

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
SECRETARIAT**

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*The House assembled at 11.00 am of Monday, the 27<sup>th</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 43 Elected Members.

**QUESTIONS:**

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 442 asked by Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA regarding the liquidation of Manipur Industrial Co-operative Bank Ltd. (MICB).
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 443 asked by Shri E. Kunjeswar Singh, MLA regarding the deduction of security deposits from the Contractors' Bill for works executed in the Engineering Departments.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 444 asked by Shri S. Joy Singh, MLA regarding the arrest of Underground and arms from the Hon'ble MLAs' Quarters in Babupara.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Forest & Environment) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 445 asked by Shri Th. Nandakiskor Singh, MLA regarding the post vacant in the Department.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (PHED) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 446 asked by Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA regarding the Water Supply Scheme constructed at Chingmai in Andro.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (IFCD) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 447 asked by Shri T. Hangkhanpao, MLA regarding the agreement reached between the IFCD and the Khuga Dam local Contractors for clearance of pending bills.

- (g) Hon'ble Minister (PHED) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 448 asked by Dr. Kh. Ratankumar Singh, MLA regarding the non-issue of Work Order for the renovation of Uchiwa Water Supply Scheme.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (Power) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 449 asked by Shri K. Raina Singh, MLA regarding the MOU signed between the Electricity Department, Govt. of Manipur and Ms. Satyam Industries, Taphou, Senapati District.
- (i) Hon'ble Minister (Transport) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 450 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the MSRTC Complex at Dimapur.
- (j) Hon'ble Minister (Health & Family Welfare) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 451 asked by Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA regarding the payment of NPA to the Doctors of the State Health Services.
- (k) Hon'ble Minister (Health & Family Welfare)) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 452 asked by Shri Awangbow Newmei, MLA regarding the conversion of some PHCs into 24x7 Hospital in Tamenglong District.
- (l) Hon'ble Minister (Forest) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 453 asked by Shri T. Mangibabu Singh, MLA regarding the census of Sangai at Keibul Lamjao National Park for the current year.

*Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 20, 21, 22 & 23 were laid on the Table of the House.*

### **ZERO HOUR:**

During Zero Hour, Shri W. Brajabidhu Singh, MLA drew the attention of the Chief Minister on the death of Thokchom ongbi Rabina Devi and injuring 5 others in an unfortunate firing incident which took place on 23rd July 2009 in broad daylight at B.T. Road and wanted the Government to conduct an enquiry to find the cause of the death.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA raising the matter expressed that it was a matter of public importance since the dignity and sanctity of the House was being questioned. To clear the doubts of the public, a thorough discussion should be re-discuss in the House and a judicial enquiry should also be conducted.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA raised a matter regarding the Crop Insurance Scheme implemented by the Agriculture department and highlighting the problems faced by the farmers due to the drought presently, he wanted the government to extend the time of issuing forms for the convenience of the farmers.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF BUSINESS:**

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

**PRESENTATION OF PETITION:**

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA presented the Petition No. 5.

*The House referred it to the Petition Committee.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:**

Hon'ble Speaker announced that the following Members were elected as Members of the three Financial Committees of the Manipur Legislative Assembly on July 27, 2009 for the year 2009-2010.

***(I) COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:***

1. Shri O. Joy Singh,
2. Shri V. Hangkhanlian,
3. Shri Morung Makunga,
4. Dr. I. Ibohalbi,
5. Shri Ngursanglur,
6. Shri Y. Surchandra Singh, and
7. Dr. Usham Deben Singh.

***(II) COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES:***

1. Shri L. Nandakumar Singh,
2. Dr. Khashim Ruivah,
3. Shri M. Thohrii,
4. Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh,
5. Shri Thangkholun Haokip,
6. Shri R.K. Anand, and
7. Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh.

***(III) COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS:***

1. Shri Haokholet Kipgen,
2. Shri Doukhomang Khongsai,
3. Dr. H. Borajao,
4. Shri Th. Nandakishor Singh,
5. Shri Awangbow Newmei,
6. Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, and
7. Shri M. Prithiviraj Singh.

Hon'ble Speaker placed to the House the information furnished by the Revenue Department regarding the construction of churches in Government quarters.

## **CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BILLS:**

Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh to move:-

“that

- (i) The Manipur Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2009;
  - (ii) The Manipur Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2009;
  - (iii) The Manipur Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 2009;
  - (iv) The Manipur Appropriation (No. 6) Bill, 2009;
  - (v) The Manipur Appropriation (No. 7) Bill, 2009; and
  - (vi) The Manipur Appropriation (No. 8) Bill, 2009.
- be taken into consideration.”

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA informed the House that the he received a letter handed over to him by a security personnel posted at the gate of Manipur Legislative Assembly complex. He read out an extract of the letter branding him as being anti-tribal.

Hon'ble Minister Shri Phungzathang Tonsing wanted Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA to meet with him during lunch hour at the Speaker's Chamber to discuss the above matter.

Initiating the discussion of the Bill, Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA said that in view of the present law and order situation and as part of police modernisation CCTV should be installed in Imphal city for detection of unwanted criminal activities and traffic congestion and mobile detection equipment should also be installed. He suggested that commandoes should be given training for rescue operations, tackling suicide bombers and use of sophisticated arms. State Bomb Disposal Squad should be supplied up-to-date equipment and they should be entitled special allowances, he said. He also mentioned the failure of the various government departments to submit DCC Bills timely. Taking into consideration the present problem and price rise, proper protection should be given to the two highways, NHs 39 and 53 and a long lasting solution should be chalked out to check bandhs, blockades and extortion, he asserted. He further stressed the need set up a driving school and check the irregular issuing of driving licence. Regarding TD, he said that the Annual Administrative Report should be placed in the House and raised queries on whether the roster system was properly maintained in the appointment of District Council teachers. He made further observation on the irregular distribution of mid-day meal funds in the schools. Lastly he expressed that an enquiry should be conducted on the B.T. Road firing incident on 23rd July 2009.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA participating in the discussion expressed that to properly utilise the money and make it reach the targeted beneficiaries, the Finance Department should be systematic and transparent. Regarding the July 23rd incident, he said that an enquiry should be conducted to clear the controversies. He opined that police required restraint and circumspection and intensive training should be imparted to them. He expressed the need to set up a Counter Insurgency Training Centre as done in other NE states for training new recruits on tackling co-lateral damages, method to survive jungle, intelligence network etc. He observed that the PHED should find ways and means to exploit rain water, surface water and ground water to meet the needs of the consumers.

Regarding the system of awarding works of the department, he said that there should be equitable distribution. On Agriculture, he suggested that high yielding variety of rice should be grown to tackle famine. On Consumers Affairs and PDS, he expressed that for equal distribution, corruption should be weed out and middlemen should be controlled. Regarding power shortage, he said that there was gap between demand and supply and the department should try to acquire maximum benefit from the present system. He also made observation on the need to check the efficiency of staffs and corrupt practices. For the welfare of the people living with AIDS, the Health and Social Welfare Minister should co-operate and find out what could be done to provide their basic requirements.

**The Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 1.15 p.m. till 2.20 p.m. of the day**

*The afternoon session resumed at 2.25 p.m. with the Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.*

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA taking part in the discussion emphasized the need for looking into the recent incident of indiscriminate firing at B.T. road. The possibility of artificial rain should be explored to deal with the problem of scanty rainfall the state is facing at present, he said. He expressed desire for early payment of the pending bills of contractors for the sewerage project and further added that the practice of payment of bills through the DDO should be made to discontinue. He suggested for evolving a mechanism to tackle drought.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion expressed desire for a proper investigation into the recent incident of indiscriminate firing at B.T. road where a pregnant woman was killed and five others were injured. Appropriate steps should be taken up by the minister concerned in respect of any discussion being held in the House, he said.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA taking part in the discussion suggested for giving proper training to police personnel of the state, giving of overtime incentive, increasing of ration money, uniform for home guard & traffic police personnel, etc. Use of mobile phone while driving should be banned, he said. He suggested for sending doctors to remote areas of the state where no hospital facility were available. He expressed the need for streamlining the district administration and for expansion of market at Imphal to accommodate those coming from the hills.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, replying to the discussion said that the liability of Rs. 512.18 crores till the 31<sup>st</sup> March was due to revision of most of the ongoing projects. He informed that different equipment for police use were bought as part of police modernization and efforts were on to install CCTV at congested areas of the city. Equipment for detecting the location from where phone calls were made had been procured and efforts were on for its installation, he said. He further informed that security forces were deployed along the national highways for securing the highways and added that talks with the Central Government and the Government of neighbouring states were on to tackle extortion along the highways. A Cabinet decision had been taken to upgrade MPTS, Pangei to the status of a training college, he informed and further added that development works were on, after acquisition of necessary land, for setting up another police training centre at Jiri. He informed that the JAC formed in connection with the indiscriminate firing at B.T. road had been told that the Government would see what course of action could be taken regarding the matter.

Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh, Minister (Education & Transport) replying to the discussion informed that there was no government owned driving school in the state at present but two private owned driving schools which were recognized by the Transport department. The Transport department was working with the vision of setting up a Driving Training & Development of Automobile Skill centre under the Public Private Partnership model, he informed. He also informed about the release of Rs. 14.85 crores for meeting the expenditures of mid-day meal scheme for 10 academic months and further added that sanction had been accorded for another amount of Rs. 14.29 crores.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA sought information regarding the issue of license to drivers without having a learner's certificate and the Minister concerned said that he would look into it if there was any irregularity.

Shri T.N. Haokip, Minister (PHED) replying to the discussion informed that the department was taking up for supply of 40 lpcd, 70 lpcd and 135 lpcd for the Rural, Other Towns and Imphal & Greater Imphal respectively as per the all India norms. He said that supply of water for other purposes would be difficult at present as even supply of adequate potable water could not be made but added that he would appraise the matter to the Central Government.

*After clause by clause considerations the following Bills:-*

- (i) *The Manipur Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2009;*
- (ii) *The Manipur Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2009;*
- (iii) *The Manipur Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 2009;*
- (iv) *The Manipur Appropriation (No. 6) Bill, 2009;*
- (v) *The Manipur Appropriation (No. 7) Bill, 2009; and*
- (vi) *The Manipur Appropriation (No. 8) Bill, 2009*

*were passed unanimously by the House.*

The Hon'ble Speaker read out the report of the Chief Security Officer submitted to the Secretary, Manipur Legislative Assembly regarding the matter of handing of a letter to Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA.

S/Shri O. Joy Singh and Radhabinod Koijam, MLAs made observations that the matter be referred to the Committee on Privilege & Ethics as the matter was a breach of privilege and need proper investigation.

***The Hon'ble Speaker referred the matter to the Committee on Privilege & Ethics.***

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA sought for placing in the House the related document regarding the alleged misutilisation of an amount of around Rs. 17 crores in the Power department as assured by the Minister concerned.

Shri Phungzathang Tonsing, Minister (Power) informed the House that he talked with Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA regarding the matter of the letter. Regarding the alleged misutilisation of an amount of around Rs. 17 crores in the Power department, he replied that the related files could not be produced as the files were not returned by the High Power Committee and expressed desire for the Speaker to endorsed the same view.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA wanted discussion on the matter in the next session.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA expressed desire for fixing a specific period for handing over the related documents to the Hon'ble Speaker. He wanted the Chief Minister to instruct the Chief Secretary for finding out the related file.

Shri Phungzathang Tonsing, Minister (Power) made further replies that the High Power Committee should take their own time and made enquiries into it. He expressed the view that some people with vested interest might be behind the issue though he doesn't think there must be any irregularity in it.

S/Shri Radhabinod Koijam, O. Joy Singh & Th. Shyamkumar, MLAs made further observations regarding the matter.

Hon'ble Chief Minister informed that he would see what could be done regarding the matter and make the necessary documents available at the earliest.

*Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh gave a valedictory speech and adjourned the House sine-die at 4.05 p.m.*

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

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