

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**SECRETARIAT**  
**BULLETIN PART-I**  
**No. 17**

*Friday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023*

*The House assembled at 11.00 a.m. of Friday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023 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 (PHED) made a reply to Starred Question No. 111 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding non-functional Water Supply Schemes.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Education) made a reply to Starred Question No.112 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding Naorem Birahari College, Khundrakpam.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) made a reply to Starred Question No.113 asked by Smt. I. Nalini Devi, MLA regarding PMGSY roads in Oinam A/C.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.114 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding expansion of lanes and by-lanes in Imphal area.
- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.115 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding suspension of Chief Engineer of Minor Irrigation Department.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (Veterinary and Animal Husbandry) made a reply to Starred Question No. 116 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding National Programme for Dairy Development.
- (g) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 117 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding pending recruitment results.

*Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 37, 38 & 39 were laid as written replies on the Table of the House.*

**PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE:**

- (A) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister laid the following Reports on the Table of the House:
- (i) Manipur Lokayukta (Salaries, Allowances and Conditions of Service of the Secretary and Other Officers and Staff) Regulations, 2022.
  - (ii) Annual Report 2021-2022 of the Manipur Lokayukta; and
  - (iii) 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Report 2021-2022 of the Manipur Public Service Commission.
- (B) Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister (in-charge of Power) laid the following Reports on the Table of the House:
- (i) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Fourteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
  - (ii) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Seventeenth Amendment) Regulations, 2022.
  - (iii) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Recruitment, Control and Service Conditions of Officers and Staff) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
  - (iv) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Fifteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
  - (v) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Fees, Fines and Charges) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020.
  - (vi) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Intra- State Essential Reliability Services Operations) Regulations, 2020.
  - (vii) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Sixteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2022; and
  - (viii) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Renewable Purchase Obligation and its Compliance) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022.

**STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:**

Hon'ble Speaker announced that Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA had raised a motion for breach of privilege. He further informed that the matter is being examined.

**CALLING ATTENTION:**

(A) Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA, called the attention of Minister (in-charge of Medical, Health and Family Welfare Services) regarding the apprehension over probable resumption of strike by the All Manipur Health Services Doctors (AMHSDA) and stated that it would cause panic among the common people if services were shut down in all government Hospitals. He urged the government to take up immediate action to ease the apprehension of the public.

Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh, Minister (in-charge of Medical, Health and Family Welfare Services) clarified that government is taking the demands of the Doctors seriously and stated that the promotion of doctors is done based on the availability of vacant posts and fulfilment of the criteria laid down by the Manipur Health Services Rules. He further clarified that the department is considering promoting eligible doctors from Grade-IV to Grade-III by consulting with DP and Finance Department as a one time relaxation. He clarified that the retirement at 65 years for specialist Doctors which was started a few years back on a trial basis had been rolled back in 2020 to 62 years since it was found to be unfeasible. He informed that the matter regarding NPA (Non-Practicing Allowance) fixation has been referred to the Finance department and further stated that such decisions cannot be taken hastily and appealed to all the doctors to withdraw their strike for the welfare of the public.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA called the attention of Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) regarding one VDF personnel, Ningombam Premananda Singh from Thoubal Okram Maning Leikai who was involved in poppy destruction under 'War on Drugs 2.0' campaign and went missing on the intervening night of 20-21<sup>st</sup> January from Urantop hill near Indo-Myanmar border at Chandel District. He enquired about the necessary steps being taken up by the government regarding the incident. He further suggested the use of remote sensing mapping and drones for identification and surveillance of poppy plantations and added that a proper action plan of the government would be needed for identification and destruction of areas under poppy plantation.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) clarified that just after the information about the missing of one VDF personnel, namely Ningombam Premananda Singh was received, the DGP issued a notification on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January and an immediate search operation was launched the very next day and is still ongoing by various police teams and teams from Assam Rifles. The NIA and NCB have also been appraised to aid in the search operation, he further informed. He said that drones and satellite mapping are being utilised for identifying poppy plantations and added that the War on Drugs is not an easy task and also appealed for the support of all concerned in order to overcome the menace of drugs in the state.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Hon'ble Speaker made an announcement that Md.Abdul Nasir, MLA had applied for leave of absence for the day's sitting.

*The House agreed and the leave was granted.*

**DISCUSSION ON GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS:**

Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh, Hon'ble Minister moving the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address highlighted the significant achievements of the government in terms of restoring law and order, police modernization, the ambitious initiatives of CMHT, establishment of Churachandpur Medical College, Start-Up Scheme for job creation and encouraging entrepreneurs in the state. Further, he reiterated on the importance of digitization of the education system, STAR Education Programme, inclusion of the History of Manipur in social science textbooks and the Chief Minister's Scholarship Scheme for Civil Service aspirants among others. He also highlighted the historical significance of the opening of Kangla Nongpok Thong, the hoisting of the tri color at a height of 165 feet tall flag pole at the historic INA Headquarter at Moirang, erection of the highest statue depicting Polo at Marjing Hill, opening of the Olympian Park at Sangathel and the Manipur Sangai Festival which have all helped in boosting tourism in the state. He added that important initiatives have also been taken up in the IT sector too.

Shri Awangbow Newmai, Hon'ble Minister who seconded the Motion of Thanks hailed the initiatives taken up in acknowledging the contributions of freedom fighters and leaders of the state who were not given due honor earlier. He highlighted the benefits of CMHT availed by the rural masses, improvement in education sector through School Phagathansi Mission, restoration of law and order among others.

*Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 1:29 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 K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA moving amendments to the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address enquired as to why maximum of the accused who were not convicted was not mentioned regarding the drug seizure cases. He further urged to mention the number of illegal transporters of timber who had been arrested. He enquired as why the data being provided for the works completed under PMGSY of the state is not matching with that of data available in OMMAS (Online Management, Monitoring and Accounting System) and urged to amend it in the address. Further, he enquired regarding the non-

implementation of Manipur Staff Selection Commission in the recruitment for various departments of the state and appealed for the Commission to be made functional soon.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving amendment said that the Address failed to mention the status of MDR and ODR which are very important for road connectivity in the state. He added that the Address failed to mention the importance of opening Mini Sports Complexes in all the districts of the state, honoring of international and national level sportspersons, and providing incentives to sportspersons of the state. Further, he lamented that the Address failed to mention the plan to fill up the vacant posts of teachers and to provide the necessary infrastructure.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA moving amendment said that the Address failed to mention the total land used in illegal poppy plantation in the state and the role of MLAs in the campaign “War on Drugs” He further said that it also failed to mention the timeline for declaration of recruitment results of various departments, fixing of labour wages, appointment of new Judges and provision of vehicles for officials posted in the hill areas.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Hon’ble Chief Minister replying to the discussion on the Governor’s Address clarified that the Address would have been voluminous and would take much time in deliberation if all the details were added. He informed that Govindajee Temple and the INA Headquarters had been renovated and the Marjing Polo Complex and the Olympian Park had been constructed which have boosted tourism in the state. Regarding the vacant post of Judges, he informed that the process is underway to appoint the Judges. He clarified that investigations are underway regarding the drug seizure cases. The slight difference in the data available in OMMAS for the works completed under PMGSY and the figure available in the department may be because of the delay in uploading the data, he informed. He added that the required Chairperson and Members of the Manipur Staff Selection Commission would be appointed soon so as to make the Commission functional. Regarding the PWD, he maintained that the Address mentioned only the major works taken up by the Works Department through central funding. On sports, he informed that the Olympian Park had been inaugurated recently and various projects had been taken up under Khelo India and that the present provision of reserving 5% quota for meritorious sportspersons during recruitments is still underway. He further stated that as there is a shortage of teachers, but that the government would soon declare the results for recruitment of Graduate Teachers, Primary and Hindi Graduate Teachers. He mentioned that government teachers are provided training at competent institute like DIET and added that implementation of STAR Education had also begun. During the War on Drugs campaign satellite mapping, drones and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are utilised for identifying poppy plantation. On the appointment of new Judges, he said that the government would consult with the Hon’ble High Court and law experts to do the needful.

On the fixing of labour wages, he stated that it could be thoroughly discuss during the Budget Session.

**CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF GOVERNMENT BILLS:**

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Minister (in-charge of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj) moved “ *that the Manipur Panchayati Raj (Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2023 as reported by the Select Committee on the Manipur Panchayati Raj ( Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2022 be taken into consideration* ”

*After clause by clause consideration “the Manipur Panchayati Raj (Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2023 as reported by the Select Committee on the Manipur Panchayati Raj ( Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2022” was passed by the House.*

***Hon’ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 4:01 p.m. till 11:00 a.m. of Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023.***

**(K. Meghajit Singh)**

*Secretary,*

Manipur Legislative Assembly

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