

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT**

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Monday, the 13th July, 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, Chairman & Vice-Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 43 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 362 asked by Shri Y. Surchendra Singh, MLA regarding the kidnapping and subsequent murder of one Shri Y. Krishnadas Singh.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 363 asked by Shri V. Hangkhanlian, MLA regarding the work of improvement of slab culvert between Sumtuk and khajang under BADP for the year 2007-08.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 364 asked by Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA regarding the allotment of stalls for Tribal women in the newly constructed shopping complex at Luxmi Bazar/ Ima Keithel.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 365 asked by Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA regarding the reservation of disabled persons in the recruitment of Government service.

- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 366 asked by Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA regarding the implementation Vision 2020 in the State.
- (f) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 367 asked by Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA regarding the extension of the retirement age of the Manipur Govt. employees from the existing 59 years to 60 years.
- (g) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 368 asked by Shri K. Wungnaoshang, MLA regarding the Departmental Enquiry in connection with the money looted from Ukhrul Police Station on 8th October, 2005.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BUSINESS:

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

CALLING ATTENTION:

S/Shri O. Joy Singh and Radhabinod Koijam, MLAs called the attention of the Home Minister on the questionable conduct of Shri Apho Sibbo, Major Ashang and 3 (three) others in connection with the murder of SDO Kasom Khullen.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA based on the news reportings of 30th May 2009, local dailies on the handing over of Hopeson Ningshen of NSCN(IM) to CBI after being produced before the CJM of Ukhrul, expressed the confusion in the mind of the people regarding the killing of SDO Dr.Kishan and two other persons. He quoted the 23th February 2009, Sangai Express news report made by the NSCM(IM) in which the names of three main accused were mentioned and raised queries on why the two others were left scotfree. He also recalled the resolution taken by the House unanimously in this connection and said that due punishment in accordance to the law should be given to all the accused persons. He made further queries on the whereabouts of the three DRDA staffs who were abducted together with the SDO and later released and the progress of the CBI investigation presently undergoing.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA co-mover of the motion observed that it was a delicate issue since the case was with the CBI. He mentioned the names of the main accused of the killing and raised questions on why only the mastermind of the crime was tried and not the others. He wanted the government to disclose the names of the real perpetrators and asked whether there was any recordings of confessional statements made by the arrested accused. Further queries were made regarding the three DRDA staffs, role of DC Ukhrul in the case and the real motive of the crime.

The Chief Minister replying to the motion informed the House that since the case was presently being carried out by the CBI, an independent and autonomous central agency the findings of the case could not be disclosed. Regarding the three DRDA staffs, on the initial enquiry their involvement in the said case was not found. The kingpin of the crime, Hopeson Ningshen was in the custody of the CBI and the real motive of the crime and other informations could not be extracted at present and the whereabouts of the two other accused was still not known by either the state police or the CBI, he stated. He asserted that all the killings both in the valley and hills were mainly for ransom and should be condemned by all sections of the society.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam further observed that the House should unanimously condemned such killings.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Hon'ble Speaker made an announcement that Hon'ble Member Shri Manga Vaiphei had applied for leave from 13th July upto 16th July 2009 and Hon'ble Member Kh.Ratankumar Singh from 13th upto 17th July 2009.

The House granted the leave.

DISCUSSION ON A MATTER OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST:

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA raised a discussion on the deteriorating climate conditions of the State.

Initiating the discussion, he quoted a Huiyen Lanpao newsreport made on 11th June 2009 on the global change of weather and the ecological imbalance and expressed apprehension that the earth would be unfit for habitation one day. Due

to the rise of maximum temperatures in the state and the rate of rainfall below normal, the state government had already announced drought in the state, he said. Commenting on the vanishing wetlands, he said that initially Manipur had 155 lakes but presently only 19 were remaining and if timely action for its preservation was not taken the present climatic condition would deteriorate. He wanted the government to take a concrete decision to tackle ecological imbalance and frame policies for environment protection.

Shri Th. Debendra Singh, Minister Forest & Environment said it was a global issue and required the attention of all the countries of the world to combat it. Regarding the gradual rise of temperature and ecological imbalance in the state the only solution would be afforestation, wetland conservation and reducing energy conservation. He also mentioned the order issued in 2002 by the Former Addl. Chief Secretary Saichuanna to identify wetlands and the fundings made by SPA for the conservation of Loktak Lake. He also informed the House regarding the award made by the Finance Commission and the instruction of the Planning Commission to allocate 2% of the total budget allocation for conservation of environment and checking of ecological imbalance.

Shri O.Joy Singh, MLA raised further queries and urged upon the government to form a State Level Committee to look into the problem.

The Minister replied to the queries and assured that stringent steps would be taken by the government in this regard.

The Hon'ble Speaker Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 12.55 p.m. till 2.00 p.m. of the day

The afternoon session resumed at 2.00 pm with the Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMAND FOR GRANTS, 2009-2010:

Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh moved Demand No. 6 - Transport, Demand No. 13 - Labour & Employment, Demand No. 14 - Development of Tribal & Scheduled Castes, Demand No.18 - Animal Husbandry & Veterinary including Dairy Farming and Demand No. 34 - Rehabilitation for discussion.

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

Shri Radhabinod Kojiam, MLA moving cut motion on Demand No 14 - Development of Tribal and Schedule Caste critically commented on the failure of the government to extend benefits to the tribals residing at the valley areas and requested the Minister concerned for equitable distribution of benefits to both the tribals of the hill as well as tribals of the valley areas. He also charged the Department that it failed to look after the schools under District Councils and the selection of teachers too had many irregularities and asked the Minister to examine the matter. He further commented that the list of beneficiaries for schemes under this Department were prepared here, on the table and that the people at the grassroots level do not get any benefits and suggested that distribution of benefits should be done at the district level. He pointed out irregularities in the Manipur Tribal Development Cooperation and urged the Minister to look into the matter.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA moving cut motion expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of classification of the vehicles along with their respective numbers in the Administrative Report and the increase in the number of vehicles year wise. He wanted the Minister to check the random issuance of driving licence to minors as a result of which the number of road accident had increased. He further suggested for setting up modern and customer friendly transport system with proper parking areas having toilet facility. Commenting on Labour and Employment, he said that the present rate of daily wage need to be increased and added that the Labour Laws should be strictly imposed to prevent exploitation of labourers by employers and also suggested for providing a special budget for conducting awareness of these acts and laws to the people. He further gave comments on lack of policy on migrant workers, lack of spreading awareness on equal remuneration to both man and woman, construction of night shelter for workers, haphazard manner of construction of ITI at Phaknung area, lack of room for awareness on Vocational Guidance Programs, failure to provide adequate office for Employment Exchange of Imphal East. He also suggested for establishment of Slaughter House and the need to expand Diary products.

Shri R.K Anand, MLA moving cut motion on Demand No. 14 commented on the failure of the TD Department to implement developmental programs under it and suggested for the need to prepare a white paper of the schemes and programs taken up by the department so far to erase any misunderstanding by certain section of the society. He also suggested for formulating a major policy to

handle Rehabilitation since the state is having conflict situation. He further suggested for strict application of traffic rules and rules for issuing licence to prevent road accidents and also suggested for developing water transportation in order to ease traffic congestion.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA participating in the discussion extended full support to the demands and expressed the need to monitor unorganised sectors like private schools, nursing institutes etc and suggested for amending the Shop and Establishments Act to include these unorganised sectors. He also opined that the present daily wage fixed by Labour Department need to be revised and increased considering the high price index in the state and also to give some extra benefits to the daily wages to workers working under NREGS. Pointing the huge number of unemployed youths registered in the various employment exchanges, he wanted the government to fill up the present vacant posts in the Government Departments. He further urged the Government to implement all the welfare schemes for labourers properly.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Demand No. 14 pointed out the role of the TD Department in maintaining communal harmony in the state. He questioned why election of the District Council was not held till today even though the District Council Act was hurriedly passed by the House last year and also questioned whether reservation policy was followed in the District Councils or not. Pointing out of the existence of a Standing Committee headed by the TD Minister to monitor the implementation of 100 point roster in the various departments, he wanted to know whether the Committee was functioning or not. Commenting on Veterinary, he pointed out various irregularities in it, he urged the Minister concerned to take up productive and job generated programs.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA participating in the discussion said that Transport Department was an income generating Department and suggested for formulating a policy to collect taxes from vehicles driven by police, MLAs, Ministers, Bureaucrats etc. to generate more income of the Government. He further suggested for shifting the present Johnstone School and converting the areas as a parking area. He also wanted to know what had happened to the various lands owned by the erstwhile MSRTC locate at various places both inside and outside the state. He also suggested for exploring the possibility of establishing water ways in the state.

Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA participating in the discussion expressed desire to revive extension of scholarships in the study of theology and also wanted enhancement of tribal scholarships. He also drew the attention of the Transport Minister for the opening of transport office in all the district head quarters.

Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh, Minister (Transport) replying to the discussion clarified that the government was also considering for the establishment of a diving college in the state. He informed the House that under JNURM fifteen low floor buses would soon be sent by the Centre for which the route for plying these buses had also been selected and the construction of ISBT at Khuman Lampak was underway in full swing, he further informed. He also appealed the cut mover to with draw the cut motion and pass the demand.

Shri D.D. Thaisii, Minister (Development of Tribal & Scheduled Castes and Vety. & Animal Husbandry) replying to the discussion clarified that the government was ready to construct slaughter house in all the districts of Manipur. He said that Integrated Dairy Development Programme (IDDP) Phase-I had been started and informed the House that he had no information of procuring outdated medicines and substandard computers in the veterinary department and further informed that he would look into the matter. He also informed that schemes for the development of Tribals and SC were taken up constituency-wise without any prejudice and added that proper scholarships and medical aid were also given to the students. Under 100 point roster system, the reservation of SC&ST was 33% out of which a backlog of 15% was in all the departments for which the government was taking necessary steps to rectify it, he further added. He also informed that report of the delimitation of District Council was with the HAC at present and added that a Cabinet decision would also be taken up after submitting the report from the HAC for holding District Council election at the earliest.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA seeking further clarification asked the T.D Minister to give a specific written reply on whether 100 point roster was followed in the appointment of teachers of District Council.

Shri D.D Thaisi, Minister (Vety. & A.H and Dev. Of Tribals & S.C) informed that he would make available the necessary written reply in the House.

Shri Ph. Parijat Singh, Minister (Labour & Employment and Rehabilitation) replying to the discussion said that the government was ready to implement a scheme which would extend medical aid to the 3 lakh workers under BPL

annually and that this scheme would be taken up in Imphal East as first phase. He also informed the House that the government was considering to revise the minimum wages in the current year and further informed that night shelter home for the workers would soon be constructed at Khuman Lampak. He also said that rehabilitation programmes for the bonded labours were also considered by the government for which required fund for it was also sanctioned.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA seeking further clarification urged the Minister to know the number of license holder of migrant labour in the state.

Shri Ph. Parijat Singh, Minister (Labour & Employment and Rehabilitation) clarified that so far there was altogether 141 license holders of migrant workers in the state.

All the cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 6, 13, 14, 18 & 34 were passed unanimously by the House.

Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 5.10 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Tuesday, the 14th July, 2009.

Th. Megha Raj Singh
Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly.
