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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Monday, the 20th July, 2009 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon'ble Chief Minister, 10 Cabinet Ministers, Chairman & Vice-Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 45 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 401 asked by Shri R.K. Anand, MLA regarding the Manipur Film Policy.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 402 asked by Shri T. Hangkhanpao, MLA regarding the DPC conducted by MPSC for appointment of Asst. Engineers from eligible Section Officers in PHED.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 403 asked by Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA regarding the Militant Group at present under Suspension of Operation with the Govt.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 404 asked by Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA regarding the action plan of the Government to save the life of Ms. Irom Chanu Sharmila whose fast unto death entered 8th year.
- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 405 asked by Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA regarding the payment of ex-gratia to the families of the 16 IRB personnel killed and those injured in the ambushed of February 24, 2007 at Tongjei maril.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BUSINESS:

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Hon'ble Speaker informed the House that Md. Allauddin Khan, Minister (RD &PR) had applied leave of absence for the day i.e. 20th 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. 11 - Medical, Health & Family Welfare Services, Demand No. 12 - Municipal Administration, Housing & Urban Development, Demand No. 21 - Commerce & Industries and Demand No. 39 - Sericulture for discussion.

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

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving cut motions observed that health programmes taken up in the health institutions of this state had not been implemented effectively and added that despite many qualified doctors in government hospitals in the state, sophisticated equipment were not provided to them. He further informed that Mobile Medical Unit under NRHM was not functional properly despite the appointment of its required staff and asked whether vans used in this purpose was misused. He also expressed regret over the non-inclusion of dental health service in the Manipur Medical Council Bill and said that health sector could not be improved without dental health and wanted establishment of State Dental Council in the state, enhancement of dental surgeons, increase of the rate of honorarium of the ASHA and implementation of Employees State Insurance Scheme in the Medical Department. On MAHUD, he drew the attention of the Minister for the extension of urban facilities to the greater Imphal areas and wanted to set up Greater Imphal Development Authority and also stressed the need to provide proper space for the rural poor and hill vendors at Imphal Bazar

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA moving cut motion said that the government doctors of the state were very qualified, however, such doctors encountered problems due to lack of infrastructures and expressed desire to provide equipment, especially for brain related treatments, and more vans to cope with emergency. He also drew the attention of the Health Minister to provide adequate number of doctors in the district hospitals of the state to ease congestion of patients in the urban hospitals and wanted posting of doctors and nurses, paramedics, etc. to PHCs and PHSCs in the interior hill areas. He also wanted proper policy for the implementation of mobile dispensary, proper policy of the government to curb malaria, T.B, Leprosy, proper utilization of fund for AIDS by the MACS. He also expressed concern on the increase of fee in the private hospitals in the state and wanted the government to check it.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA moving cut motions said that Manipur health care delivery system was outdated and wanted for its improvement and its proper policy to tackle infectious disease, noninfectious disease and maternity & child health, etc. He also said that the Community Health Centres in the state was not provided adequate doctors which led to the congestion of patients at Imphal and further wanted to know the number of specialist doctors at present and its requirement as well. He also suggested for a separate directorate for Public Health. He also drew the attention of the Minister on the lack of doctors in the district hospitals, number of functional ART Centres in the districts, increase of AIDS

patients in Bishnupur district. He also drew the attention of the Minister on the implementation of 25% Non Practicing Allowance (NPA) for doctors of the state, ban on government doctors practice in private hospitals, step of the government for an awareness programme to help reduce stigma on HIV/AIDS. On Commerce & Industries, he wanted the Minister to look into the grievances of the 18 employees out of 56 employees in the Khadi & Village Industries for getting their salaries under non-plan fund instead of plan fund.

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 2.05 p.m. with the Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA moving cut motions observed that inspite of the improving health status of the state, the secondary and tertiary sector of the state lacks efficiency and pointed out the need for manpower development. Commenting on the need to give more emphasis to the Public Health Sector he said that sufficient funds should be provided. The problem of scarcity of potable drinking water should be solved as 70% of the diseases were water-borne, he maintained. Health care regulatory system should be given more concentration and streamlined, he opined. Regarding the vagueness on the present status of the report of the district hospital buildings, he said that it should be achievement oriented. Further observations were made on National Iodine Deficiency Control programme, need for registry of cervical cancer patients and decentralisation of school health programme need for addressing the grievances of Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA), empanelling of Shija Hospitals and CMC Koirengei and the need to maintain vital statistics of HIV patients. Highlighting the present menace of drugs, he said that effective drug control administration was required. He drew the attention of the government on the outbreak of German Measles in Imphal East District and asked to take preventive measures timely. On Commerce & Industries, he said that patenting should be done on Moirangphee and health insurance awareness should be spread to the weavers. He made observations on mobile food processing unit, present status of Indo-Myanmar Trade, the need to revive the public sector undertakings and the present status of the exploration of minerals in the state. On MAHUD, he enquired whether Lamphel Super Market was within the municipality area and mentioned the problem of waterlogging in the area and the haphazard mushrooming of buildings. He also drew the attention of the government to address the grievances of the poor vendors at Khwairamband Bazar.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion said that inspite of implementing many new rules and policies, the PHCs, CHCs and district hospitals lacked effectiveness and failed to give awareness to the farmers on the random use of pesticides and fertilizers and outbreak of various types of ailments due to it. He drew the attention of the august House and expressed that the Health Services Sector would acquire a negative figure if timely measures were not taken up.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA cut motion mover expressed that inspite of developments being made in the health sector, huge amounts were drained away from the state by people who opted for treatment outside the state. Due to lack of infrastructures, the patients were facing great difficulties at critical junctures and pointed out the need to acquire the required machines and win the confidence of

the people, he stated. Keeping into account the importance of PHCs and CHCs in the rural areas, he said that on compulsory basis the doctors should be provided and facilities should be at par with the demands of the people. He also made observation on drug regulation and curtailing of misuse of drugs. On MAHUD, highlighting the pathetic drainage situation in the greater Imphal areas, he wanted the government to frame a uniform policy for development of drainage system in the areas also. Making observation on the need to frame a major market policy, he said that taking into consideration the plight of the poor vendors, accommodation should be provided for them and also to need construct markets in the peripheries. On Commerce and Industries, he made observations on the need to maintain a futuristic approach on the 'Look East Policy', price control over essential items and to take corrective measures on the misutilisation of funds of MANIDCO.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA participating in the discussion made observation on the National Rural Health Mission and highlighted the various health care programmes taken under it. He expressed the need to set up a health care society at the national level through co-ordination. He also made further comments on the Mobile Health Care Units, mode of appointment of doctors at JNIMS and Project Implementation Programme under National Rural Health Mission. On MAHUD, he made observation on the need to construct a new market for the poor vendors and street lamp lighting of Bishnupur Nagar Panchayat. On Sericulture, he observed that Manipur Sericulture Project was the pride of Manipur and a self employment generating project for economic upliftment particularly for women.

Shri Awangbow Newmei, MLA moving cut motions made observations on the activities of the Health Department and said that no rationalisation was done regarding the posting of doctors and wanted the government to formulate a system for posting of sufficient MOs and streamlining irregularities in infrastructure development particularly in the remote areas. He also made suggestion for supplying of free medicines to rural hospitals, upgradation of district hospitals with all the basic facilities and introduction of acupressure in all hospitals.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA moving cut motion on Demand No. 11 and 12 pointed out the huge prevalence of HIV infected persons in the state and the social hazards that such people could pose if proper attention were not paid to them and critically commented on failure of the department to pay attention to the widows and children of HIV infected persons. He urged the department to see if AAY cards, vocational training and reservation of jobs could be made available to widows and infected persons. Commenting on Municipal Administration, he highlighted the grievances of the employees and pensioners of Imphal Municipal Council and drew the attention of the Chief Minister to formulate a major policy to solve their recurrent problems and added that smooth functioning of Municipal Councils was a must for the proper implementation of projects under JNURM, solar lighting system, garbage disposal, sanitation etc. He further opined that stability of IMC and sincere execution of work by the counselors was also needed and added that their administration should be revamped and took up capacity building for the employees.

Shri Ph. Parijat Singh, Minister (Health and Family Welfare Services) clarifying to the demand discussion informed that health services in the state had

improved considerably with the implementation NRHM. Mobile Medical Units were kept stationed at district hospitals after fitting the required equipment and giving services to the sick patients. Manipur Nursing Council, he said had started functioning though State Dental Council was yet to be taken up due to certain technical difficulties. Admitting the difficulties faced due to the lack of specialist doctors in the state, he said that the department was utilising the available specialist doctors to make healthcare available to the remote areas of the state. For effective implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention programs the government was contemplating to constitute District AIDS Prevention and Control Units, with the DCs as the Chairman, CMOs as Vice Chairman and the MLAs, concerned, as Advisors, to all the districts and the MLAs would contribute 1 lakh each and 60 lakhs by the Government for its fund, he informed. The dead rate due to HIV infection had decreased with the opening of ART Centres providing medicines to infected persons in the state, he said, and added that 4 new Link ART Centre would be opened very soon. He further informed that construction of buildings for CHCs, PHSCs and PHCs without buildings were underway under NRHM and added that most of the required medical equipment for JN Hospital had been procured. Most of the required ASHAs had been appointed, he said, and they were given Rs 200 for bringing pregnant women to hospitals for delivery and Rs. 100 for check up. Regarding starting of JNIMS, he informed that it could be delayed due to the unavailability of Associate Professors and Professor for Surgery but the Government was making all out effort to recruit them and start the Institute from the current session. He appealed to movers of cut motions to withdraw and allow the demand to pass.

Shri O. Joy Singh, Shri Radhabinod Koijam, Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, Dr. I. Ibohalbi and Shri R.K. Anand, MLAs sought further clarifications and the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Health Minister gave necessary clarifications.

Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh, Minister (Sericulture) clarifying in the demand discussion said that the Sericulture Project began from the 9th Plan and work started from the 10th plan and added that the project was at its 2nd Phase stage. He further informed that the Department was in liaison with the Ministry of Textile for utilisation of the sanctioned fund for the project. He further said that Sericulture Project should be made successful for improvement of Financial condition of the state and appealed for passing the demand.

Shri Y. Erabot Singh, Minister (Commerce and Industries) clarifying to the demand discussion said that handloom was one of the largest employment generating sectors and under the Integrated Handloom Development Project many beneficiaries had been given financial assistance for construction of worksheds and other activities. Under the Integrated Handloom Development Project handloom organisations were given assistance in marketing, financial assistance through banks, formation of cluster groups etc. with the main objective of developing handloom. He further informed that the Government of India had already sanctioned fund under the said project for the first phase and released to beneficiaries. The department was in the process of appointing cluster units, deployment of officers of the department to those cluster units, he said. He further informed that a High Power Committee having 9 members had been constituted for an overall review of the Handloom projects. He also clarified that there was no hard and fast rule for cluster groups to exist in adjoining areas of two or more

constituencies. Regarding the details of payment of Pay and Allowances for employees of Khadi and Village Industries, he said that it would be provided in the answer of a starred question. The aim of SEGP (Self Employment Generation Program) of the Central Government was to give assistance to unemployed youths in different trades and added that the selection of beneficiary was done by the Selection Committee he said, and added that a number of unemployed youths had been benefited by the program. For the improvement of Indo-Myanmar Trade the department was taking up various steps like construction of diversion roads, Integrated Check post, Warehouse, Weight Bridge, Trade Centre etc. at Moreh, he informed. The Department, he further said, had taken up steps for exploration of Chromite, Limestone etc. in the state and added that a systematic Geological Mapping was also being taken up for exploration of available minerals in the state. Regarding the giving of government job to Haobam Nishikanta, a driver, who helped two officers of the Department to escape from the clutch of an insurgent group, he said that it was due to his overage and added that the CM would be consulted to relax his age and give him appointment. He appealed to movers of cut motion to withdraw and allow the demand to pass.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA sought further clarification and the Hon'ble Minister clarified.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister in charge of Municipal Administration, Housing and Urban Development replying to the demand discussion informed that JNURM can be extended to greater Imphal areas too. He further informed that the department would first accommodate licence holder vendors to the newly constructed three market sheds and then would consider accommodating those street vendors without licence. He further informed that Imphal was one of the 66 selected Mission Cities selected for development by the Centre and fund for Solid Waste Management, purchasing city buses, improvement of Naga Nulah and Basic Services to Urban Poor had been released by the centre and requested the MLAs to help select genuine poor for effective implementation of the programs under Basic Services to Urban Poor. The aim of JNURM, he said, was to create infrastructures for local bodies like IMC for their self reliance and so the government had no intention to sideline IMC and added that the Commissioner had been instructed to sit together with IMC staff and solve the existing problems. Expressing hope that the present problem existing in IMPC would be solved, he appealed to cut motion movers to withdraw and allow the demand to pass.

All the cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 11, 12, 21 & 39 were passed unanimously by the House.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL:

Shri Ph. Parijat Singh, Minister (Medical, Health and Family Welfare Services) moved for leave of the House to introduce the Manipur Medical Council Bill, 2009.

And also moved for introduction.

The House granted leave and the Bill were introduced.

Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 6.45 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Tuesday, the 21st July, 2009.

Th. Megha Raj Singh
Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly.
