

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
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*The House assembled at 11.00 am of Thursday, the 19th March, 2009 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, Hon'ble Chairman & Vice-Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 43 Elected Members.

**QUESTIONS:**

(a) Hon'ble Minister (Transport) made a reply to Starred Question No. 319 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the setting up of a bus/truck terminus at Kharkhati, Guwahati.

(b) Hon'ble Minister (Youth Affairs & Sports) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 320 asked by Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA regarding recognised pologround for playing polo.

(c) Hon'ble Minister (Health & Family Welfare) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 321 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding the construction of Community Health Centre, Yairipok.

*The Hon'ble Speaker intervened that the practice of seeking frequent earned leave by doctors should not be encouraged. He further observed that indisciplined engineers must be firmly dealt with.*

(d) Hon'ble Minister (Works) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 322 asked by Shri L. Nandakumar Singh, MLA regarding the repairing of road and by-lanes damaged by the Sewerage Project.

(e) Hon'ble Minister (IFCD) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 323 asked by Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA regarding the resectioning channelisation of Chandranadi stream.

### **ZERO HOUR:**

During Zero Hour Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA quoted the 19th March Poknapham edition on the bomb blast at Lamphel in front of Suba Hospital injuring four persons. He condemned the blast and said that effective security measures should be taken up. He also raised a matter on the threat by one underground outfit to an engineer of LDA and the attack made on his residence at Oinam resulting in the death of an army officer in an ensuing ambush. He wanted the Government to provide a safe house for his security.

Shri Bijoy Koijam, MLA quoted the 18th March 2009 local dailies on the report made by Moreh based organisations on the issuing of illegal work orders by the Commerce & Industries Department and the apprehension that it might stop the flow of funds from the Centre.

### **PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE:**

A. Shri O. Ibohi Singh, Chief Minister laid the following Reports on the Table of the House:-

- (i) The Annual Report of State Vigilance Commission for the year 2008.
- (ii) The Manipur Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Rules, 2008.
- (iii) The Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 2008, Finance Accounts, 2007-08 and Appropriation Accounts, 2007-08.
- (iv) The Thirty Seventh Annual Report of the Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC), 2008-09.

B. Shri Phungzathang Tonsing, Power Minister laid the following Reports on the Table of the House:-

- (i) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram (Constitution of State Advisory Committee and its functions) Regulations, 2008 - (Gazette Notification No. 9 dt. 4-6-2008).
- (ii) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram (Constitution of State Advisory Committee and its

- functions) Regulations, 2008 - (Gazette Notification No. 167 dt. 23-8-2008).
- (iii) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram (Recruitment, Control & Service Conditions of Officers & Staff) Regulations, 2008 - (Gazette Notification No. 283 dt. 4-11-2008).
  - (iv) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram (Consumer Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2008 - (Gazette Notification No. 280 dt. 4-11-2008).
  - (v) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2008 - (Gazette Notification No. 281 dt. 4-11-2008).
  - (vi) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2008 - (Gazette Notification No. 346 dt. 31-12-2008).
  - (vii) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram (Standard of Performance for the Distribution and Transmission Licences) Regulations, 2009 - (Gazette Notification No. 424 dt. 2-3-2009).
  - (viii) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2008 - (Gazette Notification No. 306 dt. 24-11-2008).
  - (ix) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram (Annual Report 2007-08).

### **PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA on behalf of Shri M. Okendra Singh, Chairman of the Committee on Welfare of Women and Children presented its 3rd Report.

### **CALLING ATTENTION:**

(i) S/Shri O. Joy Singh and R.K. Anand, MLAs called the attention of the Home Minister on the imposition and collection of illegal Toll Tax and Entry Fee on N.H.-39 by Dimapur Municipal Council.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving the Call Attention Motion highlighted the problems faced by the people due to the extortion and atrocities committed by underground and anti-social elements along the National Highway-39 and said that the lifeline of Manipur has become lifeless. Quoting the 6th March

2009 Hueyen Lanpao edition, he said that the Dimapur Municipal Council had worsened the problem by issuing orders to impose illegal toll tax and entry fee to all vehicles carrying various edible and non-edible items. Similar tax had already been imposed on petroleum products and the matter was brought to the notice of the Government, he said. He maintained that it was not a right step since such taxes were not imposed in other National Highways of the country and wanted the Government to intimate the matter to the Central Government.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA co-mover of the motion quoted the 18th March 2009 publication on the recent imposition of toll tax and entry fee by the Dimapur Municipal Council and said that it would aggravate the problem of price rise and create artificial poverty which would pose a threat to our right to life. He also expressed confusion on the working of the Chamber of Commerce and said that transparency should be maintained. He cited the problems faced by the transporters union due to the illegal imposition of taxes and extortion for the last many years along the NH-39 and wanted the government to make remedial steps to check it.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister replying to the motion said that an enquiry was being made on the mode of imposing taxes and if found illegal talks would be held between the Nagaland Government and the Central Government. He said that variation from other states would be examined and if found illegal a case could be filed against the DMC. He informed the House a joint control room of Army, Assam Rifles and Police Department had been established at Senapati to check illegal taxing and ROP would be deployed thrice a week. Illegal extortion by the NSCN (IM) and other outfits while having peace talks by violating ground rules would be looked into and brought to the notice of the Central Government. Mechanism to check illegal collection of taxes from the Government Officials and other employees by the armed outfits have been made and would be implemented soon, he added.

(ii) Shri T. Hangkhanpao, MLA called the attention of Works Minister on the sudden collapse of Quadricon bridge over Tuivai River near Behiang Village in Singhat.

Expressing unhappiness on the incident of bridge collapse in his constituency, he said that it was due to negligence on the part of the government. This particular bridge was constructed during the 2nd Manipur Legislative Assembly and non-maintenance by the department had led to the incident, he maintained. He reiterated that the engineers concerned should be responsible for such things to avoid recurrence. He said that remedial steps should be taken up before the onset of the monsoon season. He further pointed out the need to make elected representative involved in taking up developmental works in the area and meet the demands of the local people.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, Works Minister replying to the motion denied the allegation that there was negligence on the part of the Department. He asserted that instruction had already been given by the Department Officials not to allow plying of vehicles and cautionary signboard had already been put up to use diversion road. He also highlighted the developmental works taken up in the hill areas under various programmes. Regarding the remedial measures taken up, he said that repairing work would be completed before the rainy season. Consultation had been held with the engineers concerned and the new construction would be handed over to V. Guite, contractor and assured that all possible steps would be taken up to maintain quality.

***The Hon'ble Speaker Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 1.15 p.m. till 2.15 p.m. of the day***

***The afternoon session resumed at 2.15 pm with the Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.***

#### **OBITUARY REFERENCE:**

The Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly moved a resolution on obituary reference on the demise of Shri M. Nabadwip Singh, former Member of the Eighth Manipur Legislative Assembly.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA, Shri P. Parijat Singh, Minister (Health & Family Welfare), Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA, Shri S. Kunjakeswor Singh, MLA, Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA, Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister and Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh 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 Shri Moirangthem Nabadwip Singh, former Member of the Eighth Manipur Legislative Assembly.***

***And, that the Members of this House observed one minute silence by standing up to pray to the Almighty God for the eternal peace of the departed soul.”***

#### **CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF GOVERNMENT BILLS:**

- (i) Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister moved:-  
***“that the Manipur Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2009 be taken into consideration”.***

***After clause by clause consideration the Manipur Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2009 was passed unanimously by the House.***

(ii) Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister moved:-

*“that the Manipur Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2009 be taken into consideration”.*

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA participating in the consideration of the bill expressed that the government should utilise the amount to be passed by the House properly and without further delay before the onset of the rainy season. He further said that unequal allocation of work programmes by the government to different areas of the state was not a sign of good governance and wanted the government to utilise the funds effectively and properly.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA participating in the consideration suggested for improvement of roads, proper rationalisation of teachers, repairing of depilated school buildings and conservation of river water during rainy season for utilisation during lean season.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister clarifying to the consideration said that district head quarters were given priority for distribution of tap water and later expand to other areas and added that Khuga Dam, Maphou Dam were constructed in order to store water for that purpose.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA observed that limitation of referral hospitals for medical reimbursement of Members should be relaxed.

Hon’ble Speaker clarified that selection of referral hospitals was for the Health Department to decide.

Shri Ph. Parijat, Health Minister clarified that Shija Hospital was a referral hospital for some selected diseases for which treatment was not possible at RIMS and J.N. Hospital.

***After clause by clause consideration the Manipur Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2009 was passed unanimously by the House.***

#### **DISCUSSION ON A MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST:**

Hon’ble Speaker informed the House that the Short Duration Discussion to be raised by Shri O. Joy Singh, Shri Radhabinod Koijam, Dr. Ng. Bijoy

Singh and Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLAs raised a discussion on the brutal killing of Dr. Kishan, SDO Kasom Khullen and another 2 (two) officials would be converted into a general discussion and as such the matter was raised as a Discussion on a matter of public interest under Rule 128 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Manipur Legislative Assembly.

Shri O Joy Singh, MLA initiating the discussion condemned the brutal killing of Dr. Kishan, SDO, Kasom Khullen and his two subordinate staff and said that it was quite peculiar and unheard of in the history of crime in Manipur. He wondered whether the crime was committed on communal line. He wanted the culprits who were now in the custody of NSCN (IM) to be handed over to the state government for trial and punishment under law otherwise it would be an insult to the Constitution of India. He asked the government on the progress of the case being referred to the CBI and also urged the House to take a firm resolution on the matter.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA pointed out the inaction of the government on the handling of the issue of Dr. Kishan, SDO Ukhrul and his two staff and wanted the government to fix responsibility on the matter. He expressed suspicion in the role of the Ukhrul DC and stressed the need for an investigation. He further questioned whether the three SDO staff being rescued by the government were innocent victims or involved in the kidnapping and killing of Dr. Kishan and his two staff. He urged the House to apprise the Home Ministry to handover the culprits who were now in the custody of NSCN (IM) for proper trial and exemplary punishment under the law of the land and expressed desire to extend co operation to the Chief Minister on the matter.

Dr. Ng Bijoy Singh, MLA drew the attention of the House that the DC, Ukhrul must be booked for his negligence in his duty and asked whether the three SDO staff being rescued by the police had been charge sheeted by the government. He also urged the government to take step for the closure of the four reported designated camps at Ukhrul, Senapati, Tamenglong and Chandel.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA expressed concern on the free movement of NSCN (IM) cadres in Manipur and urged the government to close down the designated camp of NSCN (IM) in Manipur. He expressed desire that the House should take a resolution on the matter and apprise the Centre to hand over the culprits who were now in the custody of the NSCN (IM) to the state government for proper trial under law and also wanted to constitute a House Committee on the matter.

Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA participating in the discussion said that taking of Resolution on the matter by the House would be subjudice as the matter had already been referred to the CBI. But the killing of Dr. Kishan and his two staff was condemnable, he added.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA participating in the discussion expressed desire that the three victims being rescued by the police should be shown on ISTV in public interest and DC Ukhruul should also be booked. He also stressed the need to book the culprits under law and that the Centre should also be apprised on the matter.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA participating in the discussion drew the attention of the Chief Minister to take action against the DC, Ukhruul and that the culprits who were now in the custody of the NSCN (IM) should be allowed to be handed over to the state government and be punished under law.

Shri I. Hemochandra Singh, MLA participating in the discussion said that the issue is a very sensitive one and added that a resolution should be adopted unanimously in the House and the Government of India should be pressured to bring a solution.

Shri Wungnaoshang Keishing, MLA taking part in the discussion clarified that the victim's family visited his place and inform him about the abduction but he never told them that the victim was in the custody of the NSCN (IM). As the culprits were now reported to be in the custody of the NSCN (IM), he believed that the government would take up the matter accordingly.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA participating in the discussion questioned the legality of the Enquiry Committee, headed by an IAS officer, constituted to look into the matter and opined that it would aggravate the problem rather than solving it. He said that immediate action should be taken up against those responsible individuals or groups.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker participating in the discussion suggested for taking a resolution and urge the Government of India to make the NSCN (IM) hand over the culprits to the state government.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, Hon'ble Minister Works taking part in the discussion clarified that he had no prior information about the abduction and felt bad when no officials were present at Kasom Khullen during his visit to oversee development works. He further inform that he rang up the DC after coming back from his visit and warned of stern action for his absence. The news of the death was received later on, he inform and added that the government was doing its best to solve the issue.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister replying to the discussion clarified that both the DC and SP were suspended as an immediate measure and no criminal proceedings was taken up against the DC as enquiry into the matter was not yet completed. The case has been entrusted to the CBI as desired by both the MCS Association and the Government and an order had been issued in this regard, he informed and added that the CBI was ready to take up the case after the necessary formalities were complete. He further informed that the 3 persons abducted together with the 3 slain officials were rescued and investigation was going on. The government had no knowledge of any designated camps in Manipur and strict instructions had been given to security forces to take necessary actions if ceasefire rules were violated, he informed.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA making further observations suggested for taking a resolution condemning the killing and urging the Government of India to hand over the culprit who were now in the custody of the NSCN (IM) to the state government.

Hon'ble Chief Minister endorsed the view of taking a resolution by the House.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted by the House:-

***“This House unanimously condemns the gruesome act of murder of Dr. Thingnam Kishan, SDO/BDO of Kasom Khullen Sub-Division, Ukhrul District, Manipur and his staff, Yumnam Token Singh, Revenue Mandal and Aribam Rajen Sharma, Driver and resolves to urge upon the Government of India for immediately arresting the accused persons allegedly involved in the crime and to handover the arrested persons to the Government of Manipur for trial and punishment according to procedure established by law.”***

*The Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh gave a valedictory speech and adjourned the House sine- die at 7.15 pm.*

**Th. Megha Raj Singh**  
*Secretary,*  
*Manipur Legislative Assembly.*

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