into the matter in order to appease the minds of the general public.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister clarifying to the calling attention motion said that the allegation and counter allegation by the family of the deceased M. Tomba and the Assam Rifles Authority was being examined by instituting a Magisterial Enquiry and that the report would be submitted within one month. He further informed that necessary action would be taken up after receiving the enquiry report.

S/Shri O. Joy Singh, N. Mangi Singh and Dr. N. Bijoy Singh, MLAs sought further clarifications and the Hon'ble Chief Minister clarified.

Dr. Budhichandra Singh, Hon'ble Speaker observed that legal provisions should be examined before taking up any step.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES:**

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA initiating the general discussion of the budget estimates said that even though the financial position of the state had improved to a certain extent the budget was more of a salaried budget. He further observed that the leakages in land revenue tax collection should be plugged and the tax base broadened in order to increase the plan size of the state and critically commented that the government failed to tap the existing natural resources of the state. Commenting on the failure of the Electricity Department in tax collection, he suggested that the department should be converted either into a Board or a Corporation for effective collection of tax. He also pointed out the failure of the government to start any work on time, complete on time and lack of quality control on the works taken up and further urged the government to publicize the budget allocation of different departments reflected in the budget to the general public.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA observed that the budget had many unrealistic areas and added that the government failed to frame concrete policy to tap the natural resources of the state. Highlighting the economic advantages of the numerous medicinal plants grown wild in the state he expressed regret over the failure of the government to take up any step to explore this aspect for overall economic growth of the state.

**(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 2.10 p.m. with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair).***

Shri I. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA participating in the discussion stressed the need for giving priority on resource mobilisation and levying tax on the migrant labourers by framing a law. He also highlighted the need for increasing the budget

allocation of the medical department to meet the basic requirement in hospitals and health centres.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion said that the benefit of the budget to be passed need to reach the general public effectively.

Dr. Kh. Loken, MLA participating in the discussion said that the basic needs of the people would be catered to by this budget. Highlighting the benefits the public was going to reap from this budget, he said that an economic revolution would be brought about by this budget.

Shri Y. Surchandra Singh, MLA participating in the discussion pointed out the increase in the plan size as an achievement of the government. A big jump in the collection of sales tax was due to the effective fiscal management of the government, he said. He pointed out the need for a mechanism for revenue collection regarding Excise Department and Power Department. He further stressed the need for the Finance Department to look into the non-allocation of Budget in respect of Motor vehicles cell of the Home Department. Financial reforms need to be given extra attention, he added.

Shri E. Kunjeswar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion said that though there is sign of overall development in the budget there is the need for finding means for mobilisation of resources and plugging of leakage of resources.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, replying to the Discussion said that the financial condition of the state had improved considerably due to the good financial management of the government. Computerisation of the Lamphel Treasury Office was over and computerisation of other Treasury offices were in the offing, he said. Plan for amendment of the Electricity Act currently in use in the state was underway for effective resource mobilisation in respect of Power Department, he added. He further said that there was an increase in the collection of taxes due to the introduction of VAT. Funds had been earmarked for construction of quarters for doctors, paramedic staffs and teachers in the interior areas, he said. He was of the opinion that the state would soon be on the road to progress when the public could be benefitted by this budget allocation and therefore sought the cooperation of everyone.

***Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House at 3.08 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Monday, the 7th May, 2007.***

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