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The House assembled at 1.00 p.m. of Wednesday, the 22nd 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, Hon'ble Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 41 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 124 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding financial support under Start-Up Scheme.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Transport) made a reply to Starred Question No.125 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding the scrapping of vehicles.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (Social Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No.126 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding the list of Schemes & Projects of the department in Ukhrul District for the current financial year.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.127 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding the reason for delay in the disbursement of Post Matric Scholarship.
- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.128 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding the Regulation for sale of land in the valley areas.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (Tribal Affairs and Hills) made a reply to Starred Question No. 129 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding shortage of primary teachers under ADC, Ukhrul.

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 42, 43 & 44 were laid as written replies on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF MINISTER:

Shri. N. Biren Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister made a statement regarding the eviction drive carried out recently at K. Songjang village in Churchandpur-Khoupum Protected Forest Area. He said that the eviction of the illegally constructed houses from

Liability had increased a lot in the last few years. He questioned why Expenditure Sanction (E.S.) for various major engineering departments have not been issued even as it is the fag end of the financial year. He also said that “Go To Village” and “Go To Hills” missions would be meaningless if the government cannot conduct the elections of ADCs, Urban Local Bodies and Gram Panchayat elections timely. He lamented that the budget does not reflect funds for completing Solid Waste Management Plant at Lamdeng and constructions of other major infrastructures like the Civil Secretariat. He also stressed that the budget needs more focus on education and health sectors among others.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA participating in the discussion said that the budget lacks vision and questions the trustworthiness of the GSDP data, based on which the Budget Estimates are prepared. He stated that even though the Union Budget for 2023-24 had set out seven priorities including ‘Inclusive Development’, the State’s Budget Estimates 2023-24 is not inclusive as it fails to mention provision for employment generation of youths, clearing pensioners’ liabilities, election of ADCs, ULBs and Gram Panchayats, revamping ITIs for providing training to youths, etc. and various other areas. He also queried why the government is only relying heavily on Centrally Sponsored Schemes and not serious in mobilising own revenue tax generation from various sectors like power, forest, revenue, etc. He also suggested that huge revenue could be collected if the Indo-Myanmar Trade Agreement is implemented properly and further added that the State Government should urge the Central Government to clear the outstanding Fiscal Liabilities as a one-time measure.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion stated that the Budget Estimates, 2023-24 is unrealistically huge. He queried why AAs and ES for works under many major engineering departments are not accorded till now. He further stated that the budget needs to give more thrust to education sector with adequate focus on School Fagathansi Mission. He opined that recruitment of Higher Secondary lecturers should be conducted by MPSC to improve education sector. He mentioned that the budget didn’t reflect anything about setting up of a district hospital at Sagolmang in Imphal East which is an appropriate location and drew the attention of the leader of the House to it. He stressed on the importance of setting up of a Mini-Sports Complexes in every constituency, in each District and Sub Division under Khelo India programme. He lamented that the budget lacks provision for the empowerment and welfare of women.

Hon’ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 04: 22 pm for ten minutes.

The House resumed at 04: 32 pm with Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh, Hon’ble Speaker in the Chair.