

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT
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Monday, the 1st August, 2022

The House assembled at 11.00 am of Monday, the 1st August, 2022 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Medical, Health and Family Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No. 59 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding medical staff in Ukhrul district.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Education) made a reply to Starred Question No.60 asked by Md. Achab Uddin, MLA regarding Laitingkhag High School.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (Forest, Environment and Climate Change) made a reply to Starred Question No.61 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding reserved forest land in Imphal East & Imphal West.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Education) made a reply to Starred Question No. 62 asked by Shri L.M. Khaute, MLA regarding higher educational courses in Churachandpur and Lamka College.
- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 63 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding collection of GST since its implementation.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No. 64 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding widening of Nagamapal Road.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (Forest, Environment and Climate Change) made a reply to Starred Question No. 65 asked by Md. Achab Uddin, MLA regarding land acquired for rubber plantation in Jiribam A/C.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (Tribal Affairs & Hills Department) made a reply to Starred Question No.66 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding teaching staff in ADC, Ukhrul.
- (i) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 68 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding lifting prohibition on liquor.

Answers to Starred Question Nos. 58, 67 & 69 and Unstarred Question Nos. 7, 8 & 9 were laid on the Table of the House as written replies.

ZERO HOUR:

Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA quoted the Naharolgi Thoudang, 1st August 2022 edition on the reported death of a patient from Moreh in an ambulance on its way to Imphal due to lengthy checking procedure at Khudengthabi Assam Rifles Post. He drew the attention of the government on the need to check such unnecessary harassment and expressed the need to give priority to health related cases.

Shri K Ranjit Singh, MLA expressed that since there are apprehension amongst the general public in the aftermath of the unfortunate incident of landslides at Maranching, Noney on the 30th June 2022, he wanted a statement to be made in the House for creating awareness to the public of such incident in future.

STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF MINISTER:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister made a statement on the reported outbreak of fire at old CID office in the early hours of the day and informed that an FIR had been registered and prima facie indicate that short circuit is suspected to be the cause of the fire.

He also lauded the performance of Saikhom Mirabai Devi and S. Bindyarani Devi, who had won gold and silver respectively in the ongoing Commonwealth Games at Birmingham, UK and wished the best for all other athletes from the state.

OBITUARY REFERENCE:

The Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly moved a resolution on the demise of Shri Selkai Hrangchal, former Member of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, from 55- Tipaimukh Assembly Constituency.

Shri N. Biren Singh Chief Minister; Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Shri L.M. Khaute, Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, Shri Ngursanglur; MLAs and the Hon'ble Speaker participated in the Obituary Reference.

The House adopted the following resolution:

“That this House expresses its deep and profound sorrow at the sad demise of Shri Selkai Hrangchal, former Member of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, from 55-Tipaimukh (ST) A/C.

And, that the members of this House observe 2 minutes in silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul.”

And, the members of the House stood in silence for 2 minutes as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BUSINESS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Leader of the House announced the Business of the House for the week.

CALLING ATTENTION:

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA called the attention of the House on the reported protest raised by the general public in connection with the plan of the government to shift the site for construction of Sangai Ethnic Heritage Park from Keibul to Moirang Khunou. He added that the people of Keibul have made sacrifices at the cost of their livelihood to conserve and protect Sangai and further urged the Leader of the House to set a date for appointment with the agitators to resolve the issue.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister in his reply informed that the decision to shift the construction of Sangai Ethnic Heritage Park was due to the unavailability of the required area and that the available area in Keibul was too small to house the guest house, the conference hall, water bodies and tribal houses and other components of the park. But, nonetheless, he assured that some components under the project would be taken up at Keibul.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Hon'ble Speaker made an announcement that S/Shri Kh. Raghmani Singh and Paolienlal Haokip, MLAs had applied for leave of absence for the sitting on 1st and 2nd August, 2022.

The House agreed and leave was granted.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 1:24 p.m. till 2:30 p.m. of the day.

The House resumed at 2:30 p.m. with Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the Chair.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demand Nos.7-Police, 24- Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Department, 31- Fire Protection and Control, 32 - Jails, 33 - Home Guards, 34- Rehabilitation and 48- Relief and Disaster Management for discussion & voting.

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

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Police pointed out the failure of the Departmental Promotion Committee formed for the promotion of Head Constables to ASI and further informed that many had retired from service without a single promotion. He urged the government to create the additional 40 Nos. of Female Inspectors as promised, and also to increase the number of Women Police Stations. Making an observation, he stressed the need to increase the honorarium of VDF

personnel as they are utilised for services beyond their duty. He also urged that immediate action be taken against those persons involved in the incident at Congress Bhavan as per the FIR filed in the City Police.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar, MLA moving cut motion on Police pointed out the inability to properly implement the transfers and posting policy which is harming the morale of the personnel and urged for transparency in the procedure. He further demanded that promotion should be given according to seniority. Regarding the “ War on Drugs,” he queried whether legislation could be passed to give exemplary punishment to those involved in drug trafficking and further urged to hand over cases involving powerful individuals to the CBI or NIA and also suggested the proper control of urea distribution to discourage poppy planters. He urged the government to implement the Prohibition Act properly. On Relief and Disaster Management, he urged the government to provide assistance for officially identified victims affected by recent natural disasters.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA moving policy cut on Police, urged for proper fencing on Indo-Myanmar border using GPS mapping to resolve the disputes regarding boundary pillars especially the one at Behiang. He further enquired if there were plans to establish a proper Cyber Crime office with modern equipment and urged for the recruitment of qualified personnel. He further queried on the status of the process regarding the Highway Protection Force. He urged for the development of the Forensic Department and demanded that the vacant posts should be filled up with qualified personnel. Making observation on Fire Services, he urged to resume the six month training course at NFSC, Nagpur for fire servicemen .

Md. Abdul Nasir, MLA making observation on Police expressed satisfaction on the success of the “ War on Drugs” and suggested that all MLAs and other experts should also be consulted to enhance its effectiveness. He further urged for more stringent punishment for those involved in drug trafficking and also to hand over cases involving powerful individuals to central agencies.

Shri M. Rameshwar Singh, MLA making observation on Relief and Disaster Management stated that since Manipur is situated in an earthquake prone zone, a proper survey of the area using modern scientific equipment was required. He further suggested that cleaning of the Loktak Lake be done without harming the ecological balance.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister in his clarification informed that the good quality materials were provided to the police personnel and added that the department is trying to avoid any sort of discrepancies in transfer and posting. He said that the department is trying its best to boost the morale of the police personnel and further informed that police force has been upgraded to minimize criminal cases in the state. He said that the government is considering the feasibility for creating new posts of Female Inspectors. He also informed that VDF personnel have been provided with

PMJAY, CMHT and other facilities and added that the department is looking into the matter of increasing honorarium. Further, he informed that an FIR has been filed to investigate further into the matter of recent attack by some BJYM volunteers at Congress Bhavan. Many drug peddlers have been convicted as per the law as part of the War on Drugs. He further informed that the government had sent proposal to the Centre for amendment of the NDPS Act to increase the jail term for convicted drug peddlers. He stated that internationally accepted GPS coordination mapping has been used in the construction of border fences and added that the fencing work has been taken up at the vulnerable border area at Behiang. In order to tackle the issues of cyber crime he said that a team with high tech modern equipment has been constituted. Recruitment for vacant posts in the Forensic Science lab is under process, he informed. He further added that required infrastructure has been constructed for opening an outpost for the Highway Protection Force at Tengnoupal and the government is considering lessening the distance between outposts. Regarding transfer and posting, he clarified that an Office Memorandum had been notified to make posting mandatory for one and half year to three years for police personnel at the place of posting. He added that personnel are trained according to the Police Manual and informed that he would consider the inclusion of Thang-Ta in the training.

Shri Awangbow Newmai, Minister (in-charge of Relief and Disaster Management) clarified that immediate relief was provided to the victims of natural calamities as per the rules and guidelines of SDRF and NDRF and as per the reports submitted by District Disaster Management and verified by SDRM. Those people affected by the recent hailstrom at Khundrakpam would be provided relief after verification by the authority concerned.

All cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 7, 24, 31, 32, 33, 34 & 48 were passed unanimously by the House.

STATEMENT BY CHIEF MINISTER :

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister informed the House that one Engineer in the Minor Irrigation Department has been suspended for giving misleading information.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF GOVERNMENT BILLS:

(i) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister moved:

“that The Manipur Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 10 of 2022) be taken into consideration”.

And also moved that the Bill be passed.

After clause by clause consideration, The Manipur Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 10 of 2022) was unanimously passed by the House.

(ii) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister moved:

“that The Manipur Staff Selection Commission Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 5 of 2022) be taken into consideration”.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA made a proposal to amend Section 2 (m) of the Bill by including the posts of Manipur Legislative Assembly Secretariat.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister proposed for amendment of section 4 clause (2) by amending the term of office of the Chairperson and every member of the Commission from 2 (two) years to 3 (three) years and maximum upper age limit from 62 years to 65 years.

And also moved that the Bill be passed.

After clause by clause consideration, “The Manipur Staff Selection Commission Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 5 of 2022)”, as amended, was unanimously passed by the House.

(iii) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister moved:

“that The Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 14 of 2022) be taken into consideration”.

And also moved that the Bill be passed.

After clause by clause consideration, “The Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 14 of 2022)”, was unanimously passed by the House.

Hon’ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 5:20 p.m. till 11:00 a.m. of Tuesday, the 2nd August, 2022.

(K. Meghajit Singh)
Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly
