

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT**

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Tuesday, the 31st July, 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 Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 181 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the burning down of schools in the Hill areas and measures taken up Hon'ble Minister Education further supplemented to it.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister Education made a reply to Starred Question No. 180 asked by Dr. U. Deben Singh, MLA regarding the scholarship given to the cadet.

OBITUARY REFERENCE:

The Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly moved a resolution on obituary reference on the demise of Shri Chandra Sekhar, former Prime Minister of India.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister, Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA, Shri Ph. Parijat Singh, Minister (Health) and Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA participated in the Obituary Reference.

The following resolution was adopted by the House:-

“That, this House expresses its deep and profound sorrow at the demise of Chandra Sekhar, former Prime Minister of India on 8th July, 2007.

And, that the Members of this House observe two minutes' silence by standing up to pray to the Almighty God for the eternal peace of the departed soul.”

PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister presented the 4th Report of the Business Advisory Committee, 2007 and also moved:

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

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moved for amendment of the Report under Rule 269(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Manipur Legislative Assembly and made a proposal to include election of Deputy Speaker in it..

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA supporting the proposal made observation on the role and responsibility of the Deputy Speaker in enhancing the image and decorum of the House and stressed the need to fill up the vacancy.

Hon’ble Minister (Law & Legislative Affairs) also made observation on the importance of the Deputy Speaker and agreed to the proposal to hold election of the post and mentioned certain norms to be followed in this regard.

The Hon’ble Speaker made a ruling under Rule 271 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Manipur Legislative Assembly.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister said that the matter would be considered if both the Opposition and Ruling agreed.

The Hon’ble Speaker made an announcement that the election would be held on August 2nd, 2007 after completion of the due formalities.

CALLING ATTENTION:

(i) S/Shri O. Joy Singh and R.K. Anand, MLAs called the attention of Home Minister on the detention of Hon’ble Minister Shri Ph. Parijat Singh and Hon’ble Member Shri N. Mangi Singh by the 7th Assam Rifles at Sagang Post on the way from Wangoo to Imphal.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA quoting leading local dailies publication of 19th July 2007 said that it was a serious matter and an insult to the Parliamentary system of democracy and amounted to breach of privilege of the house. Pointing out excess of the para-military forces, he stressed the need to take proper action against the erring army officer. He said that the Minister and MLA went there under a programme of the government and expressed suspicion that there might be lapses on the part of the police forces also. Despite the information that court martial has been going on against the officer, an FIR should be lodged against him and tried in a civil court, he added. He also mentioned that under Rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, intimation should be made to the Hon’ble Speaker.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA co-mover of the motion expressed that the House should seriously deal with the violation of democratic norms by a disciplined force. Proper analysis of the motive and attitude of the army officer and whether

the act of detention was done deliberately should be examined, he stated. Regarding the mindset of the Army while dealing with civilians, he said that proper streamlining was required. He further said that it was disregard and contempt of the House and wanted the government to take appropriate exemplary action.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA informed the House that prior to the visit of the Health Minister, publicity was made and police stations were timely informed. He said that it was an insult to the National Flag and stressed the need to conduct an enquiry.

Shri Ph. Parijat, Minister Health said that the behavior and attitude of the Army Officer was intolerable and befitting punishment should be meted out.

The Chief Minister replying to the motion informed the House he received a telephone call from the GOC 57 Mountain Division on the evening of the same day to clear doubts regarding the misunderstanding. A meeting was held on 19th July 2007 with the GOC, IG Assam Rifles along with hon'ble Minister at the CM's Bungalow. He also mentioned the assurance given by the GOC to take appropriate action and to properly brief the Army Posts to prevent such untoward incidents in future. Since the matter was an insult to the House, it would be raised at the next Unified Command meeting, he added.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA further made comments on the lapses of the State Police and wanted the Bisnupur S.P to register a case in this regard. Since the act amounted to breach of Privilege and contempt of the House, the motion should be referred to the Privilege Committee, he asserted.

Shri T. Phungzathang, Minister (Power) raising queries regarding the progress of the case and wanted the Chief Minister to place the action taken report in the House. He further said that proper direction should be given to the law enforcers.

Shri Th. Debendra Singh, minister (Law & Legislative Affairs) made some observations.

Hon'ble Speaker observed that the matter could be referred the Privilege and Ethics Committee after completing due formalities.

(Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 1.45 p.m. till 2.45 p.m. of the day).

(The afternoon session resumed at 2.45 p.m. with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair).

(ii) Dr. I. Ibohalbi and Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLAs called the attention of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Minister on the confirmation of the outbreak of Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) in Manipur.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA moving the calling Attention Motion quoted the local dailies of 26th July reporting the outbreak of bird flu in the state. While appreciating the steps taken up by the Veterinary and the Health Departments to

prevent the spread of the disease, he enquired whether the guidelines laid down were properly followed or not. He further added that apart from culling the birds taking up of disinfectant process is also a must. Among other things, he wanted the government to increase the compensation given to the owners.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA co-mover of the calling attention motion drew the attention of the Vety. and A.H Minister on the various loopholes while taking up the culling of fowls by the department in the aftermath of the outbreak of bird flu in the state. He also emphasised the need for proper imposition of ban on movement of poultry and its products in the state. He further questioned the validity of culling the fowls without taking up the other steps of controlling the spread of the disease like spraying of disinfectant and burying the culled fowls in properly dug pitches. He also suggested for keeping the infected fowls in quarantine instead of culling them. He also gave the opinion that certified eggs should be allowed to sell and affected poultry farmers who took loan from the banks should be properly compensated.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister clarifying to the motion said that the Vety. and A.H Department had started taking up precautionary measures after they received information about the spread of bird flu in Bangladesh and Myanmar. He further informed that out of the blood samples of fowls collected from various areas only those of the samples collected from Chingmeirong area was tested positive. He added that there was no instance of spreading the disease to the human till now. Highlighting the effective process of culling fowls by the RRT within 5 Km. radius of Chingmeirong area from where the disease was first detected. He further informed that a team of doctors from the Centre and other states along with doctors from the state were closely monitoring the culling process and other measures taken up for combating the disease. Regarding the low compensation, he said that it would be examined. The police department, he said, had been instructed to ban movement of fowls in the state. He said that the origin of the disease was yet to be ascertained but expressed confidence that the disease would be controlled at the earliest.

S/Shri Dr. Ibohalbi Singh and Dr. Bijoy Singh sought further clarifications and the Hon'ble Chief Minister clarified.

Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh, Hon'ble Speaker commented that quarantine would be very applicable in the case of Turkey, a bigger species of fowls.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Hon'ble Speaker announced to the House that Hon'ble Minister Shri D.D. Thaisi had applied for leave of the House from 31st July to 2nd August, 2007.

ELECTION FOR FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN COMMITTEES:

(i) Shri O. Joy Singh, Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts to move the following motion:

“that in pursuance of Rule 233(3) of the Rules of Business and Conduct of Business in Manipur Legislative Assembly, this House do proceed to elect one member for filling the casual vacancy in the Committee on Public Accounts on 2nd August, 2007.”

(ii) Shri M. Manindra Singh, Chairman of the Committee on Public Undertakings to move the following motion:

“that in pursuance of Rule 233(3) of the Rules of Business and Conduct of Business in Manipur Legislative Assembly, this House do proceed to elect one member for filling the casual vacancy in the Committee on Public Undertakings on 2nd August, 2007.”

INTRODUCTION OF BILL:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister moved for leave to introduce the Salaries and Allowances of Chairman of the Manipur Legislative Assembly (Hill Areas Committee) Third Amendment Bill, 2007.

The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.

Hon’ble Speaker adjourned the House at 4.10 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Wednesday, the 1st August, 2007.

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