

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT**

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Monday, the 4th February, 2008 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, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Chairman & Vice-Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 41 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Health) made a reply to Starred Question No. 191 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the National Health Policy.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Revenue) made a reply to Starred Question No. 193 asked by Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA regarding the issue of patta of some land belonging to Chandel District.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 195 asked by Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA regarding the position in the finalisation of voters and the preparation of the electoral Photo-ID card A/C wise.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Revenue) made a reply to Starred Question No. 196 asked by Shri K. Raina, MLA regarding the encroachment of land donated to Manipur North Autonomous District Council and Government land in Senapati District Head Quarters.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (Health) made a reply to Starred Question No. 197 asked by Shri Awangbow Newmei, MLA regarding the number of doctors posted in PHC and PHSC in Tamenglong District.

- (f) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 198 asked by Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA regarding the progress made in the preparation of DPRs under JNNURM.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (T.D.) made a reply to Starred Question No. 199 asked by Shri Doukhomang Khongsai, MLA regarding the plan/programme of the Government for holding the District Council election in Hill Districts of Manipur.

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 190 & 192 were laid on the Table of the House as written replies and Starred Question No. 194 was withdrawn by the questionnaire.

ZERO-HOUR:

Shri T. Mangibabu Singh, MLA raised for completion of repairing work of the Moirang to Sendra road.

Shri Y. Surchandra Singh, MLA enquired about the action taken up regarding the kidnapping of an AE of Electricity Department of Kakching Sub-division by the proscribed underground outfit, PULF.

CALLING ATTENTION:

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moved a motion on sexual harrasment and racial discrimination of North East People in Delhi.

He quoted reports of different local dailies published on 2nd February, 2008 and other reports in the recent past about sexual harassment and molestation of girls from the North East either studying or working in Delhi. He said that the matter was a very serious one which will have far-reaching consequences. Recalling different rape and molestation incidents involving girls from the North East that occurred in recent years, he enquired whether it was racial discrimination of the North East girls. Terming such incidents as unfortunate and sensitive, he drew the attention of the Government and urged for highlighting the matter to Delhi Government and make them issue a directive to curb and prevent such incidents in future.

Hon'ble Chief Minister replying to the calling attention said that the issue being a serious one had already been highlighted to the Lt. Governor of Delhi and added that steps for identifying the areas inhabited mostly by the girls from the state would be taken up so as to take up steps for their protection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Hon'ble Speaker announced that a leave application was applied by Shri Phungzathang Minister Power, for the day's sitting. The House granted leave.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BUSINESS:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Leader of the House announced the Business of the House for the week.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister laid a copy of "the Manipur Grant-in-aid to the Kangla Fort Board Rules, 2007" on the Table of the House.

DISCUSSION ON GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS:

Discussion on Governor's Address on the Motion of Thanks moved by Shri E. Kunjeswar Singh, MLA and seconded by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA on February 1, 2008:-

"that the members of the Manipur Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to this House on February 1, 2008."

Shri E. Kunjeswar Singh, MLA moving the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address said that the address highlighted the achievements of the Government and also the plans and policy that are to be taken up in future. He pointed out that the address mentions the desire of the government to bring peace in the state through negotiation. He further said that strengthening and modernization of the state police force was reflected in the Address.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA supporting the motion said that the Address mention in detail the achievements of the Government and the policy that are to be implemented. He said that steps for normalcy to return in the state through peaceful dialogue was reflected in the Address. He added that the Address highlighted the modernisation of jails, improvement of the financial position and increase of the annual plan, completion of different bridges, upgradation of MU, Polytechnic & ITI, setting up of hospitals in the hill areas, etc.

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

Shri Radhabinod Kojam, MLA initiating the Amendment Motion to the Governor's Address, said that the address failed to highlight the measures for improving the Law and Order of the state and that the address failed to mention any initiative for peaceful dialogue with the insurgent groups though the door for dialogue is opened. He wanted the government to prepare a white paper on how to solve the problem of insurgency. Further commenting on PDS, he said that the address failed to mention measures for streamlining the PDS in the state. Huge funds sanctioned for the development of the hill areas have been misappropriated due to lack of proper monitoring, he said. He further said that the address did not mention anything about conducting election of District Council and also on the Look East Policy of the Government of India.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA participating in the discussion on the Governor's Address said that the address failed to mention any specific step for solving the chronic Law and Order problem of the state and also on measures to improve the strained relation between Police and Public. The address, he said, did not mention any policy for quality control of meat, egg and milk sold in the market today, about the time of completion of construction of Mini-Secretariats at district headquarters, measures for providing drinking water during lean season, the number of persons benefited by the various schemes for development of minorities, Health Tourism, updating the knowledge of teachers, number of children targeted and achieved by SSA, importance of library, steps for manpower recruitment in consonance with the upgradation of hospitals in the state.

The Hon'ble Speaker announced some rectification in the Marriage Registration Bill, which was introduced in the current session.

Shri V. Hangkhanlian, MLA participating in the discussion said that the address failed to mention anything about the rehabilitation of victims of rodent menace at Maotam village. He further drew the attention of the government to release the relief funds for the victims of the ethnic violence in the hill areas, which was already sanctioned by the central government in 2006. Regarding FCS, he said that extra food grains should be made available for the victims of rodent menace in the hill areas. He further said that the address failed to mention about measures regarding the non-completion of the construction of NH 150, Mini-Secretariats at Churachandpur, non-

implementation of Total Sanitation Program, electrification in the hill areas and lack of implementation of the National Bamboo Mission in the hill areas.

Shri Nursanglur, MLA participating in the discussion said that the address failed to mention any step for the rehabilitation of the starving people in some hill areas due to the rodent menace which is the result of bamboo flowering and added that the government should look into it.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA participating in the discussion said that it is very unfortunate that the address failed to mention any clear cut step for the peaceful dialogue which is initiated by the government with the insurgent groups in the state. A more transparent policy for the surrenderees should be framed, he added. The governor's address, he said, did not mention anything about measures for controlling the frequent bandhs and blockades and measures for restoring the strained police-public relation. The address, he commented, did not mention about the Look East Policy of the Central Government, establishing a Tourist Visa Office at Moreh and means to curb the menace of corruption.

PRIVATE MEMBER'S RESOLUTION:

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA moved the following Private Member's Resolution,

“that this august house agrees to establish a Greater Imphal Development Authority for development of Greater Imphal areas.”

Moving the resolution, he said that since the development in Municipal Areas is quite different from other areas it would be in the best interest of the people to establish Greater Imphal Development Authority, in the line of establishing PDA, for development of Greater Imphal areas. He was of the view that once such a authority was established then huge funds could be obtained from the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India for the development of Greater Imphal. He further said that under the provision given in the 'Manipur Town and Country Planning Act', 1975, the state government could establish such an authority and the Act also clearly defines the boundary of Greater Imphal area.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA supporting the resolution said that rapid urbanisation could be seen in other big cities by getting funds from the Central Ministry and added that such a urbanisation should also be contemplated in Imphal by establishing Greater Imphal Development Authority. He further added that establishing such an authority would enhance the benefits that the state would be getting from JNNURM.

Dr. Kh. Loken Singh, Chairman (PDA) replying to the resolution said that Imphal city was also one of the 64 cities selected for development under the JNNURM scheme and under this scheme Imphal city would be developed in phase manner. A master plan had been chalked out and under it proper development would be taken up within the municipal areas. He further said that the spirit of the resolution was good. But since there is PDA no another Development Authority is required at present, he added. As the guidelines of the scheme JNNURM was entitled only to the Imphal city, it could not extend to the greater Imphal areas, he informed the House.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA seeking further clarification said that to cope with the problem of PDA to cover greater Imphal areas in taking up developmental work an executive notification from PDA was required.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA participating in the discussion observed that PDA was not meant for Imphal Municipal areas only but it covered all areas of the state where master plan was enforced.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA observed that development of Imphal city and the development of Greater Imphal areas as well were inevitable. Without a master plan no scheme could be extended to greater Imphal areas, he said and expressed desire to extend JNNURM in the Greater Imphal areas apart from Imphal Municipal areas.

S/Shri Ph. Parijat Singh, Minister (Health), and Shri Y. Erabot Singh, Minister (FCS) also made observation.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister replying to the discussion clarified that PDA was an implementing agency. If we want to extend JNNURM in greater Imphal areas, we should first expand more municipal areas, he said. Due to pending of delimitation process, there might be problem of extending urban areas to the Greater Imphal areas, he informed the House. He further said that there might also be legal complicity in the establishment of Greater Imphal Area Development Authority and informed the House that the matter would be considered after thorough examination was made by the government

Dr. Ng Bijoy Singh, MLA urged the Chief Minister to give a time frame of the decision of the government on the matter and the Chief Minister informed the House that the decision on the matter would be taken up within the next session.

The Resolution was withdrawn by the mover after the assurance made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister that the Government will looked into the matter.

*Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House at 4.45 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Tuesday,
the 5th February, 2008.*

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*Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly.*
