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*The House assembled at 11.00 am of Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 44 Elected Members.

**QUESTIONS:**

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 426 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the DPC for promotion of MCS Grade-II held during the year , 1996.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 427 asked by Shri M. Prithviraj Singh, MLA regarding the construction of Moirang Sub-Treasury Office.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 428 asked by Shri R.K. Anand, MLA regarding the policy/programme of the State Government either to protect or develop "Sana Konung Thangapat".

*Starred Question No. 429 was not asked as the Member was not present in the House.*

**ZERO HOUR:**

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA quoted the 23rd July 2009 local dailies edition on the non-declaration of MCS/MPS Examination held in 2008 by the MPSC and drew the attention of the House for the speedy declaration of the results in the interest of the candidates. Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA drew the attention of the Chief Minister to urge the Centre for uplinking up of DDK Imphal via satellite for the convenience of those residing in the remote areas. Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA drew the attention of the House on the closure of CIC Yairipok and asked the government to look into the matter.

**PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE:**

The Chief Minister laid on the Table of the House the Gazette copy regarding the Manipur Reservation of Vacancies in Posts and Services (for SC and ST).

### **CALLING ATTENTION:**

(i) Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA called the attention of the Home Minister on the alleged hijacking of life saving drugs by Kuki militants.

Moving the Calling Attention, he quoted the 28th June 2009 Telegraph and Huiyen Lanpao edition on the hijacking of life saving drugs by suspected KRA militants presently under SoO (Suspension of Operations) and expressed that such inhuman acts would be endangering the lives of many people. Commenting on the role of the Manipur Chemist & Druggist Association, a voluntary organisation, in protecting the right of chemists and customers, he said that the association was continually under the threat of undergrounds operating in Nagaland and Manipur and huge monetary demands were made to them. The UG outfit defying the groundrules of the peacetalks hijacked trucks loaded with 1131 cartons of drugs and a complaint was lodged at Sekmai Police P.S. and so far 799 cartons had been recovered and 316 were still missing, he stated. He also mentioned the increase in the fright charges of transport agencies and the decision taken by the Drug companies to withdraw supply of drugs to the state and observed that the brunt of the situation would be borne by the patients who were dependants of these drugs. He informed the House that an application had already been submitted to the DGP but so far no clue could be unearthed and there was no intervention on the fright hike by the government. Queries were raised on the steps taken for recovery of the missing cartons and action to be taken for violation of ground rules by the outfit.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister replying to the motion said a suo motto case had been registered in connection with the incident and as the seizure of the drugs by armed miscreants took place in Senapati, the case was transferred there. He informed the House that the investigation of the case was undergoing presently and assured that appropriate action would be taken by the government if any violation of ground rules of SoO were found. He also observed that the government had maintained a largestock of life-saving drugs for emergency use in hospitals.

(ii) Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA called the attention of the Home Minister on the feud that took place at Mayang Imphal Maibam over the ownership of a patch of paddy field.

Moving the Calling Attention, he quoted the 19th July 2009 edition of the local dailies and other informations collected from the area and pointed out certain loopholes in the administration of law by the police. He said that the dispute over the paddy field had been continuing for a long time and a case was going on. Sagolshem Leimachaobi and her brother Ibomcha who were injured in the attack were still in hospital and an FIR was lodged at Mayang Imphal P.S. and moreover the names of the main accused Kshetrimayum Nimai and W. Wanglen were not included in the complaint, he said and opined that for smooth delivery of justice there should be modification of the FIR. He also mentioned the involvement of UGs in the said case and said that the problem should be settled successfully since it would affect the law and order of the state.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister replying to the motion said that a complaint was lodged by one Sagolshem Joychandra at Mayang Imphal P.S. regarding the incident and involvement of anti-socials in the case was mentioned. He informed the House that one of the accused Wangkheimayum Ibomcha was arrested and brought before CJM Imphal West and was further remanded in police custody till July 27<sup>th</sup> 2009 and another accused Ksh. Joykumar was still absconding. He further said that the reason behind the attack would be found out soon and punishment would be given to the erring ones.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Hon'ble Speaker informed the House that Hon'ble Member, Shri K. Raina had applied leave of absence for the day i.e. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. 17 - Agriculture, Demand No. 22 - Public health Engineering, Demand No. 42 - State Academy of Training and Demand No. 43 - Horticulture & Soil Conservation for discussion.

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

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA moving cut motions made observation in regards to Agriculture that there was predominance of manual work and a revolution was required to step into the industrialised system. He expressed the need to frame an agri-marketing policy by consulting experts and Agricultural Produce Marketing Act, which was already enforced in other NE States should also be enforced in the state to control buying and selling. He made suggestions to take steps to increase the percentage of double cropping, to systematise the supplying of subsidised equipment through farmers' clubs and activities of agri-related activities of CADA. On Horticulture, he observed that emphasis should be given to pineapple, banana, cashew nut, mushroom and other aromatic plants plantation, growing of medicinal plants also known as Green Diamonds should be systematized, cold storage facilities should be provided for better marketing of Kachai lemon and fruit growing areas should be given attention to make Horticulture Technology Mission successful. Regarding mass drying out of Yongchak which occupied a major place in income earning and also closely associated with our culture measures to safeguard it should be taken up and research on the possible cause of drying up should be taken up together with Central Agricultural University he maintained. On PHED, he opined that river being the main source of water, steps should be taken up for water conservation. He made further comments on lack of power supply in water treatment plant, Urban and Rural Sanitation System.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA moving cut motions observed that there should be balanced development while undertaking both urban and rural water supply schemes and well synchronized economic planning was required to provide basic amenities equally. Regarding the lack of pipes while taking up water supply schemes, he said that it should be timely purchased and stored. He also mentioned the need for proper management and supervision of the officials while taking up works of the Oinam Water Reservoir to check wastage of water due to lack of

pipes. To tackle the drought problem, he said that measures like rain water harvesting and maintenance of water bodies should be taken up, he stated. The cost of sanitary latrines under the Total Sanitation Programme should be increased and a plan should be chalked out to have a wider coverage, he added. On Agriculture, he observed that in view of the decreasing agricultural lands, the production should be increased by utilizing high technology and supply of pump sets to farmers should be increased. He also drew the attention of the Minister to make the payment of the Kacha dam constructed at Irengbam village. On Horticulture, he said that barren lands should be utilized to acquire maximum benefits under Technology Mission.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA making observations on Horticulture said that the funding made by the NEC under the Technology Mission was only paperwork. He said pineapple plantation was suitable in Manipur and mentioned that a mela was recently held at Andro and the Hon'ble Chief Minister had donated Rs. 2 crores for imparting training to farmers. On PHED, he said that the water supply schemes at the village level were not functional and pipes should be supplied timely to meet people's needs. Transferring of Engineering Department officials very often hampered the progress of works taken up, he asserted. On Agriculture, he said that the supplying of seeds was not done timely and opined that Department officials should conduct training and awareness programmes to the farmers for cultivation of rabi and kharif crops.

**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 R.K. Anand, MLA moving cut motion said that the Water Supply system was a failure in the state and opined that a serious planning was needed by PHED to make drinking water available. He was very critical on the illegal tapping of water by many individuals and wants the department to take serious action against them. He further expressed the need for time bound and effective implementation of PHED Projects with a strong determination and will by the department. Highlighting the opening of new economic horizons through plantation of cardamon, pineapple, and other cash crops through Horticulture Department, he said that the administration of the department should be revamped to implement the various projects successfully and added that successful entrepreneurs and farmers should be encouraged by providing assistance and incentives. He further suggested for identification of suitable areas for plantation of cash crops in the state and tap the economic potential.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA participating in the discussion said that a proper and planned water policy should be implemented for improving the water woes in the state. He further gave suggestion for digging huge ponds near river banks to store water as water from Singda Dam was not enough to meet the demands of the Imphal areas. He critically commented on the lack of sincerity of the engineers while implementing PHED projects and opined that MLAs should be consulted for taking up PHED projects. Commenting on Horticulture, he said that the farmers should be given awareness on the economic benefits of Horticulture and encourage them to grow lemons, orange, and other cash crops and added that the government should also formulate an effective marketing policy for selling those crops.

Shri Radhabinod Kojiam, MLA moving cut motions pointed out the huge gap in the requirement and supply of drinking water in the state and added that long term, medium term and short term measures should be adopted by the Department to tackle the shortage of drinking water. He further expressed the need for conservation of ground water and rain water harvesting for supply of rural drinking water under Bharat Nirmal Project. Work Program Advisory Committee should be constituted, he suggested, for transparent and effective implementation of work programs. Construction of Low Cost latrines under Urban Sanitation Programs, he said, should be taken up in consultation with the MLAs and critically commented on the construction of drains in a haphazard manner at Thangmeiband areas. He also pointed out the need for proper monitoring of Sewerage Project and appealed to the Minister for speedy completion of the project considering the plights of the people due to the incompleteness of the project. Commenting on Horticulture, he pointed out the huge economic potential of growing pineapple, orange, lemon, ginger, orchids, aromatic plants and herbal plants and the lack of encouragement to entrepreneurs by the government and added that the government should make effective policy for transportation, storage and marketing of horticulture products.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA supporting the demands expressed the need for proper monitoring and maintaining quality of works taken up under PHED and added that proper material planning and testing of materials should also be done. To make water available during lean season, water harvesting should be done, he said. He further pointed out the need for proper coordination between PHED and Power Department to make water supply schemes successful and added that the present problem arising out of the lack of coordination between the two departments regarding the purchase of transformer for water supply schemes should be resolved. He pointed out that afforestation in catchment areas should be taken up and further expressed the need to appoint a person to look after each of the completed water supply schemes. The Tea Estate at Jiri should be revived, he said. He further observed that Horticulture Department should take the benefit of marketing its products through the up coming Food Park at Nilakuthi and also of the reduced freight charges given by the Centre for North East states.

Shri N. Loken Singh, Minister (Agriculture) responding to the demand discussion highlighted the various steps like providing improved seeds to farmers, farm mechanisation, encouraging organic farming, adoption of multiple cropping, soil conservation, introduction of IT in Agriculture, launching of Insurance schemes for farmers under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme etc. taken up by the department for enhancing agricultural production. Introduction of Combined harvesting, as suggested by some Members, was not feasible, he said, but interested farmer groups were provided Rippers. He further informed that formation of State Agriculture Marketing Board was in process. In order to prevent loss of Agricultural lands, the department was encouraging multiple cropping, he said and added that distribution of seeds in advance would be done in future and unpaid bills would be cleared very soon. He further said that Hon'ble Chief Minister would be consulted to look into the possibility of the reviving the

Tea Estate at Jiri. He appealed to cut motion movers to withdraw and allow the demand to pass.

Shri T.N Haokip, Minister (PHED), clarifying to the demand discussion admitted the scarcity of drinking water in the state and added that the department, having very limited staff, was exploring various options to make it available. He further informed that completed water supply schemes had to be handed over to the Panchayats, as directed by the centre. The department was also taking up steps to catch pipe thieves and added that in order to prevent loss of pipes the department would exercise division wise material planning and only materials for emergency purposes would be kept in the store. He further informed that 2/3 projects on river water harvesting was being contemplated on trial basis. Informing the House about the revised rate of assistance to individual households for sanitation from 1500 to 2500, he said that it was the directive of the centre to tie up with the Panchayat while implementing Rural Sanitation programs but he had instructed the officials to consult MLAs concerned during implementation. Defunct PHED projects would be looked into, he said and reiterated the commitment of the department to implement projects on time and make drinking water available in the state. He further informed that water woes at Naoriya Pakhanglakpa would be reduced after the Water Supply Scheme at Langthabal Phura Makhong was complete. Regarding Sewerage Project he said that it would be completed very soon. He further said that the constitution of Water Resource Management Policy with the Chief Minister as the Chairman and departments like PHED, Forest, MI, Horticulture, IFCD etc. as Members and a collective effort by it adopting long term policy would improve the water scarcity in the state. He appealed to cut motion movers to withdraw and allow it to pass.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, Shri R.K Anand, Dr. I. Ibohalbi and Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLAs sought further clarification and the Hon'ble Minister clarified.

Shri Phungzathang Tonsing, Minister (Horticulture & Soil Conservation) replying to the discussion inform nursery plantation had been started. In order to improve the market information system in the state a web-site had been launched and computer had been given to all the districts, he informed. He further informed that a primary processing unit for pineapple had been started at Andro and added that 4 schemes namely, the Mao Potato Farm, Magfruit Factory, Mushroom Development Programme and Cashewnut Development Farm, were taken up successfully. District Level Flower Shows were organized at Thoubal, Chandel, Ukhrul and Churachandpur, he informed and further said that the department had distributed power tillers, pump sets, sprayers, etc. to the farmers. The Horticulture department got the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Flora Expo last September which was organized under the Technology Mission, he informed.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, Dr. I. Ibohalbi, Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLAs sought further clarifications and the Minister clarified.

*All the cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 17, 22, 42 & 43 were passed unanimously by the House.*

## **STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF MINISTER:**

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, made a statement in the House about an incident of indiscriminate firing by an unknown armed person at B.T road at around 10.30 a.m of the day and copy of the statement was laid on the table of the House.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA wanted a discussion on the matter under Rule 127 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Manipur Legislative Assembly

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA and Shri Phungzathang Tonsing, Minister (Power) observed that the matter needs to be discussed in the House that day itself.

*Hon'ble Speaker observed that the matter would be taken up for discussion under Rule 127 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Manipur Legislative Assembly after the consideration and passing of the "Manipur Medical Council Bill, 2009".*

## **CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BILL:**

Shri Ph. Parijat Singh, Minister Health to move:-

“that the Manipur Medical Council Bill, 2009 be taken into consideration.”

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA initiating the consideration observed that the Bill lacked provision for removal of the President of the State Council, if the need arise for some wrongdoings of the President. In spite of it, the Bill on passing, would end the longtime inconveniences faced by the doctors in the state regarding their registration and their practice could be regulated, he observed and supported the Bill for passing.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA taking part in the consideration suggested for substituting the word “Medical/Life Science” in clause 3(1)(b) with the word “Medicine”. The words “Director, Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors” in clause 3(1)(c) should be substituted with the word “Faculty”, he suggested and observed that “Eight Members” in clause 3(1)(d) should include at least two lady Practitioners. He further suggested for inserting the words “except those who had already registered with the Medical Council of India” after the words “Provided that every such persons” that occurred in the last para of clause 30.

Shri Ph. Parijat Singh, Minister (Health & Family Welfare) replying to the consideration said that except for the suggestions made in respect of clause 3(1)(b), 3(1)(c) and 3(1)(d) all the others should be passed as it was.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA participating in the consideration observed that the inclusion of one Member of the Indian Medical Association, Manipur State branch in the composition of the State Council need to be kept as it was.

*After clause by clause consideration the Manipur Medical Council Bill, 2009 as amended was passed unanimously by the House.*

**GENERAL DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC INTEREST:**

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA initiating the discussion observed that killings, abductions, intimidations and placing bombs in private residences and hospitals which was prevalent in the state at present were the doings of antisocial elements with the sole purpose of earning money only. Siphoning of rice and wheat meant for the public and the nexus between contractors and antisocial elements need to be looked into, he observed and added that there was a social breakdown in the state. Condemning the developing culture of violence in the state he opined that it was high time that everyone stand up against it. He said that the House should condemn the incident of indiscriminate firing by unknown armed person at B.T. road on that day and condoled the killing of the woman in the incident.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA participating in the discussion observed that the incident was very unfortunate and the act should be condemned and opined that the House should take a decision in this regard.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA taking part in the discussion said the situation in Manipur was worsening and all these unwanted activities were being carried out with the purpose of making money only. Steps should be taken up to curb such happenings and their recurrence in future, he suggested and further said that the House should condemn the incident.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion termed the incident as very unfortunate and said that everyone should stand together and fight all antisocial elements. The government should take a firm stand in dealing with the present situation in the state, he said.

Dr. Kh. Ratankumar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion condemned the killing and wanted a pragmatic approach and collective efforts of all for tackling such crime cutting across party lines. He also appealed all sections of the society to extend co-operation in this regard.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA participating in the discussion expressed grief over the victims of the indiscriminate firing incident and stressed the need for taking a firm resolution of the House to tackle such crimes together. He also appealed to the families of the insurgents to cooperate the government in its effort to resolve crimes.

Shri Phungzathang Tonsing, Minister (Power) participating in the discussion condemned the killing and termed the incident as most unfortunate. He also stressed the need for noncooperation to anti social elements and wanted a collective will of the House to confront such anti social activities.

Shri T. Mangibabu Singh, MLA participating in the discussion expressed condemnation over the death of one lady and five injured persons in the unfortunate incident and wanted unity of all the Members irrespective of party affiliations to tackle such situations in time.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, Minister (Works) participating in the discussion expressed sentiment on the incident of indiscriminate firing and condemned the killing. He expressed unhappiness that if such trend was continued without careful handling, the future generation would regret for it and stressed the need for public cooperation in this regard.

Md. Allauddin Khan, Minister (RD & PR and MOBC) participating in the discussion condemned the killing and informed the House that since the emergence of Muslim insurgent groups in the state many precious lives of the Muslim community had been killed. He further informed that all such anti social activities were, more or less, connected with the demands and extortion of money and stressed the need to convince all NGOs and persons working over ground in favour of insurgent groups to help restore normalcy in the state.

Shri Ph. Parijat Singh, Minister (Health) participating in the discussion condemned the gruesome killing of one lady leaving five persons injured in the incident and wanted a strong determination of all sixty representatives of the House to fight such anti social activities cutting across party lines.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA participating in the discussion expressed condemnation on the death of one lady and five injured persons and termed the incident as unfortunate and appalling. He also, in the meantime, appreciated the act of the police personals in dealing with the perpetrator and expressed willingness to extend unconditional support of the Members irrespective of Ruling and Opposition to the government in its effort to bring about normalcy in the state. He also expressed desire to observe one minute silence by the august House as a mark of respect to the death of one lady and five injured persons.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister participating in the discussion said that killings won't bring solution and expressed concerned on the unwillingness of the government of India to initiate dialogue with the insurgent groups of the state in view of such anti social activities meant for money without party principle and ideology. He wanted to condemn the incident in the strongest term and appealed to all the Members of the House to extend cooperation at the time of taking decision for taking up stringent action against such anti social elements in the interest of the welfare of the state.

Hon'ble Speaker also informed the House that such incident which claimed the life of one lady and injuring another five persons was condemnable by the House and wanted to observe one minute silence over the unfortunate incident.

Shri E. Kunjeswar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion observed that one minute observation of condolence on the death of one lady in isolation was not appropriate as there were many such incidents where many lives had been lost.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA observed that in view of the sentiment of all the Members for a first step towards dealing with such incidents in future a condolence was necessary.

*The House condemning the incident, condoled the death of the woman and also regretted the injuries sustained by five others.*

*Further, the House observed one minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul.*

*Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 7.10 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.*

**Th. Megha Raj Singh**  
*Secretary,*  
*Manipur Legislative Assembly.*

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