

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT**

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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Thursday, the 9th 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 41 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 346 asked by Shri K. Wungnaoshang, MLA regarding the fire incident at Wino Bazar, Ukhrul.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 347 asked by Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA regarding the implementation of 6th Pay Commission's recommendation for the Manipur Government employees.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 348 asked by Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA regarding the enquiry carried out in connection with the death of Shri Loitongbam Satish @ Tomba Singh, S/o. L. Sarat Singh of Singjamei Oinam Thingel.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 349 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding arrangement for rehabilitation to the families of those killed by security force.

- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister gave a reply to Starred Question No. 350 asked by Shri W. Morung Makunga, MLA regarding the closure of S.B.I. Chakpikarong Branch and the reasons thereof.

PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister presented the Eleventh 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.

CALLING ATTENTION:

(a) S/Shri Radhabinod Koijam and O. Joy Singh, MLAs called the attention of the Home Minister on the reported abduction and killing of one Shri Yengkhom Krishnadas of Kakching Sumak Leikai, Thoubal District.

Shri Radhabinod Koijam, MLA initiating the motion asked the government to disclose some of the findings of the investigation on the abduction and killing of Shri Yengkhom Krishnadas after the arrest of the mastermind of the crime Thokchom Nando Singh, an inmate of Sajiwa Jail detained under NSA and his accomplices. Due to the strike called by the JAC against the killing, the normal life and peace of the general people was greatly effected and thus causing hindrances. Raising queries regarding the motive of the crime, identity of those directly involved in the crime and the criminal activities operating within Sajiwa Jail and the conduct of the Jailor and its staffs, he wanted the trial to be conducted fairly with due process of law and to award the guilty befitting punishments. He even recalled the remark made by Former I.G.(Prisons) Mr Dhruva Mishra that the Sajiwa Jail had become a den of criminals. Since the investigation was in progress, it was a delicate issue and comprehensiveness and wholesomeness was required, he added.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA co-mover of the motion expressed that the government should carry out the investigation in the right direction considering the gravity of the situation. Commenting on the manner in which the crime was

committed, he said that it might be due to factionalism and mentioned the allegation made by one outfit that Krishnadas was the mastermind in the killing of some of its cadres. He wanted the government to find out the motive behind the killing after interrogating the arrested accused. Regarding the criminal activities operated within the walls of Sajiwa Jail, he said that the whole jail staff should be investigated and streamlined to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future.

The Chief Minister replying to the motion informed the House that the killing was meant for ransom and the accused persons of the killing who were presently in police custody had admitted committing the crime. He said that the investigation was progressing and befitting punishment would be given according to the decision of the court. Regarding the streamlining of the Jail administration, he said that most of the staffs were unarmed and a policy to replace them by armed police personnel would be implemented and mobile jammers would be installed within the premises. He made further assurance that the motive behind the killing would be disclosed after completing the investigation.

The movers of the motion sought further queries and the Chief Minister made the clarifications.

The Hon'ble Speaker Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 1.05 p.m. till 2.05 p.m. of the day.

The afternoon session resumed at 2.05 pm with the Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMAND FOR GRANTS, 2009-2010:

Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh moved Demand No. 1 - State Legislature, Demand No. 2 - Council of Ministers, Demand No. 3 - Secretariat, Demand No. 27 - Election and Demand No. 30 - General Economic Services & Planning for discussion.

Hon'ble Speaker clubbed the five demands for a joint discussion.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving the cut motion said that the ministers lacked democratic behaviour and responsiveness to any communication from the Elected Members. He pointed out the need to rectify the failure to take up various schemes/projects in time also their completion within the scheduled time. The

attendance of employees in the various offices needs to be streamlined, he added. He drew the attention of the Works Minister on the non-completion of the Manipur Bhawan, Guwahati and stressed the need for its early completion and for development of the Red Land at Shillong. He drew the attention of the Minister (TD) for effective implementation of reservation for ST/SCs. The Vision Document 2020 needs to be fully implemented, he said.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA moving cut motion suggested for a pristine condition of the Assembly Secretariat. He pointed out the need for maintaining respect for the Elected Members by the govt. officials, responsiveness of the Ministers to any communication from the Elected Members and transparency in preparing work programs. He emphasized the need for making available a waiting room for the Elected Members when visiting Ministers. He pointed out that the order for withdrawal of employee's salary through banks could not be applicable to the Elected Members. He further said that a systematic way of preparation of electoral photo ID card was needed and added that payment of fares for hiring of vehicles for the recently concluded election should be made at the earliest. The data in the statistical hand-book of the General Economic Services & Planning need to be accurate and errors in the book should be rectified, he said.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi, MLA moving cut motion pointed out the lack of responsiveness on the part of Ministers and officials to any communication from the elected Members and added that the matter need to be looked into. Delimitation of polling stations was necessary in view of the inadequate time available to a polling station due to its large population, he pointed out and added that the electoral rolls need updating. He further drew the attention of the concerned Minister to the woes of the pensioner in the state.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA mover of cut motion pointed out that the functioning of the Ministers needs transparency and improvement. The Minister concerned should ensure that their officials maintain the necessary protocol in dealing with Elected Members and that the officials were also responsive to them. He suggested for telecasting the whole proceedings of the House to ensure that the public were aware of the happenings in the House. He drew the attention of the concerned Minister to the fixation of a ceiling limit for entry into the electoral rolls.

Shri Radhabinod Koiyam, MLA participating in the discussion said that the Ministers should be very much responsive to the Elected Members on public issues and added that they should set an example for the officials in showing regards for the Elected Members. Necessary steps need to be taken for telecasting the whole proceeding of the House to ensure that the general public are aware of the activities and performance of the people's representatives, he said. He further drew the attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to ensure that the 6th Pay Commission was implemented at the earliest and that the upper age limit of superannuation for government employees be increased to 60 years. Errors in the electoral rolls and fixing of a ceiling limit for entry into the electoral roll need to be looked into, he pointed out.

Shri Khashim Ruivah, MLA participating in the discussion expressed desire for maintaining transparency in the working of Ministers and that implementation of programmes should be done in consultation with the respective elected representative of the area. He said that the Ministers should take the suggestion of the MLAs in a positive sense.

Hon'ble Chief Minister replying to the demand discussion said that the matter regarding the drawal of salary through banks for Ministers and MLAs including their personal staffs have been reviewed. The different Treasuries have been computerized and generators have been installed in almost all the Treasury offices to ensure uninterrupted power supply, he informed. He further informed that the Ministers have been informed to be available in their respective offices to look into the grievances of the public and to complete any schemes/programs within the stipulated time. He appeal to the Ministers to inform the elected representatives about any visits or program to be taken up in the respective constituency and to ensure that transparency was maintained. Efforts to complete the Manipur Bhawan, Guwhati at the earliest would be made, he informed. He further informed that rationalization of polling stations had been done based on the report submitted by the respective DC's after obtaining the approval of the EC and added that revision of electoral roll was being done once in every 5 years and added that any deletion & addition could be done every year. The government was doing its best to make the payment for hiring of vehicles for the recently concluded election at the earliest, he informed. He further informed that fencing of some portion of Red Land at Shillong has been completed, he informed.

All the cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 1, 2, 3, 27 & 30 were passed unanimously by the House.

Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 4.20 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Friday, the 10th July, 2009.

Th. Megha Raj Singh
Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly.
