

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT
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Friday, the 5th August, 2022

The House assembled at 11.00 a.m. of Friday, the 5th 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.101 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding uniforms issued to personnels of Manipur Police, M.R & IRB.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (TA & Hills) made a reply to Starred Question No.102 asked by Shri Paolienlal Haokip, MLA regarding MTDC.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.103 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding debt of the State for the last 5 years.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.104 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding restriction in sale and purchase of land.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (TA & Hills) made a reply to Starred Question No.105 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding TA & Hills office in Ukhrul District.
- (f) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 106 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding GDP of the State for the last 5 years.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (Forest, Environment and Climate Change) made a reply to Starred Question No. 107 asked by Shri Kh.Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding funds sanctioned for development of forest by the Union Ministry from 2017 till date.
- (h) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 108 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding Census program for the State.
- (i) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 109 asked by Shri Paolienlal Haokip, MLA regarding revenue settlement in the hills under the MLR & LR Act, 1960.

- (j) Hon'ble Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No. 110 asked by Shri Kh. Loken Singh, MLA regarding NH-137A from Imphal to Kakching Lamkhai via Mayang Imphal.

Answer to Unstarred Question No. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 & 36 were laid on the Table of the House as written replies.

ZERO HOUR

Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA raising the issue which occurred early this morning where some students from Manipur are stuck in Nagaland due to a rally by NSF sought for taking immediate steps to ease the inconvenience faced by the students.

PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister laid the following on the Table of the House:

- i) "The Orders No.RESV/1/2021-DP dated 01.06.2022 and 03.08.2022 of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Personnel Division)".
- ii) "Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement, Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement & Macro Economic Framework Statement and Disclosures (As required under Rules 4, 5, 5A and 6 of the Manipur Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2005 as amended) July, 2022".

CALLING ATTENTION:

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA called the attention of the Chief Minister (in-charge of MOBC & SC) on the reported fraudulent withdrawal of funds allocated for Champu Khangpok Village under PMAGY. He said that construction of road, street lamps, RCC toilet etc. at Champu Khangpok village would not be possible as the village lies in the middle of the Loktak lake. He therefore, demanded that action be taken up regarding the matter and punish the corrupt officials.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister replying to the calling attention informed that there was no misuse of funds and that the site was changed from Champu Khangpok to Karang Ward No.3 by the Village Convergence Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MANIPUR APPROPRIATION BILL, 2022:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for leave to introduce "The Manipur Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2022 (Bill No.12 of 2022)".

The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF THE MANIPUR APPROPRIATION BILL, 2022:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, MLA initiating the discussion expressed the need to complete the construction of Civil Secretariat, correct the merger date of Manipur in the Vision

Document of the government, implement the Act East Policy properly, solve the border dispute and construct proper fencing at the border areas of Behiang and Moreh. He further wanted to check deforestation and added that an alternative source of livelihood should be provided to the people living in the hill areas. He also said that connectivity under PMGSY should be improved in hill areas. Filling up the vacant posts of MPSC, clearing the pending Relief funds of retired employee etc. were some other issues he raised.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA participating in the discussion highlighted the failure of the government to fully implement the recommendations of the Manipur Lokayukta. Regarding a news report about seizure of money in the Rural Engineering Department by the Anti-corruption Department, but which was denied by the Department, he sought the details from the government.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 1:04 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.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA while participating in the discussion pointed out the irregularities in PWD regarding payment to contractors whose works had been completed and urged the Department to make necessary payments. He opined for instructing all engineering related departments to take up developmental works in the state after completion of proper procedure and also stated the need for completion of various developmental works in the state. He further expressed the need to expedite payments of liabilities of various completed works in several departments.

Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA participating in the discussion pointed out the delay in recruiting teachers of Meitei Mayek and inquired as to when it would be done. He further stated that *Kang*, which is an indigenous sport of Manipur should be promoted and fund for the same should be included in the budget. Highlighting the hardships being faced by the kidney transplant patients in the state, he urged the government to provide immunosuppressant drugs to these patients. He inquired on the steps taken up by the Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department for promoting organic farming and further asked about the facilities that are being provided by the department. Regarding Agriculture, he inquired on the measures taken up to produce organic rice by the department. He further inquired about the policies taken up for the surrendered insurgents to bring them in the mainstream. On Tribal Affairs and Hills Development, he urged for the proper utilization of funds in the interest of the people of hills. He inquired about the total amount of CAMPA funds received by the Forest and Environment Department. He further enquired about extension of family pension to those unmarried daughters and widows of retired government employees.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA participating in the discussion expressed the need to consult the elected representatives while taking up various developmental works and further inquired whether there are any developmental work programmes to be taken up in Sugnu Constituency. He requested that victims who were adversely affected by the recent thunderstorms be provided assistance as assured by the Minister, Relief and Disaster.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister in his clarification replied that the date of merger of Manipur as published in the Manipur Government's Vision Document 2047 was a printing mistake and said that the same would be corrected. He informed that the construction of the Civil Secretariat would be completed soon. He informed that fencing of about 60 km stretch at Behiang and Molcham would be taken up soon. He stated that Poppy plantation is declining with the public support set for providing an alternative means of livelihood to poppy planters. The delay of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), he informed would be improved by providing the mobile network connections. He stated that the pending pension benefits for retired employees would be released within the month of October of the current year. He stated that Vigilance and Anti-corruption Cell and Lok Ayukta were set up to curb corruption in the state. Pending liabilities, he said would be cleared for those contract works which has been done genuinely after completing the official verification process. The government is considering the appointment of Meitei Mayek teachers, he informed. He informed that kidney transplant patients holding PMJAY-Ayushman Bharat and CMHT cards were being provided Immunosuppressant drugs free of cost. On Horticulture, he said that 30 tonnes of organic products had been exported to Europe and added that due emphasis is being given for promotion of organic fertilizer in the state. He informed that the delay in conducting recruitment by MPSC was due to pending court cases but the Hon'ble Supreme Court has given a positive ruling and so process for new recruitment could begin soon. Manipur Staff Selection Commission Bill was passed by the House to bring total transparency in recruitment of lower grades of posts in different departments, he said. He further informed that a Coordination Committees of Engineering Departments has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for proper coordination while taking up developmental works in the state. Widowed daughters of government employees who retired after 01.01.2006 are entitled to enjoy family pension, he said. Construction of Kakching Khunou Municipal building, would be done soon, he stated. He further informed that the Disaster Management Department would provide the necessary assistance for the three villages of Sugnu constituency whose houses were damaged by the recent thunderstorm as and when the fund is released by the Centre.

After clause by clause consideration, "The Manipur Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2022 (Bill No.12 of 2022)" was passed unanimously by the House.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF GOVERNMENT BILLS:

A) Shri Letpao Haokip, Minister (in-charge of Tribal Affairs and Hills Department) moved that “the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Bill No.15 of 2022) be taken into consideration”.

He proposed the following amendments:

1. For clause 2 of the proposed Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2022, the following shall be substituted namely:-
“In sub-section 1 of section 3 of the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils Act, 1971, (hereinafter referred to as Principal Act), for the word “six”, the word “ten” shall be substituted”.
2. For Clause 4 of the proposed Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2022, the following shall be substituted namely:-
“In section 27A of the Principal Act :-
 - (i) *in sub-section(1), for the words “five other Members”, the words “other Executive Member(s) not more than five and not less than one” shall be substituted.*
 - (ii) *in sub-section (2), for the words “five other Executive Members”, the words “other Executive Member(s) shall be substituted.*

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA suggested for some amendments in the Bill.

After clause by clause consideration “the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No.15 of 2022)”, as amended, was passed unanimously by the House.

B) Shri Letpao Haokip, Minister (in-charge of Tribal Affairs and Hills Department) moved that “the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No.16 of 2022) be taken into consideration”.

He said that the Bill has some errors and stated that the Bill needs further re-examination. He, therefore, suggested for referring the Bill back to the Hill Areas Committee (HAC), Manipur Legislative Assembly.

The House then referred “the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Bill No.16 of 2022)” to the Hill Areas Committee (HAC), Manipur Legislative Assembly for further examination.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ RESOLUTION:

(i) Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA moved that “therefore the House has resolved to establish the Population Commission of the State and also to introduce and enforce NRC (National Register of Citizens)”.

He said that uncounted numbers of influx of migrants have endangered the indigenous population of the State and expressed the need for establishment of a State Population Commission (SPC) in Manipur. He also suggested for introduction of NRC in order to protect the indigenous people in the State.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the matter is the concern of all and opined the need for adopting the Private Members' Resolution.

The House unanimously adopted the Private Members' Resolution.

(ii) Shri Kh. Ibomcha Singh, MLA moved that "*this House unanimously resolves to reaffirm the Resolution No.86 passed by the House on 1st August, 2003 urging the Government of India to record 'Sanamahi Religion' in the census report and also allot separate code number of the religion in the census operation*".

He stated that Sanamahi religion needs protection as a minority religion and as such the House adopted a resolution earlier to protect and safeguard the religion. He, therefore, expressed the need to reaffirm the resolution adopted by the House on 1st August, 2003.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA extending his support on the Private Members' Resolution said that demanding a separate code for Sanamahi religion was the need of the hour.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister acknowledged the need for adopting the resolution for safeguarding and protecting the indigenous Sanamahi religion.

The House unanimously adopted the Private Members' Resolution.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh gave a valedictory speech and adjourned the House sine die at 4:31 p.m.

(K. Meghajit Singh)
Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly
