

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Tuesday, the 21st 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 45 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Forest) made a reply to Starred Question No. 406 asked by Dr. Kh. Ratankumar Singh, MLA regarding the weed out of Athaphum from Loktak Pat by LDA.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Health) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 408 asked by Shri M. Prithiviraj Singh, MLA regarding the staff strength of CHC, Moirang.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (Forest) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 410 asked by Shri T. Mangibabu Singh, MLA regarding the basis for payment of compensation of uprooting athaphum in order to protect Loktak.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Health) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 411 asked by Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA regarding the infection rate of HIV among the High Risk Groups in Manipur.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (Revenue) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 412 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the construction of SDO Office, Sawombung.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (Power) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 413 asked by Shri Awangbow Newmei, MLA regarding the work order for electrification of unelectrified villages in Tamenglong District under RGGVY Programme.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (PHED) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 414 asked by Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA regarding the Water Supply Schemes to be taken up under Non-Lapsable Central Pool Resources (NLCPR)-2009-2010.

- (h) Hon'ble Minister (PHED) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 415 asked by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA regarding the uncompleted Water Supply Schemes of PHED on Kumbi A/C.

Starred Question No. 407 was not asked as the Member was not present in the House.

ZERO HOUR:

Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA drew the attention to the felling of trees, which were planted more than 20 years back by the Forest department, between Thoubal Project and Thoubal Barrage in Andro Constituency and enquired whether plantation could be taken up in the area by the Forest department or by the Horticulture department under the Technology Mission.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister laid the following Reports on the Table of the House.

- (i) Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement, Fiscal Strategy Statement, Macro Economic Framework Statement and Disclosures, 2009; and
- (ii) Manipur State Commission for Women Report 2007-2009.

DISCUSSION ON A MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA raised a discussion on the Annual Report of the State Vigilance Commission for the year 2008, laid on the Table of the House on 19th March, 2009.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving the discussion said that the Commission was established on 28th May, 1981 following major scandals in some departments around that time. Recommendation for around 200 cases for the period from 1999 till 2008 were made by the Commission but no actions had been taken up by the government, he pointed out. He said the very existence of the Commission was questionable as the recommendations made by it were not implemented by the government and further enquired why the recommendations were not followed. He pointed out that the Commission had some disadvantages due to the lack of power to function independently. He, therefore, suggested to take up measures to make the Commission function independently and also for implementation of the reformative suggestion made by it for streamlining the State's administration.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister replying to the discussion informed that 126 cases had been disposed during the previous year and another 166 cases were pending till the end of that year and added that action had been taken in respect of 2 cases out of the 22 cases recommended for awarding major penalties. Informing about the suspension of the then Project Director of MACS, Dr. T.R. Kom and others and that of the then C.O. of Home Guard for irregularities in their respective department and the departmental proceeding that was underway, he said that the government was doing the needful for timely implementation of the recommendations being made. During the previous year 6 cases were chargesheeted, final report was submitted for 1 case and investigation was pending for another 110 cases till the year end, he informed and added that necessary steps would be taken for doing the needful. He further informed that the Government

was doing its best to implement any recommendation that was being made by the Commission. The Commission was functioning very well as of now, he said and added that he would see what improvement could be made in this regard.

PRESENTATION OF DEMANDS FOR EXCESS GRANTS:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister presented the Demands for Excess Grants for the year 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07.

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

Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh moved Demand No. 10 - Education, Demand No.38 - Panchayat, Demand No. 41 - Art & Culture and Demand No. 45 - Tourism for discussion.

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

Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA moving cut motion pointed out that there was lack of adequate number of teachers in schools in the Hills and added that ban on direct recruitment and transferring of the recently appointed graduate teachers to the valley along with their post aggravate the situation. Appointment of teachers on contract and Part-time basis should be done away with and regular appointment be made instead, he suggested. Necessary steps should be taken up for infrastructure development, he said. He pointed out that there was only 1 (one) DI at ZEO, Ukhrul as of now against the available vacancy of 6 (six) DIs.

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

Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA said that schools in the hills had not been provided adequate teachers and infrastructures and wanted the education department to provide Science, Maths, Hindi and Manipuri teachers at the earliest. He also expressed regret over the poor attendance of teachers in the schools and wanted proper inspection of ZEO and DI concerned and wanted a policy in this regard. He also drew the attention of the Minister for the reinstatement of teachers under SSA who were once retrenched and prevention of transfer of teachers with post, stringent action against impersonation of candidates in examinations.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion said that SSA was not implemented properly in the state and pointed out the lack of teachers in his constituency following the rationalization policy of the education department. He drew the attention of the Minister to provide adequate infrastructures of schools in his constituency and wanted inspection of school by the director and DI concerned. He also wanted proper implementation of NREGS and proper development of infrastructures at Kaina tourist centre and Andro for its tourist attraction.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA moving cut motions pointed out the rising gap between the male and the female literacy rate in the state and wanted a time frame for the introduction of model schools in all districts of the state. He also sought

detail information on the complete rationalization of schools of education department and drew the attention of the Minister on the resentment of public regarding the down gradation of Oinam Girl's High school to Junior High school despite adequate students of the said school. He also wanted clarification from the Minister on the lack of teachers in the government aided schools after the retirement of its approved teachers. He also drew the attention of the Minister for filling up of teachers in government colleges and wanted cabinet approval for extending full-fledged grant to the Waikhom Mani Girls College, Thoubal and the S.K Women College, Nambol. He also expressed concern on the mushrooming of private schools in the state and wanted to frame a Manipur education policy in this regard. On Panchayat he sought a clear cut information on the implementing agency of NREGS and wanted to enhance wages of the job card holders, proper implementation of IAY, amendment of Manipur Panchayati Raj Act. Regarding tourism he expressed the need to introduce Inner Line Permit system, up gradations of tourism infrastructures in the state and wanted a tourism policy of the government.

Shri R.K Anand, MLA moving cut motions wanted an exhaustive policy of the education department to address problems for getting quality education in the state and also wanted to look into the anomaly in the pay structures among the graduate teachers. On Art & Culture, he drew the attention of the Minister on the shortage of its staff and existing vacancies in the department and wanted regularization of casual and contract employees of the department. Regarding Panchayat, he emphasized the need for strict compliance of the guidelines of NREGS and for its proper implementation and wanted maintenance of roads under PMGSY. On Tourism, he wanted some relaxations in the process of the Restricted Area Permit.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA moving cut motions wanted the education department to provide physical infrastructures and basic minimum requirements to the schools for bringing quality education in the state and stressed the need for regular inspection of AI and DI concerned to the schools. He also sought criteria or policy of the government on the establishment of large number of private schools in the state and asked as to why students had failed to take admission to the government schools despite books and nutritional support to them. He also expressed regret over the rising number of school dropouts in the state despite Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) implemented by the Government of India and wanted to introduce Gyan Darshan system through audio visual aids in the schools of the state. He also wanted more attention of the government on the sick colleges of the state for their improvement. On Panchayat, he drew the attention of the Minister for the constituency wise release of funds of SHGs under SGSY for its proper functional and the clearance of due wages of job card holders under NREGS in Khurai constituency. He also expressed desire to frame a Manipur Film Development Corporation and cultural policy of the state by the Art & Culture and introduction of health tourism in the Tourism department.

Shri L. Nandakumar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion stressed the need to establish model primary schools in all the districts of the state for the development of students from the grass root level and also wanted new teachers' training institute for producing quality teachers in the state.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA participating in the discussion made observation on Panchayat and asked the Minister how the programmes to be taken up under the department had been implemented in the villages of Char Hajar which belong to Gram Panchayat and wanted clarification on whether such villages be merged with the District Council.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA participating in the discussion emphasized on the primary and elementary education and wanted to review the amalgamation of schools to minimize the rising trends of school dropouts in the state and wanted consultation of local representatives at the time of school amalgamation. He also wanted extension of similar grant in aid amount to Kumbi College, Kumbi like that of Waikhom Mani Girls College, Thoubal and S.K Women College, Nambol, development of Jiribam and Moreh College, construction of Manipur Bhavan at Tripura, selection of site for the construction of Rani Gaidinlu memorial structure, enhancement of wages for workers under NREGS, etc.

Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh, Minister (Education) responding to the demand discussion said that the department was minutely analysing the ills inflicting the department to streamline it in the right direction. He endorsed the suggestion of establishing model primary schools in addition to the existing model school launched recently. Understanding the importance of teachers' training the department was exercising to give training facilities to some selected colleges in addition to the existing training of teachers given by DIET under SCERT, DM College of Teachers' Education etc. He further informed that the department was in the process of school reorganisation and rationalisation of teachers and clarified that no school had been abolished till now as assumed by some Members and added that amalgamation or abolition of schools would be taken up after the session and the suggestions of the Members would be sought at that time. Rationalisation of teachers for the hill areas, he informed, would be delayed since certain technical difficulties had to be rectified after the amendment of the District Council Act. The issue relating to the ZEO of Ukhrul, he said, was under the active examination of the Department and would be settled soon. As part of the process to streamline the implementation of Mid-day-meal under SSA a website had been launched and added that health awareness campaigns was also conducted under the Discover Manipur program. He further informed that the Human Resource Development Ministry was requested to give special consideration for the North East states and extend the time of implementation of SSA from the earlier 10 year. The formation of School Management Development Committee, which would have the elective Members as Members, for better school management, was complete, he said. A Tele-Education program in collaboration with NIC for giving benefit to 12th passed students aspiring for technical studies would be started from the next month, he informed. He further informed that a Committee had been constituted to check private schools in the state. Development of infrastructures for schools and colleges were taken up under funds from NLCPR, ACA etc and appealed to cut motion movers to withdraw and allow the demand to pass.

Shri R.K. Anand, Dr. I. Ibohalbi, Shri Morung Makunga and Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLAs sought further clarifications and the Hon'ble Minister gave clarifications.

Md. Allauddin, Minister (Panchayat) replying to the demand discussion informed that 16 departments had devolved power to Panchayat and the schemes, which were mostly central sponsored schemes, were being implemented by

Panchayat. The implementation of NREGS was the responsibility of the Panchayats and the details of work and the job card holders was decided by the Gram Sabha. In order to check misuse of funds by Pradhans the government had decided to give 50% of work to Pradhans and 50% to Zilla Parishads and a Vigilance Chairman would be appointed to check the implementation of the works under NREGS and added that the involvement of the MLAs concerned was needed for effective implementation of the program. He further informed that Administrative Committee had been constituted for the Gram Sabhas of Charhajare under Sekmai Constituency, and had been implementing the Panchayat programs and added that the area would remain under the Panchayat area and would not be handed over to the District Council. The beneficiaries of Indira Awas Yojana would receive their benefits in kind and the remaining amount through their personal accounts to avoid misappropriation of money. He further informed about the implementation of PMGSY Phase V and VI, recruitment of Staff in Panchayat, plan to construct Panchayat Ghars, plan to create Data base for Panchayats by 2010 and the earnest effort of the department to improve Panchayat. He appealed to cut motion movers to withdraw and allow the demand to pass.

S/Shri R.K. Anand, Radhabinod Koijam and Morung Makunga, MLAs sought further clarifications and the Minister clarified.

Replying to the clarifications sought by Hon'ble Member, Shri Radhabinod Koijam, Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) replied that Panchayat areas will not be allowed to be included in the District Council, steps will be taken to hold Panchayat election soon, life of Administrative Committee may be extended upto one and half years and consultation in this regard is going on with the Law Department.

Shri T.N. Haokip, Minister (Tourism) responding to the demand discussion said that Tourism in the state was in its infant stage but the Government was trying to improve it. He informed that the Home Ministry was pursued for lifting of Protected Area Permit and Restricted Area Permit. The department, he said, was taking up steps to improve Kaina, Sadu Chiru Waterfall etc. in order to attract tourist in the state. He further informed that Tourism Policy was ready for approval of the Cabinet. Health Tourism, he said, had started in Manipur in collaboration with RIMS and Shija Hospital. Understanding the prospect of Tourism in the state the department, he informed, was giving all out effort to tap the potential and appealed to cut motion movers to withdraw and allow the demand to pass.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA sought some clarifications and the Hon'ble Minister clarified.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister in charge of Arts and Culture clarifying to the demand discussion said that the government was taking up steps to strengthen the staff of Arts and Culture, develop infrastructure, frame Cultural Policy, preservation of the varied customs and tradition of the various groups of the state, preservation of the various Heritage Sites and improvement of the Manipur Film Development Corporation.

Dr. Ng Bijoy Singh, Shri N. Mangi Singh and Shri R. K Anand, MLAs sought clarifications and the Hon'ble Chief Minister clarified.

All the cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 10, 38, 41 & 45 were passed unanimously by the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

The Hon'ble Speaker announced the refixation of the date of nomination and election of Members of the three Financial Committees.

Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 5.30 p.m. till 11.00 a.m. of Wednesday, the 22nd July, 2009.

Th. Megha Raj Singh
Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly.
