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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Monday, the 10th 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.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 273 asked by Shri V. Hangkhanlian, MLA regarding the steps taken by the Government for the famine affected people of Churachandpur District.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 274 asked by Shri D. Shaiza, MLA regarding the construction of hostel for Government School at Phungreitang, Ukhrul under BADP 2006-07.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 275 asked by Shri Th. Nandakishor Singh, MLA regarding the opening of a Guest House in Vellore (Tamilnadu), specially for the benefit of the patients from Manipur.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 276 asked by Dr. U. Deben Singh, MLA regarding the proposal for giving promotion to the players of the Manipur Police Football Team who emerged as the winner of the 55th D.N. Mullick Memorial All India Police Football Championship, 2006 held at Sikkim.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Hon'ble Speaker announced that, Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA and Shri Radhabinod Koijam, Leader of Opposition raised an Adjournment Motion under Rule 65 of the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business, Manipur Legislative Assembly.

Taking the sense of the House, the Hon'ble Speaker admitted as a Discussion on a matter of Public Importance under Rule 127.

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, Finance Minister laid a copy of *the Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement, Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement, Macro economic Framework Statement and Disclosures* as required under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2005 on the Table of the House.

DISCUSSION ON A MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:

Shri. O. Joy Singh, MLA initiating the motion said that the bomb blast inside the Assembly premises was a rare, unfortunate and condemnable act since an Assembly was the symbol of the people of the state. He questioned the significance of the heavy security arrangements taken up around the Assembly and the surrounding areas if they were unable to prevent such acts. He further commented that the incident had happened due to security lapses and criticised the follow up action of the Police department. He wanted a resolution condemning the incident be taken by the House and also to adjourn the remaining agenda of the day till the next day as a mark of protest.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA participating in the discussion said that House is a place of discussion for bringing about welfare of the people and an attack to such a place was a condemnable act.

Shri E. Kunjeshwar Singh, MLA supporting the motion termed the bomb attack to the Assembly as an attack at democracy. He expressed regret over the present law and order situation of the state due to ever increasing factions of underground outfits and the inaction of the police department to contain them. He also endorsed that the act should be condemned.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA supporting the motion termed the incident as very unfortunate and said that it should be discussed, condemned and protested in the House. He further said that there was some security lapses but added that merely suspending one or two traffic police personnel was not enough and all those responsible should be pulled up. He regretted the lost of trust by the people to the politicians and urged the Members to work honestly for the welfare of the people to regain the lost trust. He further pointed out of a conflict between the politician and the police and appealed to all Members not to interfere in the functioning of police and also urged the police to serve the people with honesty and sincerity. Supporting the motion he also said that the act of bomb blast should be condemned and protested.

Dr. Kh. Ratankumar Singh, MLA participating in the motion said that the incident of bomb blast was a challenge to all the elected Members and added that the incident should not be considered as an isolated case but accumulation of the complicated situation of the state arising out of insurgency. He expressed regret over the targeting of elected Members by underground outfits and added that a holistic approach was needed and take a firm decision to solve the present problem of the state. He also opined that the attack should be condemned in the strongest term as a believer in democratic institution.

Shri N. Biren, Minister (IFCD) participating in the discussion said that an Assembly was a sacred place where all developmental activities of the state was discussed for improvement and an attack to such an institution should be considered very seriously and added that all the Members cutting across party line should stand united, discussed and find out means to solve the problem of insurgency.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA condemning the bomb attack expressed regret over the weakening of democracy in the state due to insurgency. He opined that the root cause to the existing problem of the state should be found out. He further opined that the Members too should cleanse themselves before cleaning the

society. He further hoped that democracy would win and those trying to destroy peace and democracy would come to an end.

Shri S. Kunjekishore Singh, MLA participating in the discussion termed the attack to a sacred place like Assembly as shocking and expressed apprehension of what would happen to the people when such a well guarded place could be attacked. He expressed concern over the penetration of the arms of insurgents in all walks of life and their constant disturbance even to the distribution of PDS items meant for poor families. He suggested that all the 60 Members of the House should come together cutting across party line to find a solution to the problem of insurgency in the state.

Shri V. Hangkhanlian, MLA participating in the discussion condemned the attack and added that a collective wisdom was required to try and solve the problem of insurgency and also endorsed the idea of adjourning the House after the discussion as a mark of protest against the attack.

Shri Radhabinod Koiyam, MLA participating in the discussion termed the attack as an attack to the people and not an attack to the elected Members and added that it should be condemned in the strongest term. He further said that inspite of the repeated appeal of the government for peaceful dialogue with the underground outfits, if such an action was their response than the government had no other option but to arm themselves to the teeth. Pointing out the fear psychosis running in the minds of the general public by the constant threat from the underground outfits, he said that their activities were anti-people and anti-democracy. He said that the Chief Minister should be determined and firm to take harsh steps to counter the present situation of the state, where insurgents were taking away even food items and kerosene meant for poor people and added that every Members were behind him.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister participating in the discussion said that the incident of bomb attack was very unfortunate and condemnable. He expressed doubt over the validity of the continuation of the removal of Disturbed Area Status from the Imphal Municipal Areas which was strongly objected by the Centre in the present situation of the state. He informed the House that investigation to the incident of bomb blast was underway and the DGP had been instructed to complete it within 7 days and anyone found dereliction from duty would be punished. He further informed that various security measures would be taken up in

and around Imphal area to check movement of insurgents and added that inspite of these measures the door for peaceful dialogue was always open to the insurgents. He appealed to all the Members and Minister to abstain from using tinted glass in their cars and also not to extend any sort of help to the insurgents. He further sought the support of all the members to solve the problem of insurgency. He propose for the continuation of the other business of the House after the end of the discussion.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA insisted that the days business be carried over on the next day as a mark of protest for the bomb attack and also to uphold the dignity of the House.

Considering the seriousness of the crime and as a mark of protest againgst the bomb attack, the House unanimously decided to suspend all the remaining business and adjourned the House for the day.

Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House at 1.10 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Tuesday, the 11th March, 2008.

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Secretary,
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