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The House assembled at 11.00 a.m. of Wednesday, the 3rd 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 44 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.82 asked by Md. Abdul Nasir, MLA regarding drug smugglers of the state nabbed since January 2022.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (TA & Hills) made a reply to Starred Question No.83 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding amount sanctioned from the Union Ministry for development of tribal areas from 2012 till date.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (TA & Hills) made a reply to Starred Question No.84 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding funds released under 14th and 15th State Finance Commission for 6 ADCs.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Agriculture) made a reply to Starred Question No.85 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding Oil Palm plantation.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (PHED) made a reply to Starred Question No.86 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding the Ramrei Water Supply Scheme.
- (f) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 87 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding outstanding dues of retirement benefits for the retired employees.
- (g) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 88 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding Revenue Villages in Manipur.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (Social Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No. 89 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding Anganwadi Centres in the state.
- (i) Hon'ble Minister (TA & Hills) made a reply to Starred Question No. 90 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding the Town Hall in Ukhrul.

Answer to Unstarred Question No. 16, 18 & 19 were laid on the Table of the House as written replies.

ZERO HOUR

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA citing local dailies regarding the unavailability of ART medicines for HIV patients asked the concerned Minister to make the drug available at the earliest.

Shri Ram Muivah, MLA drew the attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and expressed the need to resolve issue regarding the shutdown called by ATSUM since the Bills which they had been demanding had been introduced in the House the day before.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Hon'ble Speaker announced that Shri Kh. Raghumani Singh, MLA had applied for leave of absence for the sitting from 3rd to 5th Augst, 2022.

The House agreed and leave was granted

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demand Nos.10-Education; 15-Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; 38-Panchayat; 40-Water Resources Department; 43-Horticulture and Soil Conservation; 46-Science and Technology; and 49-Economics and Statistics for discussion.

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

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA initiating the cut motions on Education enquired whether the policy of making Hindi a compulsory subject upto Class 10, as announced by the Union Home Minister, would be implemented in the State. He also enquired as how many Hindi teachers had been appointed so far in Manipur out of twenty two thousand teachers recruited from the NE states as a part of NEP. As Manipuri language is also a scheduled language, he asked what steps have been taken up by the government for the development of Manipuri language. He demanded the need for adequate teaching staff in schools and colleges for its smooth functioning and the need to improve School Fagathanshi Mission for the future of the students. Stressing on the need to have proper policy on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, he asked the state Government to bring an agreement with the central government to distribute locally produced rice instead of super fine rice imported from outside the state under NFSA which will save the transportation charge as well as benefit the local farmers, local rice traders (Chengdaibi) and further stated the need to frame a proper policy to regulate it. He further expressed the need to display the fixed rates of the essential commodities in front of shops.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Education mention the need to maintain a seniority list for lecturers as per the government rules and norms and queried the reason for not maintaining it. He also stated that the notification by the department for providing benefits of Old Pension System to only 206 out of 707 recently regularised higher secondary lecturers was biased. He also asked if there is any policy for the upgradation of Yairipok Universal College to Government Aided College and also expressed the need to upgrade some high schools to higher secondary under RMSA. He also demanded to frame a proper policy after a full survey for conversion of aided schools and colleges. He also pointed out the irregularities in the appointment of BOSEM Chairman and wanted the matter to be looked into. Deprivation of increment under the 7th Pay Commission for untrained teachers without B.Ed certificates needs to be reviewed, he added. He also requested the de-amalgamation of Huidrom Leikai Primary School at Wangkhem from Wangkhem Junior School, if possible. State Reservation Policy had not been followed by the Manipur Technical University in its staff recruitment and needs to be reviewed by the department by consulting experts, he stated, and requested the department to release the 7th Pay Commission increments for the teachers of MTU which is still pending despite being included in the 2021 Budget.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 1:11 p.m. till 2:10 p.m. of the day.

The House resumed at 2:10 p.m. with Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the Chair.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA raising cut motion on Education Department highlighted the need to fill up the vacant posts of lecturers in the state and added that the recruitment as well as transfer and posting process of teachers should be unbiased. He further queried whether government-aided colleges which fulfil the criteria for conversion could be converted to full-fledged government colleges. Regarding Water Resources Department, he lamented the inability to make the Dolaithabi Dam fully functional till now and requested the Minister to pay a field visit and do the needful at the earliest. He also highlighted the need to clean up Kongba River. With regard to Horticulture and Soil Conservation, he pointed out the need of a proper policy for distribution of seeds and saplings of vegetables and fruits; and materials for greenhouse construction to farmers and further wanted the resumption of distribution of seed potatoes to the potato farmers of Eshikha Village in Khundrakpam AC which had been discontinued.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA raising cut motion on Education Department pointed out the lack of preparedness to implement the New Education Policy in the state and requested the department to take up necessary measures to ensure its proper

implementation. He pointed out the need to appoint a regular Director of SCERT at the earliest. He emphasised on imparting regional languages in primary classes and circulation of text books in regional languages. He further queried under which funding the establishment of the upcoming Maharaj Kulachandra University would be taken up. Regarding lack of teachers, he suggested promotion of SSA Primary teachers to Graduate teachers on seniority basis and emphasised on the need to streamline the teachers' utilisation system. He further stressed for establishing libraries in educational institutes and recruitment of the required staff. He queried on the steps taken by the state government to distribute locally manufactured handloom uniforms and added that it would not only help the weavers financially but also help in promoting handloom products.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar, MLA sharing observation on Education lamented on the department's failure to provide regular teachers for KGBV (Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya) & Residential School in Andro. He also requested the department to take up recruitment of Hindi teachers as soon as possible.

Shri Ram Muivah, MLA making an observation on Education urged the need to open B.Ed course in Pettigrew College, Ukhrul. He further demanded the government to approach the centre to convert Indira Gandhi National Tribal University at Makhan into a fully-fledged University. On Horticulture and Soil Conservation, he highlighted that products that have high selling values should be cultivated in the state and added that saffron should be a viable alternative for poppy plantation.

Shri M. Rameshwar Singh, MLA making an observation on Education emphasized the need to establish co-educational Sainik School on Public-Private Partnership model in every district of the state. The government should pursue the centre for setting up a Indian Institute of Science Education and Research in the state, he added. On water Resources Department, he wanted the government to pursue projects under the River Front Development Project for creating amenities for revenue generation, tourism and other beneficial areas. On Science and technology, he made observations on the importance of implementing Digital Terrain Modeling, GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping and suggested utilising the service of Manipur Remote Sensing Application Centre (MARSAC) of the government.

Shri Kh. Ibomcha Singh, MLA making observation on Education opined that the service absorption of the teaching and non-teaching staffs of the three colleges viz. Biramangol College Sowombung, Standard College Porompat and Liberal College Luwangsangbam which were recently converted to fully fledged government colleges should be done at the earliest.

Shri. N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister informed that photographs of all the teachers and health workers would be displayed at their respective workplace and introduced biometric system for better attendance. To cope with lack of teachers and staffs, he informed that the pending results for recruitment of various teaching and non-teaching staff will be announced soon.

Shri.Th. Basanta Kumar, Minister (Education) clarifying the cut-motions informed that a committee had been formed to look into the matter of irregularities in appointment of teaching and non-teaching staffs in Netaji Awasiya Vidyalaya, Lilong and other such institutions along with KGBV and this committee will submit their findings within a month. He also highlighted some of the developmental programs taken up in the last three months such as the STAR Education Program, Rani Gaidinliu Nupi Scheme, initiation of process to provide optical fiber internet connection to schools, CM E-support Scheme, State Level Science Exhibition, No school bag day etc. He informed that Pettigrew College was yet to receive NAAC accreditation which is why it is currently not possible to open B.Ed course. He further clarified that under NEP all students would be made to learn three languages of their choice where two would have to be regional languages of India and added that Hindi would not be made compulsory. Results for recruitments of primary school teachers and lecturers would be declared after the end of the ongoing session he stated and added that remaining shortage will be filled up at a later stage. He informed that the final seniority list of lecturers would be completed by August-September this year. He informed that there is no irregularity in the linking up of service of 206 out of 707 recently regularised Higher Secondary Schools lecturers for pensionary benefits. He informed the house that there are certain terms and conditions for conversion of private colleges to government aided colleges and government colleges and added that the department would try to bring up a very transparent and clear cut conversion policy to do so. He informed that the enrolment of students and the pass percentage have increased after the implementation of the School Phagathansi Mission. Necessary steps have been taken up for appointment of the Chairman of BOSEM, he informed. All Higher Secondary lecturers enjoy the same pay scale but increment for trained teacher would be admissible to only those who had completed the B.Ed. course. Vacant posts of teachers and lecturers would be filled up soon, he informed and added that the transfer and posting policy would be implemented properly. Process for regularisation of the posts of Principals and Headmasters had been initiated and added that lack of teachers in Sagolmang Higher Secondary School would be looked into. Regarding the National Education Policy, he informed that 35-36% tasks had already been completed which is above the national average, he informed. Promotion of Principals and Head Master in colleges and schools would be taken up soon as the seniority list had been published, he informed. Approval

for construction of more Libraries in the state had been received under the funding of NEC and added that digitisation of library facilities has begun. A regular Director of SCERT would be appointed soon, he said. He informed that the government is trying to provide locally produced 'Phanek' for class VIII girl students instead of skirt. Matters regarding the promotion of SSA primary teachers, demand for increasing the number of government approved teachers in Keibi Higher Secondary School and the de-amalgamation of Huidrom Leikai Primary School at Wangkhem, would be looked into, he said and added that there is no plans for conversion of aided colleges and aided schools.

Shri L. Susindro Meitei, Minister (Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution) clarifying to the cut motions, informed that the process for procurement and distribution of local rice has been taken up and a state procurement portal would soon be set up and also that the process is underway for giving loans under SIDBI to set up modern rice mills. Regarding the variation in price of essential commodities, he informed that prices are a little higher here due to transportation, labour and godown charges since these items are lifted from Bengal and Guwahati.

Shri Awangbow Newmai, Minister (Water Resource Department) informed that a length of 17.30 kms of left canal and a length 14 km of right canal had been constructed but further construction of the canals was delayed due to some issues with the affected land owners. An MoU had been signed with the affected land owners on 15th September 2021, he said and added that steps have been taken up to pay the compensation for continuation of the remaining works. He further clarified that four sites namely Waithou Pat, Upper Irong Nala, Lower Irong Nala and Lamphel Pat have been taken up for the conservation of the water bodies in the state under Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR). He also informed that Rejuvenation of Lamphel Pat to lessen urban flooding, providing sustainable water resource for Imphal city and promoting eco-tourism has been initiated under New Development Bank (NDB) and stated that tender had been floated for dredging.

Shri Letpao Haokip, Minister (Horticulture and Soil Conservation) informed that the materials for green house construction are provided to the farmers after they are registered under MIDH, a portal of the government of India. He clarified that the Department didn't provide the potato seeds but rather the farmers are given 30% grant when they purchase one metric ton per hectare from the retailers. He also stated that saplings of high value crops have been provided to the farmers of the state and added he would look into the feasibility of providing loan benefits to the farmers.

All cut motions were withdrawn and Hon'ble Chief Minister moved for passing the Demands.

Demand Nos.10, 15, 38, 40, 43, 46 and 49 were passed unanimously by the House.

STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF MINISTER:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister informed the House that the National Medical Commission has given the approval to increase the number of MBBS seats in JNIMS from 100 to 150.

Regarding structures on Phumdis in Loktak, he informed that respective owners have started dismantling their structures voluntarily and expressed his appreciation for the same.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 08:07 p.m. till 11:00 a.m. of Thursday, the 4th August, 2022.

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