

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT**

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Friday, the 29th February, 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 42 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Revenue) made a reply to Starred Question No. 236 asked by Dr. U. Deben Singh, MLA regarding the extension of the manipur land Reforms Act, 1960 to the Hill Areas of Manipur.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Agriculture) made a reply to Starred Question No. 237 asked by Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA regarding the implementation of Macro management programme in the Hill Districts of Manipur.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (R.D. & P.R.) made a reply to Starred Question No. 238 asked by Dr. H. Borajao, MLA regarding the proposal of the Government to implement the Scheduled Caste Development Programme through the Zilla Parishad under the devolution of powers to the Panchayati Raj Institutions.

- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Social Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No. 240 asked by Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA regarding the projected population of children of Manipur between 1-6 years and the existing numbers of Lower Primary Schools and Anganwadi Centres A/C wise.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (T.D.) made a reply to Starred Question No. 241 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the consideration of economic status of the beneficiaries while giving facility under Tribal Development.

Answer to Starred Question No. 239 was laid on the Table of the House as written reply.

ZERO HOUR:

During Zero Hour, Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA, drew the attention of the Government on the closure of Lamlong Keithel in protest against the demand made by the underground outfits for the last two days. Taking into consideration the plight of the shopkeepers and poor vendors, he wanted the Government to solve the matter.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA, quoted the 29th February, 2008 Poknapham publication on the incident of beating commercial sex workers at North AOC and extorting money from them by a police party. The torture and harassment of these workers was a serious matter and should be condemned and wanted the officer in-charge of the party be booked.

Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA raised a matter on the ongoing hungerstrike called by the students of Pettigrew College, Ukhrul in protest against the failure of the Government to look into their grievances and wanted the Government to bring about an amicable solution.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY:

The Hon'ble Speaker made an announcement that under Rule 78 (ii) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Manipur Legislative Assembly a report in connection with the Private Members' Resolution adopted in the House on 22nd February 2008, would be read out by the Secretary of the Manipur

Legislative Assembly Secretariat on a matter of breach of privilege and contempt of the House.

The Secretary, Manipur Legislative assembly read out a report as under:

To,

The Hon'ble Speaker
Manipur Legislative Assembly
Subject :- Notice under Rule 78 (ii)

Hon'ble Sir,

Under Rule 78 (ii) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Manipur Legislative Assembly, I beg to report that a statement under the caption "Resolution Unacceptable: MLAs" was made in the Sangai Express dated 25th February, 2008. The statement amongst others runs as follows:-

"The Resolution adopted in the Manipur Legislative Assembly on February 22, 2008 regarding the withdrawal of 16th Point Agreement from the congress manifesto in connection with Nagaland Election and the disapproval of the reported statement given by Mr. Sidarth Patil, AICC Secretary was unacceptable to the Naga Independent MLAs"

Hence, this report for bringing to the kind notice of the House.

Yours faithfully

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Secretary

Manipur Legislative Assembly.

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The Hon'ble Speaker made an observation that matter amounted to Breach of Privilege and Contempt of the House. The Hon'ble Speaker gave the option of explaining their position to the Naga MLAs.

The MLAs remain silent.

The Hon'ble Speaker, then, sought the opinion of the Leader of the House on the matter.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the statement of the Independent MLAs as reported in the Sangai Express on the adoption of the Resolution passed on 22-02-08 was very unfortunate as it lowered the dignity of the House. They might have opposed the Resolution during deliberation in the House, he said and added that a resolution passed by the House could not be questioned by anybody. He strongly warned that such act must not be repeated in future.

The Hon'ble Speaker observed that as it was the first instance the act was condoned.

CALLING ATTENTION:

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA called the attention of the Tribal Development Minister on the fake educational certificate of one Mr. Wulangam Anal, present CEO, District Council, Chandel.

The Hon'ble Speaker made an intervention that since the case was in the purview of the Hon'ble High Court, it was subjudiced to discuss it in the House.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA expressed that the rules of subjudice would be observed and the legal aspects would not be touched.

He quoted the October 17th, 2007, The Sangai Express publication on the appointment of Mr. Wulangam Anal, present CEO, District Council, Chandel despite chargesheet being framed of fake certificate against him. His matric certificate bearing Roll No. 4667 of 1970 was found to be fake after being investigated by the Vigilance Department, he said. He reiterated that under the Civil Service Conduct Rules, the CEO should be suspended and enquired the Government for retaining his service all these years. Proper justification should be made by the Government regarding this matter, he said and wanted the Minister to place the suspension order in the House during the ongoing Session.

Shri D.D. Thaisi, Minister (TD) replying to the motion said that in accordance to the findings of the Vigilance Department, no recommendation was

made and the concerned Department was not informed of the mode of referring the case to Hon'ble High Court, so without any basis the punishment could not be awarded. He also informed the House that the verdict of the Court was still pending.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA made a suggestion to the Minister to consult legal experts and suspend the erring officer and the Minister made an assurance that the needful would be looked into.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMAND FOR GRANTS, 2008-09:

Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh moved Demand No. 20 - Community Development & ANP, IRDP and NREP, Demand No. 25 - Youth Affairs & Sports Department, Demand No. 36 - Minor Irrigation and Demand No. 47 - Welfare of Minorities & Other Backward Classes for discussion.

Hon'ble Speaker clubbed the four demands for a joint discussion.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA moving cut motions on Youth Affairs and Sports observed that for promotion of games and its facilities economic back-up should be provided at the college and university level also. Regarding the system in the awarding of sports scholarship short-cut procedure should be implemented and the irregularities should be streamlined, he said. Youth welfare programmes are generally festive motive and certain components should be added to enhance it, he stated. In respect of National Youth Award, he stressed the need to create a sense of competition and awareness to the different associations. He pointed out the lack of effective implementation of Physical Education to the educational institutions and wanted the teachers appointed to be cost effective. He enquired the Government on whether there was plan for construction of District Sports Complex in Imphal East and West. Regarding Demand No.47,MOBC,he wanted the Minister to make an equitable distribution of rickshaws. While making allocation of welfare funds technical error should be checked, he observed. He wanted the Minister to place the list of beneficiaries of Health funds and the mode of disbursing it. He said that the construction of hostel and its selection was not rational and sought clarification from the Minister regarding it. Regarding Minor Irrigation, he expressed that there was lack of transparency while framing work programmes and awarded works without the knowledge of the local MLAs.He also made observation on the unavailability of department officials at their own will and said that such things should be checked. Commenting on Demand No.20, he said that the newly elected MLAs had no role regarding SGSY.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA moving cut motion on Demand No.25, YAS, said that the budget allocation for sports in the hills was less and wanted the Government to provide better avenues and facilities for the youths there. He said that the budget allocation for indigenous games was almost nil and expressed the need to earmark funds for cricket. The fund for Khuman Lampak Sports Development should be utilised with transparency and accountability, he stated. He also pointed out the need to provide better facilities for national and international players. Regarding Demands No.20, he said that the plan size for National Rural Employment Generation Scheme should be increased. He raised queries on whether the Council under the National Rural Guarantee Scheme was implemented in accordance to the Government Of India Act. Proper verification should be done regarding implementation of Indira Awas Yojna in every districts, he said. He also expressed the need to enhance the Local Area Development Fund for MLAs. On Demand No.36, Minor Irrigation, he commented on the role of it in agriculture and asked the reasons for the decrease in its budget allocation and also said that a policy programme for ground water tapping in the rural areas should be formed. On Demand No.47, MOBC highlighting the poor sanitary condition in the Minorities inhabited areas, he said that one house one latrine programme should be implemented. Proper allocation for minority resource and information technology should also be made, he added.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA moving cut motion on Demand No.25, YAS pointed out the frequency of transfer and posting of the Directors inspite of being a high profile department. Commenting on the role of coaches in bringing out of outstanding players, he said that their payscale should be enhanced by rectifying the flaws in the pay structure. Regarding cases of fake appointments in the Sports Department, he enquired whether their services had been terminated or not. He made further observation on the irregularities in the Department and said that the loopholes should be amended to achieve sports target. Regarding Demand No.47, MOBC the genuiness of the beneficiaries should be checked and equitable distribution and quality control of materials should be maintained, he said. In respect of Demand No.36, Minor Irrigation, he expressed the need to check the irresponsibility ways of the Department Officials.

(Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh adjourned the House at 1.00p.m. till 2.00 p.m. of the day).

(The afternoon session resumed at 2.00 p.m. with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Hon'ble Speaker announced that Shri Salam Joy Singh, MLA had applied for leave on 3rd March, 2008. The House granted leave.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS:

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving cut motions said that inspite of the importance and suitability of MI in Manipur rather than big and medium irrigation for better economic development of the state, the fund earmarked for MI was very low and added that no fund was earmarked for maintenance. He further commented on the irregularities in issuance of cheques, lack of quality control and imbalance in distribution of work programs and gave suggestion for looking into the matter. Observing on MOBC, he suggested for inclusion of Sanamahi followers in the ST category. Highlighting the importance of sports and achievements by the sportspersons of the state, he said that the sports policy of the state had many loopholes and urged the Minister concerned to rectify them. The Vision India Project for tapping the football potential of the state was a good scheme but had various loopholes, he said and added that such loopholes should be corrected. Cash incentive should also be given to champion team in major football tournaments, he suggested.

Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA participating in the discussion observed that the MI schemes taken up in the hill areas were mostly on papers while some of those taken up lacked quality control and as a result the beneficiaries do not get any benefit from the projects and urged the Minister concerned to take up MI schemes properly for the sake of the people.

Shri V. Hangkhalein, MLA participating in the discussion said that the Sports Policy of YAS had nothing to offer for the talented sportspersons of the hill areas and appealed to the Minister to promote sports in the hills by earmarking more fund. Commenting on MI, he said that the schemes meant to be taken up for the hill districts were taken up only in papers. He further drew the attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the statement of the All Manipur Tribal Students Union that all the tribal students would withdrew enmass from Manipur University in protest against the noncompliance of the University Authority for

implementing the Reservation Policy fully during the recruitment process in the University inspite of repeated appeal by them. Citing the gravity of the situation and the possible consequences if the Union resort to such extreme steps, he urged the Chief Minister to intervene on time.

Shri Awangbou Newmai, MLA participating in the discussion observed that there was practically no infrastructure in the hill areas and promotion of sports was very less and added that the department should promote sports in both the valley and hill very equitably. He further wanted more funds for MI. Drawing the attention of the Chief Minister he said that it was only a few hours away from the deadline set by the All Manipur Tribal Students Union for withdrawing enmass from Manipur University in protest against the noncompliance of following the reservation policy fully by the MU authority and appealed to the Chief Minister to resolve the issue to prevent any unwanted incident.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA giving his observation in the discussion pointed out many unfinished repairing of roads taken up under PMGSY and asked the Minister the time of completion. He further sought the details of the PMGSY guidelines, district wise distribution of the program, the number of unfinished roads and the reason for the delay in taking up the works. Highlighting the importance of irrigation in the state, he said that more funds should be provided for MI and wanted to know the number of RLI schemes in the state, the amount of loan received from NABARD and the number of schemes under it. He further pointed out the importance of Rig Irrigation, specially for hill areas and enquired about the plan of the government to purchase any new machine for digging tube wells.

Shri Allauddin Khan, Minister (Community Development and ANP, IRDP and NREP & MOBC) replying to the discussion informed that many self help groups had benefited from the SGSY and added that new beneficiary list would be prepared after a discussion by the State Level Monitoring Committee. Central Sponsored Schemes like NREGS were implemented by DRDA for which the MPs, MLAs, Zilla Parishad Members etc. were members, he said and further informed that the State Level Monitoring Committee finalise the selection of beneficiaries after examining the proposals put up by the District Level Committees. Regarding the implementation of PMGSY, he said that Phase I and II had been completed, Phase III, IV and V were underway, DPR was sent for Phase VI and awaiting technical clearance while work program was finalised for Phase

VII and added that the allocation of the scheme was more for the hill areas. The delay in implementation of second phase was due to late submission of Utilisation Certificates he said. He further informed that due to the lack of the staff strength, the department of Rural Development was unable to implement the various schemes on time. For effective and faster communication the NIC along with DRDA had been collecting datas and sending to the centre through a website, he said and added that Community Information Centres had been opened at most of the district headquarters and provided with staff and generators for effective communication. Regarding Indira Awas Yogana, he said that money for construction of houses were handed over directly to the beneficiaries rather than to an implementing agency in order to avoid irregularities and appealed to the MLAs for better implementation of the program. He further informed that MOBC had been implementing various schemes like Health Scheme,, Housing Scheme,, Skill Development Schemes like tailoring, Embroidery, Fishery, Poultry etc. and added that only tin sheets were provided to BPL families under the Housing Scheme due to want of fund in the department. He appealed to cut motion movers to withdraw the cut motions and allow the demand to pass.

Shri N. Biren, Minister (Youth Affairs & Sports) replying to the demand discussion said that no separate budget allocations were made for the hills and valley, he said and added that construction of sports complexes were given priority in the hills and works were underway for it. Indigenous games like Thang-ta and Mukna were given recognition by the government, he informed. He said that each and every village in the rural areas and the hills would be provided with a playground under the Panchayat Yuv Khel Abhiyan. He also informed of the inclusion of physical education in the school curriculum upto class VIII, giving of youth award after being recommended by the District Level and State level Committee respectively, reservation of 5% for sportsperson in government employment, giving of financial assistance for tournaments organised by the State Level or District Level Sports organisations, maintenance of Khuman Lampak Sports Complex regularly by a Sub-Committee under the Maintenance Committee, giving of incentives to Coaches of national and international level gold winner and coaching of sportsperson at Khuman Lampak daily in addition to sending of Coaches to the different districts for different events. There was no cases of fake appointment in the department except for some cases of age manipulation for which departmental enquiry would be conducted, he further informed. For reaping the benefit of the AFC-Vision India, he said he would looked into it.

Shri N. Loken Singh, Minister MI, replying to the discussion said that the Ministry of Water Resources release fund for AIVP schemes for every two years

and added that 242 numbers of schemes would be take up during 2007-08 and 2008-09. Preparation of work programme and issuing of work order were not taken up since assuming office, he said. Stopping of drilling of tube-wells, failure of RLI and other schemes were due to the non-allocation of funds in the budget, he informed and added that he would looked into it. There was no fund for new programme as work already in progress were to be charged from the current budget, he said and added that MI schemes scheduled for completion by March of 2009 would immensely benefit the farmers on completion.

Chief Minister commenting on the recent impasse of ATSUM with the University Authority said that their demands were genuine and the government also took it seriously but could not interfere in the affairs of the MU as it being a Central University and Central Institutes guidelines were to be followed. For seeking some relaxation of the Central University guidelines as the community composition of the state being quite different from other states, he asked all Members from the Hills for a joint discussion along with representatives of ATSUM. He appeal to the students not to pull out en-mass from the university but rather to fight together to get the demand.

All the cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 20, 25, 36 & 47 were passed unanimously by the House.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTION:

Shri O. Joy Singh, Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh and Shri R.K. Anand, MLAs moved the following resolution:-

“The House, therefore, resolves to bifurcate the area of jurisdiction of the existing C.D. Block in the valley and to increase its number as follows:-

2(two) in Imphal West District, 2(two) Imphal East District, 2(two) in Thoubal District and 1(one) in Bishenpur District respectively.”

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving the resolution stressed for rationalisation and increasing the number of the existing CD Blocks for a balance development as the financial allocation for the different schemes were made blockwise.

Dr. Bijoy Singh, MLA co-mover of the resolution said that the CD Blocks need to be bifurcated as the allocation of the different schemes and programmes

for community development were based on the Blocks and the Blocks were in turn based on the population.

Shri R.K. Anand Singh, MLA co-mover of the resolution stressed for rearranging the respective Blocks for an equitable allocation of the different developmental schemes.

Shri V. Hangkhanlian, MLA supporting the resolution suggested for rearranging the existing blocks and for opening up new blocks.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA supporting the resolution opined for increasing the existing number of Blocks to the maximum as it would not be possible to review it quite often.

Md. Allauddin Khan, Minister replying to the Private Members' resolution said that the matter was quite reasonable if the population of the Blocks were to be taken into account. He said that there were at present 9 Blocks in the valley and 32 Blocks in the hills after 10 Blocks were increased in the last 1/2 years and added that two more Blocks in Senapati District were awaiting the approval of the Central Government after being approved by the state government. There was shortage of manpower at present but still the number of Blocks was increased to 41 without the availability of any manpower, he informed and further said that there was proposal for opening of new Blocks in the valley also. Steps for recruiting the necessary manpower on contract basis were in the offing, he informed.

The resolution was withdrawn by the movers.

Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House at 6.00 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Monday, the 3rd March, 2008.

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Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly.
