

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT**

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Monday, the 6th October, 2008 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, Hon'ble Chairman & Vice-Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 43 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No. 312 asked by Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA regarding the proposal of the Government for construction of a bridge over Khujairo rivulet/river at Yumnam Khunou (Bishnupur District).
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (IFCD) made a reply to Starred Question No. 309 asked by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA regarding the Flood Control measures taken up in Imphal Valley.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (T.D. & Hills) gave a reply to Starred Question No.310 asked by Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA regarding the amount earmarked by the Government of India for Manipur State under Tribal-Sub-Plan for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 311 asked by Shri R.K. Anand, MLA regarding the judicial inquiry of Km. M. Naobi Devi.
- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 313 asked by
Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the separate Census Code for Sanamahi Dharma followers.

ZERO-HOUR:

Shri Bijoy Koijam, MLA drew the attention of the Minister concerned regarding the inability to trace an OSD of Industry Department, Shri M. Rajen Singh of Singjamei Chingamakha despite several attempts since the last 3 months.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA drew the attention of the Minister concerned for inauguration of the SDO office, Nambol at the earliest in view of threats of agitation by Laitonjam Youth & Students Club as reported in Thoudang daily recently.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA urged for early release of the pending bills of contractors of Electricity Department and PWD before the Ningol Chakouba festival.

Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA insisted for releasing the State's share of the SGRY for the year 2007-08 at an early date.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BUSINESS:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Leader of the House announced the business of the House.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE:

Shri Th. Debendra Singh, Law & Legislative Affairs Minister laid the Audit Certificate and Audit Report on the accounts of the Manipur State Legal Services Authority, Imphal for the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004.

PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT:

Shri Thangminlien Kipgen, Chairman of the Hill Areas Committee of the Manipur Legislative Assembly presented the 6th Report of the Committee.

CALLING ATTENTION:

(i) Dr. I. Ibohalbi and Shri R.K. Anand, MLAs called the attention of the Home Minister on the issue raised by the Civil Society Organisations for timely Legislation to prevent influx of Foreigners into Manipur.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA raising the call attention quoted the 3rd October edition of Huiyen Lanpao and various other leading dailies regarding the matter. He observed that the population of influx was more than that of the indigenous tribal population and cited the abolition of the Foreigners Permit System which was prevalent in the pre-merger period as one of the reason for opening the floodgate of influx of foreigners in the state. Pointing out the lack of an effective law to control influx of foreigners in the state contrary to that of the neighbouring states which have their own laws, he suggested for enacting a suitable legislation.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA, co-mover of the call attention observed that the situation in the state was very alarming due to the influx of migrants both from within and outside the country and added that it had exceeded the indigenous tribal population of the state. The decadal growth of population in the pre-merger period was minimal while there was a quantum jump during the post-merger period, he observed and said the abnormal growth could be due to influx of foreigners. Pointing out the occurrence of many unfortunate incidents in the past regarding the issue he suggested for enacting a suitable legislation to control recurrence of such unfortunate incidents in future and to check the threat posed to the society in terms of its population, culture and tradition.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA taking part in the calling attention reiterated the uprisings that took place in 1980 and 1994 in connection with the influx of foreigners and pointed out the need to take up steps to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future. The influx of migrants in the state threatens the ethnic groups culturally, politically, economically and socially, he observed and suggested for framing a proper policy within the frame work of the constitution to counter such influx and problems arising out of it.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister replying to the call attention said that checking of influx of foreigners in the state was being done under the

Foreigners Act, 1946 but added that restriction cannot be imposed regarding movements of inter state migrants into the state. The District Council Act was enforced in the 5 hill districts of the state prohibiting the formal settlement of non-tribals in the said districts, he said and added that the government was monitoring the issue of influx of foreigners in the state and doing its best to check it. Further, he sought the suggestions from all the Hon'ble Members in solving the problem.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi and Shri R.K. Anand, MLAs sought further clarifications.

(ii) Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA called the attention of Agriculture Minister on the untimely lifting of fertilizer.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA moving the call attention quoted the October 3rd edition of the evening daily, 'Kangla Pao' and drew the attention of the Chief Minister and Minister concerned regarding the matter. Observing that allotment of dealership license to financially unsound persons and who doesn't even have their trucks or storage facility led to shortage of fertilizers, he drew the Minister's attention. He further enquired about the quantity of fertilizers that were being ordered to be lifted from Namrup during the period from May to July. He drew the Chief Minister's attention on the need for inclusion of a rotating fund of Rs.3-4 crores in the budget estimate and also suggested for making fertilizers available for the Rabi season. He also drew the attention of the Hon'ble Speaker for strengthening the Assurance Committee of the House and implementing the assurance given in the House.

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 pm with the Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.

Shri N. Loken Singh, Minister (Agriculture) replying to the motion highlighted the problems faced by the department and the inability to avail fertilizers timely. He informed the House that in the past years fertilizers were lifted from NIPCO, UPACO and Namrup but this year it has been lifted only from Namrup. He cited the problems in the Namrup factory and the heavy landslide in Nagaland which further delayed the process. He said that out of the 62 dealers in the state, screening would be done and those who failed to fulfill the criteria would be blacklisted. He further assured the House that maximum allocation would be made in the next budget to ensure adequate supply of fertilizers to the farmers.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF GOVERNMENT BILLS:

(i) Shri N. Loken Singh, Minister (Social Welfare) moved:-

“that the Manipur Compulsory Registration of Marriages Bill, 2008 as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration”.

After clause by clause consideration the Manipur Compulsory Registration of Marriages Bill, 2008 was passed unanimously by the House.

(ii) Md. Allauddin Khan, Minister (R.D. & P.R.) moved:-

“that the Manipur Panchayati Raj (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2008 be taken into consideration”.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA in his observation said that the extension of time period for moving no confidence motion against Adakshya/Up Adakshya will be

ineffective unless the government frame a longlasting provision in consultation with experts. He also expressed the need to provide salary in place of the honorarium of the Panchayat representatives.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA observed that the toppling game of the Panchayat bodies was an unhealthy practice and the extension of time period would put an end to it. He suggested that the term 'honorarium' should be replaced by 'salary' and the government should maintain parity while dealing with both hill and valley local governments. In view of the present economic scenario better facilities should be provided to the Panchayat representatives, he added.

Shri R.K.Anand, MLA opined that instead of allowing to move a no-confidence motion by a simple majority, it should be made two-thirds majority. Regarding the honorarium of the Panchayat representatives, immediate attention should be given to review it, he said. Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA expressed that if the Adakshya/ Up Adakshya maintained transparency and executes his/her duties with managerial skills, there would be no toppling. Equitable pay structure should be made to keep at par with other local bodies, he insisted.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA held the view that the time extension would pave the way for corruption.

Dr. I.Ibahalbi, MLA suggested that the election of the Panchayat bodies should be made in party lines to stabilise its functioning. He wanted the government to take up steps to make the honorarium up-to-date.

S/Shri Th. Debendra Singh, Law Minister and L. Nandakumar Singh, MLA also made some observations on the Bill.

Md. Allauddin Khan, (R.D.& P.R.) Minister in his reply to the discussion said that the Bill was moved in the House to prevent indiscriminate moving of no-confidence motion against Adakshya/Up Adakshya for at least one year. He also informed the House that survey work for delimitation of Panchayat had been completed. Regarding the reviewing of honorarium for representatives of local bodies, discussion had been held with the Chief Minister and would be taken up together with that of the District Council members.

After clause by clause consideration the Manipur Panchayati Raj (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2008 was passed unanimously by the House.

The Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House at 3.30 pm. till 11.00 a.m of Friday, the 10th October, 2008.

Th. Megha Raj Singh
Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly.
