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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Wednesday, the 15th 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 41 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (DIPR) made a reply to Starred Question No. 377 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the video coverage of Assembly Session.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Education) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 378 jointly asked by Dr. Khashim Ruivah and Shri Wungnaoshang Keishing, MLAs regarding upgradation of High Schools to higher Secondary School status.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (CA, F & PD) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 379 asked by Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA regarding the monthly central allocation of rice, wheat, palm oil, sugar, S.K. oil and salt to the State.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (CA, F & PD) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 380 asked by Shri T. Mangibabu Singh, MLA regarding the APL/BPL/AAY ration card holders in Thanga A/C.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (Minor Irrigation) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 381 asked by Shri Awangbow Newmei, MLA regarding the details of M.I. programmes taken up in Tamenglong District during the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (PHED) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 382 asked by Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA regarding the fund provided to the Drainage and Sewerage Division of the Department during the year 2008-09.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (Agriculture) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 383 asked by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA regarding the hiring charges of Tractor/Portion.

CALLING ATTENTION:

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA called the attention of the Health Minister on the non-declaration of result of the selection test for GNM course conducted by the State Government.

He quoted the 13th July 2009 “The Sangai Express” edition and said that due to the non-declaration of results of the selection test for the said course the students were facing inconveniences. He observed that the GNM course was a self-employment generating course for women and expressed that the pending results was negligence of the government for the career of the students. He wanted the Minister to give a tentative timeline for the declaration of the results and clear the feeling of confusion in the minds of the students and the guardians also.

Shri Ph. Parijat Singh, Minister (Health) replying to the motion expressed regret for the inconveniences and highlighted the problems faced due to the incompleteness of the construction of GNM school owing to the untimely release of funds by the NEC. He informed the House that the Government had also made a sanction of 20 lacs and so far 80% of the building construction had been completed and final completion would be made by the end of this month. He said that the results would be declared by the end of July 2009. Commenting on the importance of establishing nursing institution in the state and the need to increase the number of seats, he said that the classes would commence from the first week of August and further said that the government had no intention of harming the career of the students.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA sought further queries and the Minister made the necessary clarifications.

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

Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh moved Demand No. 7 - Police, Demand No. 24 - Vigilance, Demand No. 31 - Fire Protection & Control, Demand No.32 - Jails and Demand No. 33 - Home Guards for discussion.

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

Shri Radhabinod Kojiam, MLAmoving cut motions appreciated the prompt action taken by the Government for revamping jail administration, particularly Sajiwa Jail. He said that it lacked healthy and regulatory systems like providing better and substansive fooding, regular health check-ups, vocational guidance to make them self-sustainable and for the benefit of the inmates such systems should be installed. Regarding the loopholes in the jail administration, he maintained that up-to-date jail manual should be provided and the place should be made a centre for correction and reformation. Regarding the extension of jails in hospitals, he opined that it would create a bad impression to the public. Speaking on the involvement of women in various crimes in the state, he wanted the government to provide separate jail buildings for them and create better facilities. Making observations on the importance of police institution, he said that police were the friends and protectors of the people not persecutors and expressed the need to preserve the image by avoiding over-exercising of power. Regarding the activities

of the commandoes and negative impact it had on the minds of the people, to remove such impression, restraint should be there while dealing with crimes and due process of law should be enforced. On police modernisation, he said that for mobility, equipments and other IT requirements should be provided. He concluded with the suggestion that while training them, they should be taught to have a better human approach lest Manipur would continue to be a killing field.

Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA moving a cut motion on Fire Service compared the budget allocation for this department to a family budget and said that better allocation should be made to meet the requirements of better fire tenders, machinery and manpower. He mentioned the direction made by the Union Government that Fire Service should come under Disaster Management. Since Manipur falls in the seismic zone and earthquake prone, firemen should be trained and equipped to face all obstacles, he said. He even mentioned that since the department was under the supervision of the Chief Minister, all the financial constraints could be solved. While the whole process to bring the department under the Disaster Management was going on, there were reports of agitation made by the department against it and it was reported in some of the leading local dailies. The secrecy was leaked out by some staffs and the move against it was done in the interest of some persons and said that such a good system should not be wasted. He wanted the government to look into the problem and take action against the problem creators.

The Hon'ble Speaker Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 12.50 p.m. till 2.00 p.m. of the day

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

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Demand No-7-Police, said that the civil police of the state need academic interaction for bringing about change in their attitude and behaviour. He critically commented on the present poor state of connectivity to many police station and drew the attention of the Chief Minister to improve them and added that solar lamps should be provided to these stations for better illumination. He also opined that the daily allowance of police should be revised. The vacant posts in Fire Services, he said, should be filled up for smooth functioning of the department. He also suggested for imparting modern training on Disaster Management to Fire Service Personnel. He further commented on the absence of proper organisation in jail administration, lack of providing proper rehabilitation and vocational training to convicts and urged the Home Minister to examine and improve them and suggested for giving mental rehabilitation and providing some recreation to the convicts. The Home Guards, he said, was a complete mal-administration and urged for its improvement and added that their pay should be enhanced considering their nature of work.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA moving cut motion on Demand No 7 - Police commented that the Police-Public relationship should be improved and further expressed the need for conducting counselling and seminars in this regards and added there was need for giving rewards and punishments to police personnel. He also opined that the central para military forces should be replaced by state forces and IRBs. He expressed resentment over the hue and cry raised by the people of the hill areas against the decision of the government to post Commandoes and IRBs in the hill. Pointing out that some police officers had amassed huge assets

beyond their income, he said that it should be investigated. He drew the attention of the Chief Minister to give the remaining amount of ex-gratia to those 2 persons killed in the last part of 2007. He further enquired whether MGEL prepared and accounts opened for Home Guards.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Demand No 7-Police, said that Home Department should be strengthened considering the present law and order situation of the state. He wanted the strength of police to be augmented and improve jail administration. He critically commented on the absence of our own State Jail Manual and added that Reformatory Centre should be opened inside the jail to help inmates to reform themselves. He appreciated the recent change in the jail administration and added that armed police force should be deployed in the jail. Citing examples of Tihar Jail administration, he wanted such a model to be adopted in the state jail administration. Pointing out the law and order problem created by drug abusers and traffickers, he urged the government to take up measures to curb the menace. In order to improve the police-public relationship awarding rewards and punishment should be taken up, he said. He brought up the issue of drawal of salaries of MR personnel by one pay Naik after collecting all their cheques and disbursing them after deducting money for risk fund, game fund etc. and urged the Chief Minister to look into the matter.

Shri R.K Anand, MLA moving cut motion on Demand No 7- Police said that the people of the state were feeling high sense of insecurity and it was high time for the elected Members to express the fears of the public and find out a solution after a thorough discussion collectively. He opined that the present situation of the state was a political problem and not a merely law and order problem. He wanted to hold dialogue with the insurgents without any precondition. He further appealed to all the insurgents and police forces to hear the voice of resentment of the public and stop all senseless killings. He expressed regret over the multiplying of insurgents due to imposition of AFSPA and opined that a new law, more modern in nature, need to be legislated. The excesses of the the police should be checked, their discipline improved and streamline administration of Police Department and promotion avenues.

Shri I. Hemochandra Singh, MLA participating in the discussion supported the demands and said that proper cadre management of the state police force should be done and added that there should be no compromise in the lack of discipline in uniform service. He suggested for grooming newly recruited MCS and MPS officers for better administration of the state. He also said that those erring police personnel should be punished. He further opined that the justice delivery system need improvement and young MPS officers should be groomed for effective prosecution. He was of the opinion that the faith of the people would return with the improvement in the police administration. Citing the example of fire at Wino Bazar and the devastation fire could caused, he expressed the need to augment fire fighting equipment. With the occurrence of disaster in various forms, he suggested for imparting better training to fight such disasters. He further suggested for constitution of Disaster Management Authority and get fund, earmarked by Planning Commission, for disaster management.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister replying to the demand discussion informed the House of the change in the Sajiwa Jail Administration

effected very recently after the case of Krishnadas killing and added that most of the former employees of Sajiwa jail had either been suspended or transferred after the incident. He further informed that the government was examining the possibilities of providing vocational training to convicts. For amending the present jail manual other jail manuals were being studied, he said. Regarding the proposed merger of Fire Service with Relief and Disaster Management, he informed that it was the suggestion of the Central Government and a State level Committee had been constituted and examining all pros and cons very minutely though a final decision was yet to be taken. He further said that the service of police in the present situation of the state was very delicate and added that the government was also against all excess committed by the police but it was also the duty of the government to examine whether the excess was committed intentionally or conditionally before giving any sort of punishment. Regarding enhancement of ration money, he said that it was revised last year and added that the vacant post in Fire Services would be filled up soon. He further said that the Central Home Ministry had given consent to augment the lack of manpower in the Home Department and process was going on to make new recruitment in the police department. The government he informed was planning to post one IRB battalion in every district headquarters and at least 60/70 police personnel in every police stations. He informed that police would be deployed anywhere by the government according to the local situation. Regarding the detention of some students under NSA, he said that they were detained due to certain specific reason and appealed to those student bodies to withdraw the bandh called against the detention. He further informed that the strength of Home Guard had been computerised and their salaries would be drawn from their respective bank accounts. The government, he said, was keeping the door open for a peaceful dialogue with all the insurgent groups. The government was also contemplating to train bright officers in investigation and prosecution and post them in different police stations for effective delivery of justice and added that as part of cadre management the promotion year for MPS was reduced to 8 years from the earlier 11 years. Coming down heavily on the existence of so many student organisations in the state, he said that the government was closely monitoring their activities. He appealed to movers of cut motion to withdraw and allow the demand to pass.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, Shri Morung Makunga and Shri O. Joy Singh, MLAs sought further clarification and the Hon'ble Chief Minister clarified.

All the cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 7, 24, 31, 32 & 33 were passed unanimously by the House.

Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 4.45 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Thursday, the 16th July, 2009.

Th. Megha Raj Singh
Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly.
