

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT**

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Tuesday, the 7th 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, Hon'ble Chairman & Vice-Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 42 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (P.H.E.D.) made a reply to Starred Question No. 331 asked by Shri Th. Nandakishor Singh, MLA regarding the non-laying of pipeline from Porompat Water Supply to the newly constructed reservoir near Ramania High School.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (P.H.E.D.) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 332 asked by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA regarding schemes for providing tap water to the villages around Borayangbi Village.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (Horticulture & Soil Conservation) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 333 asked by Shri Wungnaoshang Keishing, MLA regarding the River Valley Project (RVP) taken up by the Department.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Health) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 334 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding the disparity in the ratio of patient and doctors in Yairipok Community Health Centre.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (Horticulture & Soil Conservation) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 335 asked by Shri Awangbow Newmei, MLA regarding the programme being taken up in Tamei A/C to promote Horticulture.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (Tribal Development) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 336 asked by Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA regarding the criteria for selection of beneficiaries by the Department.

- (g) Hon'ble Minister (Health & Family Welfare) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 337 asked by Dr. Ng. Bioy Singh, MLA regarding the proposal for construction of Heikrumakhong P.H.S.C. and Heinoumakhong P.H.S.C. in Khurai A/C.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (Forest) gave a reply to Starred Question No. 338 asked by Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA regarding the eviction of encroachers from the Reserved Forest Areas of the State.

CALLING ATTENTION:

(i) Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA called the attention of the Minor irrigation Minister on the hardship faced by the farmers within Kumbi Constituency. But as desired by the movers and Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA, the Hon'ble Speaker changed it as hardship faced by the farmers of the State.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA moving the Call Attention Motion emphasised the need for coordination of all departments in tackling drought in the state and added that appropriate measures should be taken up on a war footing. He suggested for supplying sufficient fuel for running the water pumps and also for increasing the budget allocation to meet the provision for supply of adequate pump sets.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA participating in the motion observed the need for making available water in his constituency for agricultural purpose by pumping water from Laisoi Pat to Pump House no. II. The Imphal main canal should be supplied with adequate capacity of water, he added.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA taking part in the motion stressed the need for coordination of all departments to overcome the grim situation of drought in the state. He said that adequate number of pump sets should be provided to the different constituencies.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA participating in the motion observed that non-functional RLI schemes and pump sets should be made functional. He said that a detailed survey of the ground reality of the present situation in the state was necessary for combating the drought in the state. More funds should be allocated for procuring sufficient number of items required for tackling the drought, he said.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA taking part in the call attention motion observed that the number of pump sets being supplied was insufficient. He pointed out that all agricultural fields should be well connected with rivers to facilitate better irrigational facilities. Further, he suggested for taking up measures for cultivation of winter crops in view of the present situation.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA participating in the motion suggested for exerting pressure on the Central Government for declaring the state a drought affected state. He drew the minister's attention on the availability of lesser number of RLI schemes in some constituencies.

Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA taking part in the motion observed that agricultural fields in the hills were also affected by the drought and therefore suggested for taking up appropriate measures and better irrigational facilities in the state.

Shri N. Loken Singh, Minister (Agriculture & Minor Irrigation) replying to the calling attention motion said that out of the 150 numbers of RLI schemes taken up different parts of the state 110 schemes were functional at present and the remaining 40 would also be made functional soon. Till date 260 numbers of pump sets have been distributed after receiving the survey reports submitted by concerned officers, he said and added that there was no disparity in the allotment of pumps. He said that the provision for providing 10 ltrs of fuel for running the pump sets was taken up as a special package. He noted down the suggestions made by the Hon'ble Members and sought the cooperation of everyone in combating the drought in the state.

(ii) Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA called the attention of Home Minister on the reported dismantling of the Temple/Throne of Lord Pakhangba at Heingang.

Moving the Call Attention Motion, he quoted the 11th May, 2009 edition of 'The Sangai Express', 'Huiyen Lanpao' and 'The Naharolgi Thoudang' regarding the matter and said that in addition to the dismantling of the temple, inciting words were written on the walls of the temple. He enquired whether such kind of action was the handiwork of some instigators. There were instances of such incidents in the last few years, he said and added that if such incidents were not controlled it would not be good for the state. He enquired about the findings of the investigation regarding the case registered with Heingang P.S in connection with the matter.

The Hon'ble Speaker Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 12.55 p.m. till 2.00 p.m. of the day

The afternoon session resumed at 2.00 pm with the Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister replying to the motion informed the House that a suo motto case was registered by the Heingang Police and the investigation was going on. He said that search operations were conducted and the culprits responsible for such communal act could not yet be identified. Some of the villagers were held on suspicion but no arrest had been made and moreover the local villagers strongly condemned it, he added. He opined that it might be the work of some anti-social elements with malicious intention of flaring up communal tension. He further said that mobile patrolling forces had been deployed to check recurrence of such incidents in the area. Reiterating the need to uphold the secular spirit of the country, he said that such act should be condemned by all sections of the society.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON BUDGET ESTIMATES, 2009-2010:

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, Leader of the Opposition initiating the discussion observed that the present economic condition of the state was encouraging and satisfactory. Highlighting the impact of the global recession in the state also, he expressed the need to restrain from wasteful expences and to strictly supervise funds meant for development of welfare programmes. He appreciated the regulatory measures taken up by the government to improve the financial health of the state. For an effective economy, non-plan expenditures should be checked and bogus employees and pensioners in all the departments should be weed out. To ensure proper delivery of funds to the masses and to avoid misuse or pilferage, he

strongly hold the need to timely utilise the funds and to timely submit utilisation certificates. In order to maintain quality control and stick to the time frame, the various works taken up by the engineering departments should be strictly monitored and supervised through proper co-ordination and understanding, he stated. Relating to the law and order situation, he said that some officers were victims of insurgents while some were enjoying. He further commented on the need to pay special attention to three core sectors viz. Power, Drinking Water Supply and National Highway-39 and also to strengthen and streamline the Public Distribution System. Regarding the retirement age of government employees, he said it should be extended upto 60 years. While concluding, he expressed that to acquire maximum benefit the Ministers should be more balanced and impartial while utilising the budget allocation.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA participating in the discussion expressed the need to enhance the present financial condition for better economic growth. He observed that imbalance budget should be checked and balance should be maintained between plan and non-plan expenditures outlay. He reiterated the need to give more emphasis to power supply, supply of potable water, better road communication, human resource development and other poverty alleviation programmes. For improvement of the school system, there should be rectification and more emphasis should be given on extra-curricular activities to keep the students at par with other states and also to pay the monthly entitlements of the teachers timely. Regarding the stipend received by the students of the state, he said that it was not commensurate to the present price trend and the Horticulture students who were deprived of it should also be given equal treatment like other medical or engineering students. Commenting on the efforts made by the government for the opening of the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences from this year, the budget provision was not shown in detail, he observed.

Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 3.40 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Wednesday, the 8th July, 2009.

Th. Megha Raj Singh
Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly.
