

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT**

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Friday, the 3rd 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 Minister (Minor Irrigation) made a reply to Starred Question No. 324 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the number of R.L.I. functioning in Khurai A/C.

(b) Hon'ble Minister (CA, F&PD) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 325 asked by Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA regarding the total number of ration card holders in Thangmeiband A/C.

(c) Hon'ble Minister (Works) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 326 asked by Shri V. Hangkhanlian, MLA regarding the completion of Singhat-Singzowl-Twivai (under NEC) road.

(d) Hon'ble Minister (IFCD) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 327 asked by Shri Th. Nandakishor Singh, MLA regarding the earth filling in between retaining wall and road at Kongba river.

(e) Hon'ble Minister (Fisheries) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 328 asked by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA regarding the programme of Paddy-cum-Pisciculture under Fishery Department.

INTIMATION OF GOVERNOR'S ASSENT TO BILL:

The Secretary, Manipur Legislative Assembly intimated the Governor's assent to Bills to the House.

- (1) The Manipur Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2009; and
- (2) The Manipur Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2009.

PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister presented the Tenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee, 2009 and also moved the following motion:-

“that this House agrees with the allocation of time proposed by the Committee”.

The House agreed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

The Hon'ble Speaker made an announcement that Hon'ble Member Smt. O. Landhoni Devi had applied for leave from 3rd July upto 8th July, 2009.

The House granted the leave.

The leave application of Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA from 3rd July upto 27th July, 2009 was also read out by the Hon'ble Speaker.

S/Shri Radhabinod Koijam and O. Joy Singh, MLAs raised queries on the contents of the application.

The Hon'ble Speaker observed that granting of the leave would be subject to verification of the relevant documents.

DISCUSSION ON GOVERNOR’S ADDRESS:

Discussion on Governor’s Address on the Motion of Thanks moved by Dr. Kh. Loken Singh, MLA and seconded by Shri E. Dwijamani Singh, MLA on 17th March, 2009:-

“that the members of the Manipur Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to this House on 17th March, 2009.”

Shri Kh. Loken Singh, MLA mover of the Motion of Thanks observed that the policy programmes of the Government were given precisely in the Address. Due to the effective maintenance of financial discipline, the government has been successful in mobilising surplus resources and waive fiscal deficit, he said. Many development works in almost all the sectors and the austerity measures taken up was clearly mentioned in the Address, he maintained. Increase in the domestic production, agriculture, horticulture and other projects have been taken up progressively, he said. Priority has been given in the Health and Education sector by setting up of the J.N. Medical Hospital and Model School to keep at par with other advanced states. He also pointed out the various infrastructure development which would served as an asset to the government.

Shri Elangbam Dwijamani Singh, MLA seconder of the motion observed that the present government had implemented various schemes which the past governments had failed to do so. The city beautification programme, water harvesting and management, Nambul River improvement programme, these were all mentioned in the Address. All round development works had been taken up both in the hills and valley under various programmes, he added.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving amendments to the Motion of Thanks raised queries on how far the government had succeeded in implementing the contents of the policy programmes of the government highlighted in the Address. The government should try to address the present problem of extra judicial killings both by the police commandos and unidentified undergrounds and this burning issue was not mentioned in the Address, he said. Drug abuse and its trafficking which entailed widespread ramifications thereby aggravating the law and order situation must be controlled and checked by framing an effective policy. He suggested that the government should set up rehabilitation centres and try to bring

them to the mainstream. In spite of all the false promises, the government failed to provide regular power and water supply, he asserted. To check ecological imbalance and for the protection of wetlands, forest lands and water bodies, the Address had failed to mention clear cut policies. Regarding poor attendance in the government offices, the government should take up measures by proper streamlining the administration.

Shri Radhabinod Kojiam, Opposition Leader raised a *point of order* on the poor attendance of the ministers during the Discussion on the Governor's Address.

(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, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair).

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA taking part in the Motion of Thanks said that revenue generation in power sector, specific period for completion of bridges under NLCPR and PWD, manpower development and availability of manpower in PHCs, monitoring and evaluation of various programmes taken up by the government, basic grievances of school teachers and basic amenities lacking in schools, sustainability and viability of technical education intended to be set up in different districts, achievements of total literacy programmes, lack of framing a policy on Arts & Culture and Music, plan for setting up a sports institution in the state and promotion of medical tourism failed to find a place in the Governor's Address.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA moving the amendment motion to the Governor's Address enquired when and where the Loktak Protection Force was set up. He also pointed out the failure to mention the source for availability of power. He said that the Address failed to mention the number of cases chargesheeted regarding the criminal cases registered in the state. He stressed the need for a specific power policy, State Education Policy, Forest Act and Manipur State Medical Council for the state; improvement of rural water supply; amendment of the Manipur State Aids Policy; and waiving of loans taken by farmers in view of the drought in the state.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA moving the amendment motion appreciated the government for the improvement in the overall financial situation of the state but added that the demand and supply of power and water supply in the state fails to find a place in the Address. He pointed out that there are lots of pilferage in the distribution of food grains to the famine affected household in hill areas caused by bamboo flowering. He observed the need for streamlining the public distribution system in the state and pressed for an enquiry into the illegal withdrawal of rice meant for Thangmeiband A/C and for taking up criminal cases against those persons involved. He further observed the need for extending the benefits of Tribal Development Department to the tribals residing in the valley. The nexus between engineers, contractors and antisocial elements and the bad shape of national highways need immediate attention, he said and further observed the need to increase the upper age limit of superannuation of government employees to 60 (sixty) years.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA participating in the discussion opined that due to the prolonged insurgency problem there has been mushrooming in the number of underground outfits and therefore, the government need a clear cut and focused policy to deal with it and added that it is time for the government to tackle the issue not merely as a law and order problem but as a political problem of the state and for it both ruling and oppositions need to come together and find out a solution. He also critically commented on the system of slapping NSA to anybody by the state government without understanding the crux of the issue. He further expressed reservation on the hue and cry raised by the people living in the hill areas against the decision of the government to utilise IRBs and Police Commandoes in the hill districts. In order to curb the menace of drug abuse in the state, which is spreading like an epidemic, a clear cut policy on rehabilitation and drug abuse is required within a limited time frame, he said.

Hon'ble Chairman, Shri E. Kunjeswar Singh adjourned the House at 4.30 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Monday, the 6th July, 2009.

Th. Megha Raj Singh
Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly.
