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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Wednesday, the 19th March, 2008 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon'ble Chief Minister, 11 Cabinet Ministers, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Chairman & Vice-Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 43 Elected Members.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION:

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, Shri O. Joy Singh and Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLAs raised a Short Duration Discussion on the killing of 7 (seven) persons at Hayen Hangun under Mayang Imphal.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA initiating the discussion condemned the cruel and merciless serial killing of innocent non-Manipuris and wanted the Government to take effective measures timely. Regarding the Hayel Hangun incident, he said that the police were being timely informed by the local authorities but did not turned up. He expressed apprehension that the incidents would have a great effect on the Manipuris staying outside the state and wanted the Government to take up safety measures for them. He also mentioned the condemnation of the incidents by the North -East Support Helpline and its apprehension of serious consequences. Since the incidents would have a major impact on the law and order of the state, effective security measures should be taken up for the safety of the non-Manipuris, he asserted. He further urged the Government to make the deployment in the check-posts effective and sought a detailed statement regarding the internal measures taken up.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA taking part in the discussion expressed apprehension of serious repercussion of the brutal killings of non-Manipuris who were mostly daily wage earners. He said that the incidents would create a bad impression of the state and demean its status and wanted the House to seriously condemn the incidents. Citing other similar incidents of kidnapping and abduction, he pointed out the irresponsible ways and conduct of the Mayang-Imphal police station for failing to make prompt response to the Hayen Hangun killing. He emphasised the need to find out the motive behind the killings to prevent future occurrence. In view of the prevailing law and order problem, the functioning and deployment of the police required reviewing, he added.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA condemning the serial killings stressed the need to find out the root cause of the incidents. Commenting on the influx of migrants which served as a threat to the indigenous population, he pointed out the need to regulate the Inner Line Permit as done in Mizoram and Nagaland. He also felt the importance of reciprocation in terms of settlement both in the hills and valley.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA taking part in the discussion said the killings should be condemned in the strongest possible term and expressed apprehension that it would create a feeling of regionalism. To prevent widespread ramification, effective measures should be taken up to sort out the problem, he maintained. He also wanted the government to have a concrete action plan and constitute a committee to conduct an enquiry by a highest body to fix responsibility. Regarding the responsibility of the media, he said that the temperament of the other states should be considered and remain restraint until the findings were known. Since it was a common problem, the government should make immediate and concerted efforts to address it, he added.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA observed that the incidents were shameful and condemnable and the House should make an appeal to put a halt to such inhuman killings. Since the target was mainly on the non-Manipuris, adequate security cover should be provided to the areas resided by them. He also wanted the government take precautionary measures for the security of the Manipuris staying outside the state.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA condemning the serial killings, observed that a collective decision should be taken to solve the problem by holding a secret

session of the 60 members. Despite police ineffectiveness, at this critical juncture encouragement should be given to them, he said. He wanted the government to take effective security measures in view of the alarming situation faced by the state.

The Chief Minister in his reply to the discussion observed that such a brutal act should not be tolerated in a civilised society. Citing similar incidents of communal flare-ups, he said that the killing was an act of communalism and those involved in the crime would be seriously dealt with. As a precautionary measure for the security of those staying outside the state, intimation would be made to the Chief Ministers, Chief Secretaries and DGPs of other states, he said. Regarding the inefficiency and lapses on the part of the Mayang -Imphal police Station, he said the matter would be looked into. He further mentioned the various security measures being taken up in and around Imphal areas to stop further occurrence. He informed the House that the non-Manipuris who were about to leave the state were being asked to stay till restoration of normalcy and adequate security and relief materials would be provided to them. As per rules, the Government would provide ex-gratia and every possible help to the victim's family, he said.

The Hon'ble Speaker made observation that the incidents should be condemned in the strongest term by the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

The Hon'ble Speaker announced the receipt of a leave application from Smt. O. Landhoni Devi, MLA. The House granted leave.

PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT:

Shri D.D. Thaissi, Chairman of the Select Committee on the Manipur Hill Areas Autonomous District Council Bill, 2008 presented its report.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BILL:

Shri D.D. Thaissi, T.D. and Hill Minister moved:-

'that the Manipur Hill Areas Autonomous District Council Bill, 2008 as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration.'

Shri D.D. Thaissi, T.D. and Hill Minister moving the Bill for consideration and passing said that the bill referred earlier to the HAC was referred to a Select Committee for further examination due to some flaws in its report. He further wanted the bill to be referred to the HAC again.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA participating in the discussion pointed out the inherent defects of the Bill and observed that the bill failed to insert the clause of disqualification of District Council Members on grounds of connection with insurgent elements. He said that defects or loopholes in the Principal Bill should be pointed out for correction and stressed the need to rectify them. He said that there were only two options for passing the Bill i.e. either referring the Bill to the HAC or withdrew it for re- introduction to the House.

Shri Radhabinod Kojam, MLA participating in the discussion pointed out the lack of preparation and seriousness on the part of the T.D. Department and Law Department and inordinate delay in the drafting of the Bill. He also pointed out some legal lacunae of the Bill and stressed the need to rectify it.

Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA participating in the discussion said that referring of the Bill to the Select Committee was undermining the spirit of the Bill and added that it was outside the purview of the Constitution. He expressed desire that the Bill must be referred to the HAC.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister observed that the Bill was prepared very hurriedly in view of the upcoming election of District Councils prior to the onset of rainy season and further said that referring the bill to the Select Committee was done without any negative intention. He expressed desire to refer the Bill to the HAC considering the suggestions made by the Members.

Hon'ble Speaker observed that referring the Bill to a Select Committee was made in good spirit without any vested interest and added that it was referred to the Select Committee due to certain lacunae in the bill which required thorough examination.

Shri V. Hangkhanlian, MLA participating in the discussion said that referring the Bill to the select committee was a hasty decision of the House because no chance of making observation to the Bill was given to the Members.

He further said that the special provisions provided to the Scheduled Areas were not considered by the House.

Shri E. Kunjeshwar Singh, MLA and Shri Ph. Parijat Singh, Minister (Health) made observations and expressed desire to refer the Bill to HAC for further examination.

Shri V. Hangkhanlian and Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLAs made further observations.

The Hon'ble Speaker referred the Manipur Hill Areas Autonomous District Council Bill, 2008 to the Hill Areas Committee.

Hon'ble Speaker announced that the House would be re-convened on 3rd April, 2008 for consideration of the Bill.

Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House at 1.25 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Thursday, the 3rd April, 2008.

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Secretary,
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