

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**SECRETARIAT**  
**BULLETIN PART-I**  
**No. 12**

*Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022*

*The House assembled at 11.00 a.m. of Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers, Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 43 Elected Members.

**QUESTIONS:**

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Education) made a reply to Starred Question No. 70 asked by Md. Abdul Nasir, MLA regarding benefits under IDMI & SPQEM.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Skill, Labour, Employment and Entrepreneurship) made a reply to Starred Question No.71 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding wages for labourers.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (MAHUD) made a reply to Starred Question No.72 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding Lamphel Super Market.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Rural Development and Panchayati Raj) made a reply to Starred Question No.73 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding Shirui to Khayang Phungtha PMGSY Road.
- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.74 asked by Sheikh Noorul Hassan, MLA regarding benefit schemes for Meitei Pangals.
- (f) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 77 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding conservation of paddy land.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (Education) made a reply to Starred Question No. 78 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding implementation of National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.
- (h) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 79 asked by Shri K.Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding Indo-Myanmar Border fencing.
- (i) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 80 asked by Sheikh Noorul Hassan, MLA regarding generation of revenue.
- (j) Hon'ble Minister (Education) made a reply to Starred Question No. 81 asked by Md. Abdul Nasir, MLA regarding educational institutes in Lilong.

*Answers to Starred Question Nos. 75 & 76 and Unstarred Question Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 were laid as written replies on the Table of the House.*

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS:**

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demand Nos. 4- Land Revenue, Stamp & Registration and District Administration, 5 -Finance Department, 28- State Exice, 29 -Sales Tax, Other Taxes/ Duties on Commodities and Services and 41- Art and Culture for discussion & voting.

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

Shri O. Ibohi Singh, MLA moving cut motions on Finance Department said that financial matters of all the states are being monitored by the Reserve Bank of India and added that some funds for taking up development works in a state specially like Manipur, which has limited resources of its own, have to come from borrowings from different financial institutions like ADB, World Bank, etc., apart from funds from the Centre. Several development works were taken up during his tenure as the Chief Minister by borrowing funds from various financial institutions, he said but added that the borrowings have increased during the term of the present government. He further wanted the government to complete the projects like IT-SEZ, IIIT at Mayangkhang, MIT, Manipur University of Culture, etc., which were started during his tenure as Chief Minister. Emphasising the need to give more thrust on health sector, he urged for completing the construction of the Medical College at Churachandpur. He expressed his desire that more Externally Aided Projects should be sought from the Centre for improving the infrastructures of the state and further expressed the need for upgrading the power sector of the state.

*Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 1:08 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 Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving policy cut on Land Revenue, Stamps & Registration and District Administration highlighted the plight of some villagers in Khundrakpam A/C in Imphal East District, who have to go to all the way to Kangpokpi for any official documents related to land and therefore requested that the Sagolmang SDC be made responsible for the same. He also pointed out that many who had been living on their homestead lands for more than 40 years were unable to find any records of their pattas after the digitization of land records and requested that this be rectified by issuing new pattas to the land owners. He stated that many poor people were unable to sell their paddy land even in emergency situations due to restrictions imposed by the government and urged that the DC be given the power to permit sale of land at least between the

indigenous people of the state. On Finance Department, he stated that implementation of programmes were delayed due to funds not being released on time and requested for the timely release of funds and also to give priority to those departments which complete work on time while releasing funds.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA moving policy cut on Art and Culture enquired on the status of the construction of the Government Dance & Music College under Manipur Cultural University and of the amount of funds released and yet to be sanctioned. He further pointed out the failure to bring the Film Industry under the purview of DIPR, set up a Manipur Film Finance and Development Corporation Ltd and demand monetary assistance from the Centre as suggested by the Action Committee for Manipuri Film Industry as had been assured.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Land Revenue, Stamps & Registration and District Administration demanded that the government consider revoking the eviction of villagers from 17- Chaobok and 17-A- Chaobok Ching as enough time was not given to these families to respond to the eviction order. He further enquired whether the government had returned the taxes and allotment fees collected from the evicted. On Finance Department, he lamented that retired government employees had not received their benefits on time and asked for the same to be released at the earliest. He further queried on whether the government has plans to revert to the Old Pension Scheme as the New Pension Scheme which invests in the stock market is risky and added that pension cannot be withdrawn immediately after retirement. Regarding GST, he alleged that high GST rates are causing inflation and unemployment in the state and appealed to the Chief Minister, who is a member of the GST Council to appraise the Council to lower the high GST rates.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA moving cut motion on Art and Culture enquired on the current status of the constitution of the Manipur Cultural Advisory Board and the establishment of District Cultural Offices which had been promised earlier. He further enquired as to when the State Kala Academy would be made fully functional and when a full time Secretary would be employed.

Shri Ram Muivah, MLA making an observation on Finance Department stated the need to raise the revenue of the state so as to lessen the dependence on the Central Government for funds. He further suggested some measures to increase revenue such as lifting Prohibition, increasing sales tax, inviting Multinational Cos., setting up small hydel projects, etc.

Shri M. Rameshwar Singh, MLA making an observation on Land Revenue, Stamps & Registration and District Administration stated that complete digitization of land records is a necessity especially in helping to solve land disputes. He further urged for

the completion of the construction of District Administration Offices at Kakching so that it may function as a full-fledged district. On Art and Culture, he requested that Kakching be included while taking up programmes pertaining to establishment of cultural centres as Kakching District is culturally and historically significant.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Land Revenue, Stamps & Registration and District Administration; Finance Department and Art & Culture) clarifying the cut motions informed that overlapping of administrative jurisdiction under Imphal East & Kangpokpi would be looked into after a thorough consultation with the Revenue Secretary. The 37 pattas under Chabok Ching were cancelled as various lapses and irregularities were found during the issue of patta, he informed but added that the government would do the needful for those who do not actually possess any land of their own. There is a state level Sub-Committee comprising of Law, Revenue and Agriculture Ministers to verify sale and registration of land, he informed. On Art and Culture, he clarified that the government has established Cine Commission under the Manipur Cine Policy and has taken up initiatives like providing pension scheme to artists, free health card and organising film competitions and added that funds from the Central Ministry have been sought to boost film industry. On the suggestion to bring the film industry under the ambit of DIPR, he clarified that he would consult with all stakeholders regarding the matter. With regard to State Kala Academy, he informed that manpower has been increased and the budget enhanced and further added that efforts are being made to complete the Academy building and appoint a full time Secretary of the Academy. Clarifying the cut motions on Finance Department, he informed that borrowings from different sources were made as per the permissible limit and guidelines of RBI and added that the borrowing capacity increased due to increase in GSDP. He maintained that the borrowed amount were properly utilised in various infrastructure development and creation of revenue earning assets. He further said that 1100 crores has been earmarked in the current budget as state matching share for Centrally Sponsored Schemes. After the implementation of GST, the state's GSDP has increased, he informed and added that the government is giving thrust on health and education sector in the current budget. He further mentioned that the government is acquiring funds from the Centre under Externally Aided Projects for major development of infrastructure. There are no backlogs during payment of monthly pensions for government employees, he informed and clarified that there was backlog in release of one time pension for some employees who retired during the covid pandemic but added that steps have been taken up to release the same by October. He also maintained that the New Pension System would ease the burden on the government and general public in the long run.

*All cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 4, 5, 28, 29 & 41 were passed unanimously by the House.*

**INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS:**

- (i) Shri Letpao Haokip, Minister (in-charge of Tribal Affairs and Hills Department) moved for leave to introduce “The Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2022”

*The House granted the leave and the Bill was introduced.*

- (ii) Shri Letpao Haokip, Minister (in-charge of Tribal Affairs and Hills Department) moved for leave to introduce “The Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2022”

*The House granted the leave and the Bill was introduced.*

***Hon’ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 6:08 p.m. till 11:00 a.m. of Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2022.***

**(K. Meghajit Singh)**

*Secretary,*

Manipur Legislative Assembly

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