

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT
BULLETIN PART-I
No. 10

Saturday, the 30th July 2022

The House assembled at 11.00 a.m. of Saturday, the 30th July, 2022 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon'ble Chief Minister, 11 Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers, Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 43 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No. 46 asked by Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA regarding Nongada-Nongdam to Maphou Dam (Napet-Andro Road)
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 47 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding completed works under MI from 2017 till now.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (Rural Development and Panchayati Raj) made a reply to Starred Question No. 48 asked by Shri L.M. Khaute, MLA regarding Construction works under PMGSY in Churachandpur A/C.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 49 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding Manipur House/Bhawan in other states.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No. 50 asked by Md. Achab Uddin, MLA regarding Jiri-Tipaimukh (JT) Road.
- (f) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 51 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding Inner Line Permits issued till June, 2022.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (Medical, Health and Family Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No. 52 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding CMHT cards.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No. 54 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding upgradation of State Highways into National Highways.

- (i) Hon'ble Minister (Agriculture) made a reply to Starred Question No. 55 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding distribution of urea.
- (j) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 56 asked by Shri K.Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding hovercrafts of Manipur Police.
- (k) Hon'ble Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No. 57 asked by Shri L.M. Khaute, MLA regarding expansion of Tiddim Road in Churachandpur/Lamka town.

Answers to Unstarred Question No. 6 was laid as written reply on the Table of the House.

ZERO HOUR:

Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA calling the attention of the MAHUD Minister expressed resentment that vehicles under the Imphal Municipal Corporation were being utilised by private individuals and inquired whether the vehicles could be rented out to private individuals.

PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE:

Shri Th. Basanta Kumar Singh, Minister (in-charge of Law & Legislative Affairs) laid "Annual Report 2020-21 of the Manipur Human Rights Commission along with Memorandum under section 28 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993" on the Table of the House.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Hon'ble Speaker made an announcement that Shri Chinlunthang and Vungzagin Valte, MLAs had applied for leave of absence for the day.

The House agreed and leave was granted.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh announced the names of the newly elected Members of the three Financial Committees. The Members were:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:

1. Shri K. Meghachandra Singh
2. Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh
3. Shri Ngursanglur Sanate
4. Dr. U. Deben Singh
5. Shri Surjakumar Okram
6. Shri Letzamang Haokip
7. Sheikh Noorul Hassan

COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES :

1. Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh
2. Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh
3. Shri Haokholet Kipgen
4. Shri Th. Radheshyam Singh
5. Shri Leishiyo Keishing
6. Shri Ram Muivah
7. Shri Kh. Loken Singh

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS:

1. Shri K. Ranjit Singh
2. Shri K. Shyam
3. Shri M. Rameshwar Singh
4. Shri Kh. Raghmani Singh
5. Smt. I. Nalini Devi
6. Shri L.M. Khaute
7. Shri Chinlunthang

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demand Nos.20-Community and Rural Development, 23-Power, 25-Youth Affairs and Sports Department, 42- State Academy of Training and 47- Minorities and Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes Department for discussion & voting.

Hon'ble Speaker clubbed all the Demands for a joint discussion.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA moving cut motions on Community and Rural Development stated that MGNREGA is a good development programme for rural areas and inquired the reason for non- release of state grant in time and further queried the time of its release. Regarding the Rural Local Bodies Tied Grand 1st installment, he queried why the fund has not been released even though the 1st installment was already released in 2021 by the Centre. Alleging misuse of funds in Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal and Bishnupur Districts, he queried whether the guidelines of MGNREGA was violated in withdrawing funds or was the fund being diverted for other developmental works. On Power, he pointed out government's failure to implement the Power Purchase Agreement which was signed in 2020, which if implemented would improve the power supply system in the state. He demanded why the recommendations of the Manipur Lokayukta had not been implemented by the department and also sought clarification on the service extension of some officials of the department.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Community and Rural Development expressed desire that advance payment for MGNREGA be made instead of liability for the job card so as to maintain quality of the work. He further requested that the work programme under MGNREGA be prepared after the sitting of Gram Sabha and added that honorarium for elected ZPs, Pradhan, Members etc be enhanced. Regarding Power Department, he urged for erecting new post for newly electrified villages, replacing old HT and LT poles and properly aligning the existing posts. He requested the government to subsidize the first prepaid connection fee for the economic backward classes and MCB be made compulsory to the new prepaid connection in order to avoid electric short circuit. He also expressed the need for installing high mast light in rural markets. Regarding Youth Affairs and Sports Department, he stated the need for proper fencing and gate for protecting the local playgrounds in rural and hill areas. He stressed the need for construction of indoor stadium in every constituency and further expressed desire to include Thang-Ta in school curriculum. Regarding MOBC & SC Department, he asked the government to release the scholarship for students without delay. He also enquired about the various schemes under the department at present and also urged to revive some schemes which has been discontinued.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 12:54 p.m. till 2:00 p.m. of the day.

The House resumed at 2:00 p.m. with Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the Chair.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA moving policy cut on Community and Rural Development enquired the target for the number of man days under MNREGA and suggested that a small percentage of the funds be used for individual asset creation for the poor. He further enquired as to when the National Electronic Fund Management System would be made operational in the state and also requested for a copy of the labour budget under MGNREGA. On MOBC & SC Department, he inquired as to why programs on skills, scholarships and economic development have been discontinued and wanted them to be resumed.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA moving a cut motion on Power sought clarification on the current situation regarding the agreement between NHPC and the state government pertaining to the Loktak Hydropower Project and asked for a copy of the M.O.U. signed. He further stated that the Ithai barrage is causing siltation which is making the Loktak lake shallower and harming the ecological balance. Making an observation on Community and Rural Development, he lamented that the Kakching Khunou to Ithai road is in a deplorable state and requested the concerned Minister to do the needful.

Shri Ram Muivah, MLA making an observation on Community and Rural Development lamented that many in Ukhrul were not able to reap the benefits of MNREGA

and requested the concerned Minister to include ten villages in Ukhrul AC in Phase IV of PMGSY. On Youth Affairs and Sports, he queried whether football field with RRC gallery could be built in Ukhrul under Khelo India and also inquired whether a SAI centre could be established in Ukhrul. On MOBC & SC Department, he requested the Chief Minister to consider including Ukhrul under PMJVK and also to recommend the same to the Central government.

Shri M. Rameshwar Singh, MLA making an observation on Youth Affairs and Sports requested the concerned Minister to establish Youth Hostels for the educated but unemployed youth and also to establish a SAI centre at Sora as the land is already available. On MOBC & SC Department he urged to increase the percentage of reserved seats for Scheduled Castes during admission in MU to 15%.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Minister (Community and Rural Development) in his clarification informed that the file to release funds under MGNREGA had been sent to the Finance Department and would be released soon. He stated that there was no misappropriation of MGNREGA funds in Thoubal and that further details would be provided on the day of discussion of the Appropriation Bill. He further stated that the average number of man days had seen an upward trend in recent years although the pandemic had a negative effect and said that efforts would be made to increase the number of man days. He informed that there are three agencies to monitor the quality of roads under PMGSY and maintenance of the same is done by the state. Regarding renovation of a bridge in Khundrakpam and improvement of Kakching-Ithai road, he assured that the matter would be looked into. With regard to the implementation of the National Electronic Fund Management System, he informed that it would be made operational as soon as the pending court case is resolved.

Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister (Power) in his clarification stated that the Loktak Downstream Project needs to be reviewed as costs have gone up especially pertaining to the compensation to be paid to affected land owners. Regarding alleged misappropriation of funds by department officials, he stated that there were no irregularities in the reports from the Investigation team of the Manipur Lokayukta which is an independent body. He also clarified that the service extension of certain officials of the department were done legally. He further stated that replacement of old HT & LT poles and installation of high mast lighting in rural markets would be looked into. He added that although free power connection could not be provided, an installment wise payment for new connections by the economically backward is under consideration. He clarified that the M.O.U. signed between NHPC and the state could not be found but a copy of the same has been requested from the NHPC and further informed that modalities of power sharing would be reviewed.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister supplementing the reply, informed the House that a team from the Asian Development Bank had surveyed Loktak Lake in order to

conserve and rejuvenate it. He informed that DPRs for mini hydro projects at 28 sites have been completed which will be an alternate source of power and added that the survey report of ADB on Loktak Lake would also be a deciding factor for the demand to decommission the NHPC.

Shri K. Govindas Singh, Minister (Youth Affairs & Sports Department) in his clarification informed the House of the various projects taken up by the department under the Khelo India programme and added that matches for Durand Cup would be held for the first time in Manipur. He stated that employment to medallists in various disciplines are given based on their achievements. Regarding the opening of a SAI (Sports Authority of India) centre in Ukhrul District, he informed that the decision depended entirely upon the Union Ministry and that he would approach the Ministry regarding it. Talented sports players would be scouted from all places of the state including the far-flung areas from next year for admission to the National Sports Academy, he added. He further informed that proposals had been submitted for construction of an International Youth Hostel in Imphal and Youth Hostels in Moreh and Senapati under the National Youth Fund. He also added that a Youth Exchange Programme between Tamil Nadu and Manipur would be taken up soon.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of MOBC) in his clarification highlighted the various new schemes taken up and the changes made in some of the old schemes by the department in the last 5 years making special mention of the newly initiated Economic and Skill Development Programme under which training in various fields are provided and necessary tool kits are distributed after completion. Regarding release of pending scholarships, he clarified that due to some technical issues there was a delay and that he would look into the matter and try to solve it at the earliest.

All cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 20, 23, 25, 42 & 47 were passed unanimously by the House.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 5:15 p.m. till 11:00 a.m. of Monday, the 1st August, 2022.

(K. Meghajit Singh)

Secretary,

Manipur Legislative Assembly
