

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT**

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Wednesday, the 1st August, 2007 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon'ble Chief Minister, 10 Cabinet Ministers, Chairman & Vice-Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 45 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (PHED) made a reply to Starred Question No. 182 asked by Shri L. Nandakumar Singh, MLA regarding the completion of laying of pipes and construction of inspection hole for the sewage project.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 183 asked by Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA regarding the withdrawal of security personnel from the elected member of 22-Wangoi A/C.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (Health) made a reply to Starred Question No. 185 asked by Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA regarding the proposal for the construction of building of District Hospital, Bishnupur.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (FCS) made a reply to Starred Question No. 186 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the reasons for categorising the controlled rice under AAY, BPL and APL.

- (e) Hon'ble Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No. 187 asked by Shri Awangbow Newmei, MLA regarding the entitlement of official quarters to a sitting MLA and Ex-MLA

Answer to Starred Question No. 184 was laid on the Table of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Hon'ble Speaker announced that a leave application was applied by Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA on 2nd August, 2007 to attend a meeting. He also informed that a Private Members Resolution by Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA and on a Matter of Public Interest raised by Shri O. Joy Singh, Shri R.K. Anand, Dr. Ng Bijoy Singh, Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh and Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLAs was not admitted because of a Government's Resolution to be taken up.

GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister moved the following resolution

“Now, therefore, this August house, representing the people of Manipur, resolve to strongly urge upon the Union Government and all concerned to appreciate and act upon these resolutions:-

- i) to order a fresh Census for the whole of Manipur by cancelling the Census 2001; and
- ii) impose a moratorium on all the delimitation exercises until the fresh census figure is published; and
- iii) pending publication of the fresh census, status quo of the existing Assembly constituencies be maintained and the Delimitation (Amendment) Act. 2003 (No. 3 of 2004) be exempted.”

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister moving the resolution said that the Delimitation Commission of India was going to undertake delimitation process in the entire India based on the 2001 census. He informed that the 2001 census figure in Manipur was abnormal and that the delimitation could not be implemented based on the 2001 census. He further informed that the Registrar General of India,

Government of India made an order for re-census of some of the abnormal growth areas by an Officer's Committee headed by R.C Mishra, the then Chief Electoral Officer. But the re-census was not carried out properly due to lack of co-operation from the people of the area, he added. He said that the 2001 census was not done physically on the spot and wanted a fresh census..

Shri T. Mangibabu Singh, MLA pointed out the disparity in the census 2001 and expressed desire to make a fresh census.

POINT OF ORDER:

Shri V. Hangkhanlian, MLA moving a Point of Order observed that the discussion would be subjudice as the matter was in the Supreme Court of India.

Hon'ble Speaker said that the matter was not subjudice.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA, Shri Phungzathang Tonsing, Minister (Power), Shri O. Joy Singh, Shri Radhabinod Koijam, Dr. Khashim Ruivah, Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLAs made observations.

(Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 1.05 p.m. till 2.10 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 RK. Anand, MLA supporting the resolution observed that a matter of public interest and should be appraised to both hill and valley. He said that the delimitation process based on 2001 would bring forth political and social implications and amounts to miscarriage of justice. Regarding the abnormal growth of population in some areas, the best option was re-census of the 2001 census, he asserted. He further stressed the need to have a realistic approach for healthy exercise of delimitation process.

Shri Hemochandra, MLA observed that cutting across party lines threadbare discussion should be held in the best interest of the State and conduct a fresh census transparently and accordingly delimitation process should be done with parity. The abnormality in the rate of population was the error of census enumerators and concerned DCs and they should be fixed responsibilities, he

maintained. He pointed out the need to set new standards and increase the dignity of the august House by passing the resolution.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA supporting the resolution expressed the urgency to find the real fact as it was an issue to save Manipur and create an atmosphere of oneness. For the welfare of all the communities, the 2001 census should be thoroughly analysed and not based on false census since the delimitation process would be freezed up to 2026, he said. He termed the disparity in the growth rate as abnormal and absurd. He said that the mistake should be timely corrected to prevent far-reaching consequences. In order to prevent social upheavals and law and order problems, the 2001 census should be exempted and a fresh count should be conducted to keep delimitation process in abeyance.

Md. Hellaluddin Khan, MLA observed that the government resolution was taken at the right time and the House should pass it unanimously.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA welcoming the resolution of the government said there was requirement of some technical points while passing it. He said the 2001 census figure was abnormal, bogus and incorrect. Regarding the population figures of some sub-divisions given by the Registrar General of India, he said as it was arbitrary and challenged it. The abnormality was not only in the hills but in the valley also and there was no question of biasness, he added. He said that the abnormality should be proved with certain technical data and a Technical Committee should be formed.

Dr. Kh. Ratankumar Singh, MLA supporting the resolution said that the resolution should be considered in the larger interest and not in sectorial line and without any prejudice for the welfare of the future generation. He further said that the census figure of 2001 was abnormal judging by any yardstick and therefore the mistake should be rectified through a certain modus operandi.

Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh, Minister (Education) supporting the resolution said that the mistake in the 2001 census if not corrected would be a gross violation of justice and an injustice to the future generation. He also endorsed the idea of constituting a Technical Committee to examine the re-checking of census.

Shri V. Hangkhanlian, MLA rejecting the resolution said that the abnormal growth in population would be due to the intense migration of population as a result of the various ethnic clashed. He questioned why the government did not

object the 2001 census at that time. He pointed out that delimitation and rectifications of Assembly segments of other parts of India had already been completed and therefore it should also be done in the state of Manipur too. The census report, he said, had been consented by the state government and rejecting it now would not be a wise step.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister intervened and clarified that the census operation was conducted by the Central Government and added that the state government had raised its objection to the 2001 census report right after the report was published. The Census Department had cancelled the 2001 census report for three sub divisions in 2004, he said, but admitted that he was not sure why the Census Board of India had published a recalculated figure instead of conducting a re-census.

Shri V. Hangkhanlian, MLA continuing the discussion said that the census department had already reduced the figure by nearly 1 (one) lakh in the publication of the final census figure since the public did not cooperate to the re-census in some subdivisions of the hill. Therefore he said that he object the resolution put up by the government for re-census of the whole state.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA said that he object to the resolution for a re-census since the census department had already reduced the figure by nearly 1 lakh. The abnormal population growth, he said, could be due to the high birth rate in the hill areas.

Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA raising objection to the resolution said that the 2001 census figure could not be treated as wrong since rectification had already been done and the final figure published by the census department. He said that if the 2001 census figure was to be wrong, how could the general election conducted as per the 2001 be right.

Dr. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA supporting the resolution pointed out various mistakes in the 2001 census figure. He said that the total population of SCs, published as per the 2001 census, for Bishnupur district is less than the population of Leimaram area, a Schedule Caste village, which is within Bishnupur district. Such mistakes, he said, should be rectified for the welfare of the people. He also endorsed the idea of constituting a Technical Committee to examine the rectification process.

Shri Th. Debendra Singh, Minister (Revenue, Forest & Environment) supporting the motion said that the re-census was necessary to examine if there was any mistake in the 2001 census figure since all economic planning of the state have to be done as per the census figure. He further said that delimitation should be based on correct population figure. The Government, he said, had been raising objection to the census figure of 2001. The issue, he said, was not of hill or valley but for the welfare of the whole state of Manipur and so he appealed to all the MLAs to support the resolution.

Shri E. Dwijamani Singh, MLA supporting the resolution said that the census report should be rectified and added that wrong report should not be made the foundation of Economic Planning.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA supporting the resolution said that the census report should be rectified.

Shri K. Raina, MLA objecting to the resolution said that the abnormal growth of population in Senapati district was due to the mass migration of tribal population from different parts of the state to Senapati in the aftermath of the ethnic clashes and the high birth rate in the hill areas. He said that the Senapati DC and SDOs of other subdivisions of the hill areas had submitted similar reports as the reason for the abnormal population growth in some parts of the hill areas. He further said that there was no instances of threat by the local people of Senapati in conducting the re-census. He pointed out that delimitation was very necessary for administrative convenience.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA supporting the resolution said that the report submitted by the Officers' Committee headed by R.C. Mishra clearly state that the high population growth at Mao-Maram, Paomata and Purul was abnormal and there was no substantial migration of population in Senapati.

Dr. Khashim Ruivah wanted the word abnormal to be deleted from the resolution.

Dr Bijoy Singh, MLA said that there was no increase in Hill-House Tax though it was reported that many population had migrated to the hills. He

suggested for using the help of Remote Sensing to count the number of Houses in the hills.

Dr. Usham Deben, MLA supporting the resolution pointed out the need to set up an Expert Committee including Demographer to examine the abnormal population growth in order to prevent such incidents in future.

Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh, Hon'ble Speaker commented that if there was migration of population at Senapati then there would be decrease of population in some Assembly segments.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister clarifying on the resolution said that re-census should be conducted to verify the authenticity of the 2001 census report for the welfare of the whole state. Pointing out the R.C. Mishra Report which states that the population growth in some parts of the hills was abnormal, he appealed to all the MLAs for an unanimous support of the resolution for conducting a re-census in the whole state. He also endorsed the proposal for constituting a Technical Committee to examine the verification process.

When Shri S. Budhichandra, Hon'ble Speaker tried to pass the resolution some MLAs who objected to the resolution staged a walkout.

The resolution was adopted by the House. It was also agreed to constitute a Technical Committee to examine the verification process.

Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House at 6.00 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Thursday, the 2nd August, 2007.

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Secretary,

Manipur Legislative Assembly.
