

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT**

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Tuesday, the 14th 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 40 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

(a) Hon'ble Minister (R.D. & P.R.) made a reply to Starred Question No. 369 asked by Dr. H. Borajao, MLA regarding the construction of IVR from Phayeng to Khumbong via Tairenpokpi under PMGSY Scheme.

(b) Hon'ble Minister (Labour) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 370 asked by Shri E. Kunjeswar Singh, MLA regarding the recording of entry of labourers from outside the State.

(c) Hon'ble Minister (Health & Family Welfare) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 372 asked by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA regarding the proposal for construction of PHSC, PHC, CHC buildings in 2009-10 for Bishnupur District.

(d) Hon'ble Minister (Health & Family Welfare) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 373 asked by Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA regarding the proposal for establishment of "AYUS" Hospital in the State.

(e) Hon'ble Minister (Revenue) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 374 asked by Shri Awangbow Newmei, MLA regarding the non-posting of SDC at Kuilong and Thuilon SDC Offices under Tamei A/C.

(f) Hon'ble Minister (Health & Family Welfare) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 375 asked by Shri Morung Makunga, MLA regarding the Pooject "to meet peoples Health needs in rural area 2005-10 under NRHM.

(g) Hon'ble Minister (Health & Family Welfare) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 376 asked by Shri Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the Govt. policy for implementation of day and night patient care in PHCs.

Starred Question No. 371 was not asked as the Member was not present in the House.

CALLING ATTENTION:

Shri I. Hemochandra Singh, MLA called the attention of the Health Minister on the freezer breakdown at RIMS morgue hampering medico legal work.

Moving the Calling Attention, he quoted the 13th July, 09 edition of the "Imphal Free Press" regarding the matter. The limited accommodating capacity at the morgue and the prevalence of non-claiming of bodies of unnatural deaths thereby leading to overcrowding of the morgue in addition to the breakdown of the freezer made the matter worse as the bodies got decomposed fast, he informed. He further drew the attention of the Minister concerned regarding the inadequate power and water supply in the morgue and suggested the Minister (Health) for setting up a morgue at JN Hospital and for making available the portable x-ray machine in the morgue which had been lacking since a long time.

Shri Ph. Parijat Singh, Minister (Health) replying to the call attention motion informed that the state govt. was handicapped as RIMS had been taken over by the Central Government though the morgue was being designated as the medico legal centre of the state government. He, therefore, informed that it would be appropriate to appraise the Centre about the inconveniences being faced at the morgue and added that he would see what could be done regarding the matter. The

matter for setting up morgues in every district under the 13th Finance Commission was being pursued, he informed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Hon'ble Speaker informed the House that Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA had applied leave of absence for the day i.e. 14th July, 2009.

The House granted the leave.

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

Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh moved Demand No. 20 - Community Development & ANP, IRDP & 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.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA moving cut motion said that the state has got great potential in the field of sports and it need to be tapped properly. He said that a State Youth Policy need to be framed in order to mobilized the great resources of our youths and to guarantee a future for the youths. He suggested for exploring the potentials of adventure sports and tourism sports in the state. He further suggested for effective implementation of the various programmes being taken up by the Minor Irrigation department.

Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA taking part in the discussion emphasized the need for proper implementation of the various programmes being taken up by the department of MOBC and enquired about the number of population and the groups included under MOBC. He further demanded for placing before the House the list of various schemes being taken up the department.

Shri Khashim Ruivah, MLA participating in the discussion drew the attention of the Minister concerned for doing the needful regarding the construction of a stadium at Ukhrul and for developing a playground in every villages in the hills. He suggested, in addition to instructing engineers for field visit, for consulting local MLAs while implementing various schemes of MI for its successful implementation and drew the attention of the minister to the problem of

soil erosion in hills during rainy season. He pointed out that G.I. sheets and chicken being distributed to the beneficiaries under MOBC were of low quality and stressed the need for looking into it.

The 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 2.10 pm with the Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA moving cut motions stressed the importance of RLI scheme in the MI Dept and wanted to know about the composition of the Water Users Association. He also drew the attention of the Minister to provide manpower like chowkidar and operator to man the pumps used in the RLI for its proper functioning. He also expressed concern on the present drought condition in the state and stressed the importance of the role of CADA and Agriculture Department for disaster management. On MOBC, he drew the attention of the Minister on the construction of hostel at Ideal Girl's College, Akampat and wanted to make available the relevant copies of the number of students, occupants and the criteria of selection for the construction of such hostel. He also asked the Minister on whether there was any policy of the government on residential system of education in the state and further sought justification on the selection of Pre-Matric scholarships to the minorities under merit- cum -means basis and also wanted to table its eligibility criteria in the House. On sports, he drew the attention of the YAS Minister on the development of pony, institutionalization of Thang-Ta game, and expressed desire to extend financial assistance to gymkhanas and to establish physical education training institute in the state.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving cut motion charged the MI department that the schemes under this department had lacked proper survey and supervision and wanted the schemes to be implemented on need bases. Proper planning, survey should be taken into account at the time of preparing MI programmes, he further said and also drew the attention of the Minister on the mismanagement in the department. Regarding NREGS, he expressed the view that the Act must be reviewed and pointed out the lack of penal provision in the Act. He also said that rural development works should be target oriented and funds for it also be utilized properly. On PMGSY, he wanted consultation of local representatives and proper supervision of the Minister.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA participating in the discussion stressed the importance of RLI scheme in the MI department and expressed the need to provide manpower to look after the pumps used in the RLI scheme. He also said

that water tax under this scheme should be generated properly and wanted reduction of power tariff for the purpose. Regarding NREGS, he said that for effective implementation of this scheme proper awareness should be given to the beneficiaries. On PMGSY, he drew the attention of the Minister on the shabby condition of roads in his constituency due to lack of proper maintenance and wanted the Minister to look into the matter.

Shri Awangbow Newmei, MLA moving cut motion drew the attention of the Minister concerned on the lack of proper utilization of the funds provided as material components under NREGS and wanted need based opinion from the people's representatives and proper inspection of the DC and BDO or responsible officers while implementing the scheme. He also said that schemes taken up under MI department had failed and wanted the Minister to look into it.

Md. Allauddin Khan, Minister (Welfare of Minorities & OBC and Community Development & ANP, IRDP & NREP). Replying to the discussion clarified that 50% of the works under NREGS had been implemented through Gram Panchayat and added that 100% of the works in the hills under this scheme was successful but not in the valley for which the State Guarantee Council meeting to be held on 25th July, 2009 would decide to entrust 50% of the works to the NGOs for its effective implementation. He also informed that any misuse of fund for the material components would be looked into. He also clarified that the 100% of the PMGSY fund was born by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India and said that so far 110 villages had been covered by rural road connectivity with a distance of 2231 kms. He further said that another phase under this programme would also be taken up for which DPR had also been prepared and informed that the guidelines of the PMGSY did not mention its maintenance provision but only the security deposit of 10% of the works from the contractors. Regarding loans under MOBC, he informed that loans had been given to the beneficiaries under proper scrutiny and further said that annual income limit for giving scholarships under MOBC would be looked into for its review, if necessary. He also said that site selection for the construction of hostel for minorities was made in view of location, road connectivity and students, etc.

The Minister (MOBC) made further clarifications sought by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh and Shri Morung Makunga, MLAs.

Shri N. Biren, Minister (Youth Affairs & Sports) clarifying to the demand discussion informed the House that preparation of State Youth Policy was in draft stage and opinions from the intellectuals, social workers, citizens and elected representatives were being sought for it before the policy was complete. He further informed that various incentives were being provided to meritorious sports persons and added that process to give government jobs to 135 meritorious sports persons in different government departments was almost complete. To develop Sports Tourism, Water Sports Complex along with an Eco-Park at Takmu, Loktak was being developed, he said. The department, he informed, was purchasing imported sports equipment for Cycling, Fencing, Archery etc. but locally manufactured Track Suits were purchased after examining the quality of the product. The proposed construction of Mini-Stadium at Ukhrul was stalled due to some technical mistake in the DPR but submitted after rectification and sanction was being awaited. He further informed that the government had sent proposal for development of 500 grounds to be taken up by the Panchayats and 80 Gyms cum Youth Centres to the Centre. The government, he said, was taking up various steps to develop indigenous games like Thang-ta and Polo. He appealed to cut motion movers to withdraw and allow the demand to pass.

S/Shri Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, Morung Makunga and R.K. Anand sought further clarifications and the Hon'ble Minister clarified.

Shri N. Loken Singh, Minister (Minor Irrigation) clarifying to the demand discussion said that the aim of MI was to bring about a Green Revolution in the state and added that most of the MI schemes like RLI, Pick up Wire etc. were Central Sponsored Schemes and after completion of the construction the whole thing had to be handed over to the Water User Association. The government, he said, was also contemplating to use electric operated pumps for RLIs and also to provide fund for purchase of diesels for RLI pumps. He informed the House that the success of RLI schemes depends on the interest of the Water Users Association and the local MLAs and appeal to all the Members to extend cooperation for making the schemes successful. He appealed to the cut motion movers to withdraw and let the demand pass.

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

Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 5.05 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Wednesday, the 15th July, 2009.

Th. Megha Raj Singh
Secretary,
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