

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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Thursdsday, the 22nd March, 2007.
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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Thursday, the 22nd March, 2007 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon'ble Chief Minister, 6 Cabinet Ministers, 51 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 26 asked by Shri Th. Navakumar Singh, MLA regarding the progress of some road construction.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 27 asked by Shri E. Kunjeswar Singh, MLA regarding the production of fish in Manipur.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 28 asked by Shri Radhabinod Kojiam, MLA regarding power supply in the state.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (P.H.E.D) made a reply to Starred Question No. 29 asked by Shri R.K. Anand, MLA regarding the water supply schemes taken up in Naoriya Pakhanglakpa A/C.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (P.H.E.D) made a reply to Starred Question No. 30 asked by Shri I. Ibohanbi Singh, MLA regarding the Oinam, Bishnupur and Ningthoukhong water supply schemes.

- (f) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 31 asked by Dr. Khasim Ruivah, MLA regarding the construction of Mahadev-Tolloi Pfutsero road.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (P.H.E.D) made a reply to Starred Question No. 32 asked by Dr. Kh. Ratankumar Singh, MLA regarding the water supply schemes in Mayang Imphal A/C.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (Health & Family Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No. 33 asked by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA regarding the construction of Kumbi P.H.C.
- (i) Hon'ble Minister (Health & Family Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No. 34 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding the construction of C.H.C. at Yairipok Bazar.
- (j) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 35 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the National Open Schools in Manipur.
- (k) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 36 asked by Shri Wungnaoshang Keishing, MLA regarding the construction of Chandrakhong-Kasom Khullen Road.
- (l) Hon'ble Minister (P.H.E.D) made a reply to Starred Question No. 37 asked by Dr. Usham Deben Singh, MLA regarding the present stage of Kakching and Keirak/ Wabgai Water supply schemes.

Answers to Stareed Question No. 38 & 39 and Unstarred Question Nos. 3, 4 & 5 were laid as written replies on the Table of the House.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE:

(i) Shri O. Ibohi Singh, Chief Minister laid the Audit Report on the Accounts of the Manipur State Road Transport Corporation for the year, 1992-93.

(ii) Md. Alauddin Khan, Minister of minority and Other Backward Classes laid the Interim Report of the Manipur State Commission for Other Backward Classes, 2006.

(iii) Shri Th. Debendra Singh, Minister of Law and Legislative Affairs laid Audit Certificate and Audit Report on the Accounts of Manipur State Legal Services Authority, Imphal for the year, 1998-99.

CALLING ATTENTION

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA called the attention of Health Minister on the negligence of Ophthalmic Doctors during the Eye Operation Camp conducted on February 23, 2007 organised by Bishnupur District Blindness Control Society.

Quoting Sangai Express Edition of March 14, 2007 he said that a Free Cataract Operation Camp was organised by Bishnupur District Blindness Control Society in which eye operation for 16 patients were conducted at Bishnupur District Hospital led by Dr Kh Yaima Singh, State Programme Officer of Manipur State Blind Control Society, assisted by other five doctors. After the operation five patients were reported blind and that the patients were referred to Shankardeva Nathralaya Hospital, Guwahati for further treatment but no treatment was done to them due to the severity of the condition, he added. Expressing concern on the blindness of the five patients he asked whether it was happened due to the sheer negligence of the doctors and expressed desire to fix responsibility to the persons involved. He informed the House that the matter was very serious that it would lose the public confidence and sought whatsoever any information and steps taken up by the government on the matter. He also drew the attention of the Minister to extend compensation to the victims.

Shri Gaikhangam, Minister (Health) replying to the Calling Attention Motion termed the incident as unfortunate and added that an enquiry committee comprising of three doctors was instituted on 14th March 2007 to look into the matter. He informed the House that proper necessary steps would be taken up after the report of the enquiry was submitted.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA seeking further clarification urged the Health Minister to make available of the copies of the order of the terms and reference of the enquiry in the House and suggested for one senior ophthalmologist of RIMS to be included as member of the enquiry committee to create public confidence. He also wanted to know the time frame of the enquiry, if any.

Shri Gaikhangam, Minister (Health) making further clarification expressed affirmation to the inclusion of one senior ophthalmologist of RIMS as member of the enquiry committee.

Hon'ble Speaker also made observation and said that the incident was very unfortunate. He further said that facts of the enquiry could not be concealed as the matter being technical. He also endorsed with the suggestion of the mover to the inclusion of one senior ophthalmologist of RIMS for effectiveness.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BILLS:

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA initiating the discussion made observation on the Revenue Department that illegal allotment was made to the thirty private individuals of Lamphel Sana Keithel areas while the election code of conduct was in force in the state and added that the government had grossly violated the election code of conduct. He informed the House that generally an approval of a Cabinet Sub-Committee was required in the allotment of land in greater Imphal areas and wanted to cancel the land allotment order by the government. Regarding drug abuse by the youths of Manipur which led to heinous crimes in the state he drew the attention of the government to initiate a stringent drive to save the young generation over and above the campaigns against drug abuse and intoxicants launched by various social organisations.

Shri Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA participating in the discussion suggested that apart from the illegal allotment to the thirty private individuals of Lamphel Sana Keithel area the land of other residents settling for more than 20/30 years in the area should be regularised without discrimination so that more taxes could be generated from it. He also expressed concern on the drug abuse by the youths of Manipur and wanted the government to frame a drug control policy to overcome such problems in future.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA participated in the discussion made observation on the Social Welfare Department that some Anganwadi Centres were opened irregularly at Chandel District violating the election code of conduct and added that the department did not get proper approval from the Election Commission of India in the opening of such Anganwadi Centres. He also expressed desire to make proper advertisement and DPC in the appointment of Anganwadi workers and helpers. He informed the House that milk products meant for the Anganwadi pupils were not reached to the respective Centres and wanted the concerned to check it.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA participating in the discussion observed that the process of DPC for the appointment of staff of the Anganwadi Centres at

Chandel District was malafide because the head of department was not the Chairman of the said DPC. Regarding Social Welfare department he expressed suspicion that the department had misappropriated huge funds under Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) for which Supreme Court made a sketchy remark to it and wanted the government to investigate the matter. He also drew the attention of the Health Minister that the death of one Shankhu Maring at RIMS Hospital was happened due to the gross negligence of the Doctors and nurses and wanted the government to extend compensation to the victim's family. Making observation on the Veterinary Department he charged that the department had misappropriated funds for the pony farm at Tingkaikhunou. Expressing concern on the recent agitation launched by the engineers of the four engineering departments he said that the engineers could not discharge their duties in the office peacefully owing to the pressures from different sections that hinder development and added that measures should be taken up by the government in this regard. He also drew the attention of the Chief Minister to the report in the media about the siphoning of the fund sanctioned by the Centre for taking up various development works in the state. Further, he enquired whether a system could be evolved to ensure the safety of the engineers.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, replying to the discussion said that the matter relating to the allotment of land to about 30 persons would be examined and if the necessary formalities were not followed then the allotment order would be cancelled and necessary action would be taken against those involved. Regarding the setting up of Anganwadi Centres in some districts, he said that it was taken up as per the directives of the Supreme Court after obtaining the necessary permission from the Election Commission. Necessary examination would be made to see if there was any procedural lapses in the process for appointment of Supervisors, LDCs and Statistical Assistants in the Social Welfare department and if required the recruitment process would be conducted again, he said. Regarding the death of one Sangkhu Maring, he said that conducting any type of enquiry into the matter was not the prerogative of the Government as RIMS being under the NEC, he said and added that as no ex-gratia could be given with regard to the case the JAC had been intimated of the government's decision to fork out Rs.1 lakh from the Chief Ministers Discretionary Fund. He said that the Chief Secretary had been directed to look into the matter of alleged misuse of Rs 85 lakhs sanctioned by the Centre for Pony Farm. He appealed to the Members not to exert unnecessary pressure on the engineers of the engineering departments and added that the police department had been entrusted to ensure the safety of the engineers and added that ways for evolving a system to check the disturbances to the engineers would be looked into. To a query made by Shri Morung Makunga,

the Hon'ble Chief Minister replied that the necessary documents regarding the directive of the Supreme Court and the permission of the Election Commission would be made available in the Speakers Chamber and that the Hon'ble Members could see it. Regarding the allotment of quarters to Members asked by Shri L. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said that he would do the needful to issue the order for allotment of Quarter on that very day itself.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Hon'ble Speaker announced that the following members were elected for the three Financial Committees;

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:

1. Shri Erabot Yumkham
2. Dr. Kh. Ratankumar Singh
3. Shri Ningthoujam Mangi Singh
4. Md. Hellaluddin khan
5. Shri Radhabinod Kojiam
6. Shri Okram Joy Singh
7. Shri Haokholet Kipgen.

COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES:

1. Shri Elangbam Dwijamani Singh
2. Shri Yengkhom Surchandra Singh
3. Shri Heikham Borajao Singh
4. Shri Ngursanglau
5. Dr. I.rengbam Ibohanbi Singh
6. Shri Thokchom Navakumar Singh
7. Shri Thorii

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS:

1. Shri Mairambam Manindra Singh
2. Shri Keisham Meghachandra Singh
3. Dr. Usham Deben Singh
4. Shri Thangkholun Haokip
5. Shri V. Hangkhalian
6. Shri Wungnaoshang Keishing
7. Shri Thanhthuanang Panmei.

The Hon'ble Speaker announced that the details relating to the land allotment case at Gurgaon, Haryana were available at his office chamber and therefore invited the opposition leaders for examining it at a convenient time.

Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House sine-die at 2.02 p.m.

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Secretary,
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