

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Thursday, the 4th August, 2022

The House assembled at 11.00 a.m. of Thursday, the 4th 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 Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No.91 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding pending dues for completed works (Plan and Non-Plan) for the year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (MAHUD) made a reply to Starred Question No.92 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding construction of Lamphel Super Market.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) made a reply to Starred Question No.93 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding MGNREGS funds for the year 2022-23.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Medical, Health and Family Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No.94 asked by Shri L.M. Khaute, MLA regarding agreement for donation of land to the Department by the Chief of Pearsonmun Village, Churachandpur.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (Relief and Disaster Management) made a reply to Starred Question No.95 asked by Md. Abdul Nasir, MLA regarding assistance to victims of flood occurred in Lilong A/C.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (Medical, Health and Family Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No. 96 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding the construction of Community Health Centre, Nongada.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No. 97 asked by Shri Paolienlal Haokip, MLA regarding accomodation facilities for government employees and elected Members.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (PHED) made a reply to Starred Question No. 98 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding Water Supply Schemes in Imphal West.

- (i) Hon'ble Minister (Medical, Health and Family Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No. 99 asked by Shri L.M. Khaute, MLA regarding Prefab-Paediatric Covid Care Unit in Churachandpur District Hospital.
- (j) Hon'ble Minister (YAS) made a reply to Starred Question No. 100 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding the Youth Hostel, NYK, Ukhrul.

Unstarred Question No.26 was withdrawn and answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28 & 29 were laid on the Table of the House as written replies.

BREACH OF PRIVILEGE:

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA raised a motion for breach of Privilege and contempt of the House regarding a news item in local dailies wherein a Vice President of an organisation, by the name of Waikhom Inganba demanded clarification from Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA for the deliberation he made on the floor of the House about Pumlun Pat.

He said that such act amounts to breach of privilege and contempt of the House and as such demanded an appropriate action to be taken up against the individual .

Hon'ble Speaker referred the matter to the Committee on Privilege and Ethics.

CALLING ATTENTION:

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA citing 30th July edition of Sanaleibak newspaper lamented the custodial death of a young goldsmith, Arambam Nanao of Sagolband Kangabam Leikai and enquired when the government would provide job to the widow, provide financial aid for the education of the three children and ex-gratia to family of the victim as assured by the government.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister informed that the government would provide a suitable job to the widow of the victim within the month of August and regarding financial assistance to the family, he informed that it would be paid within 2/3 days if not provided earlier.

STATEMENT BY CHIEF MINISTER:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister announced the approval of the National Medical Commission for starting MBBS course with an intake capacity of 100 seats at Churachandpur Medical College from the current academic session, 2022.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demand Nos.17-Agriculture; 26-Administration of Justice; 30-Planning; 36-Minor Irrigation; 39-Sericulture; 45-Tourism and 50-Information Technology for discussion.

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

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA moving the cut motion on Agriculture pointed out the lack of proper policy in distributing fertilizers to the farmers on time and enquired on the stock of fertilizers in the godown of the state, the quantity distributed and asked as how much fertilizer is reserved for rabi and kharif crops. He urged the government to have a proper system for distribution of fertilizer and further queried as to the total arable land available in both the hills and valleys.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Agriculture stressed on the need to have a proper agricultural policy to tackle the issue of climate change and its impact on agriculture. He pointed out the lack of proper policy while distributing power tillers and water pump sets to the farmers and urged the government to provide modern equipment to the farmers to boost agricultural activities. Further, he urged the Minister concerned to systematically distribute the fertilizers. Highlighting the importance of irrigation in agriculture, he urged the need for construction of water reservoir in Khundrakpam A/C and queried whether any subsidy could be provided by the department to farmers for purchasing diesel. Stressing on the growing significance of tourism sector in Manipur, he urged for a policy to save the beautiful landscapes from encroachment and further requested to construct some 5-star hotels at suitable locations to promote tourism.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA moving a cut motion on Minor Irrigation pointed out the lack of proper policy to construct water reservoirs to supply water to the fields and lamented that RLI system is not fully functional and as such many farmers are facing hardship. He expressed anguish on the disparity during inclusion of work programmes prepared by the department.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 12:58 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 Nishikant Sapam, MLA participating in the discussion opined that tourism sector will be a big source of revenue for the state and Manipur has all the potential of becoming a booming tourist state and further suggested for developing an ILP app which can be easily accessed by tourist from outside the state.

Shri Ram Muivah, MLA giving his observation during the discussion opined that the government should be the facilitator for boosting tourism sector in the state. He further suggested the need for initiating PPP model at various tourist sites, developing circuit tourism, tying up with various tour operators and aggressive marketing of our tourism potential in order to promote this sector.

Shri Leishiyo Keishing, MLA participating in the discussion expressed the need to regulate jhum cultivation as it is degrading ecological balance and promote alternative cultivation like terrace farming or plantation of high yielding cash crops like avocado, apples, etc., after proper planning and co-ordination between various department like Agriculture, Horticulture and Forest. On Tourism, he opined that effort should be made to make our state visible in the world tourism map and further suggested appointment of Tourism Ambassador to publicise our potential.

Shri M. Rameshwar Singh, MLA giving observation during the discussion cited that our farmers should be encouraged to avail the benefit provided under eNAM (National Agriculture Market). On Tourism, he suggested management of already built tourist sites and development of new tourist sites under PPP mode.

Shri Th. Bishwajit Singh, Minister (in-charge of Agriculture) clarifying the cut motions informed that fertilizers are distributed to the farmers in a very systematic way and that there is no need for any apprehension about scarcity of fertilizers. He mentioned that the department proposed requirement of around 24,000 MT of fertilizer to the centre but allocated only 22,000 MT. The state has received 11,634.84 MT of fertilizer till now and 3876.115 MT is in transit, he informed and added that there is a balance of 6,489.05 MT to be acquired from the factory. He also said that plans are chalked out to adopt means for easing tenant farmers while availing fertilizer which could be implemented from the next cropping season. He further appraised that farmers can avail subsidy for farm machineries under Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) and added that there are plans to revive leasing out water pump sets to poor farmers. The department would consult with other allied departments to regulate jhum cultivation, he said and added that farmers would be encouraged to register in eNAM, which is a pan India agricultural trading portal.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Minor Irrigation & Tourism) clarifying the cut motions mentioned that most of the schemes taken up under the department are centrally funded and added that certain proposed works could not be taken up due to fund constraint. He maintained that there are plans for properly managing the irrigational system by co-ordinating allied departments. Works for digging of wells and tube wells which would provide water to fields, have already begun, he said. Out of around 200 RLI schemes, nearly 150 is functioning and the non-functional ones are being repaired, he informed and further mentioned that 7 pumps have been made functional now at Loktak Lift Irrigation (LLI). He also assured that all the works taken up to improve irrigation would be monitored carefully at the micro level and added that there are instances of action being taken up against engineers for not performing their duties sincerely. On Tourism, he informed that ten scenic sites have been identified along the highways and will be developed for tourists to enjoy the view. Formulation of the Tourism policy has

been completed, he informed and added that all roads leading to every District HQ would be improved to boost the tourism industry. He further informed that an app was being developed to track tourists which would also help in the implementation of ILP. He stated that several steps are being taken up to attract tourists to boost the revenue of the state. Tourism and Revenue Department officials are conducting surveys to identify and develop potential tourist spots and preparation of land bank for future infrastructure development has also been initiated, he added.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Sericulture, urged the government to encourage plantation of 'kabrangchak' (white mulberry) and to provide modern machinery to silkworm rearers to increase production of Muga silk and further asked if there was a policy to provide loans to them.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Sericulture) clarified that at present there are no policies to provide loans to silkworm rearers. He further stated that the Japan Sericulture Project is being revived by the state government and that 11 sites are being fenced at present. Department officials would be consulted to consider the plantation of 'Khabrangchak' at feasible areas across the state, he added.

All cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos.17, 26, 30, 36, 39, 45 and 50 were passed unanimously by the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh invited all the Hon'ble MLAs, Department officials, Media persons and officials of the Assembly Secretariat for lunch during the break in the day's sitting on 5th August, 2022.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 4:26 p.m. till 11:00 a.m. of Friday, the 5th August, 2022.

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