

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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The House assembled at 11:00 a.m. of Thursday, the 23rd 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 39 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Forest, Environment and Climate Change) made a reply to Starred Question No. 130 asked by Shri Ngursanglur Sanate, MLA regarding preservation of Amur Falcon birds.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Agriculture) made a reply to Starred Question No.131 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding organic farming.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (CAF & PD) made a reply to Starred Question No.132 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding procurement of locally produced rice.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.133 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding electrification of 5 villages in Ukhrul district.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (Forest, Environment and Climate Change) made a reply to Starred Question No.134 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding damages caused by wildfire in Reserved Forests.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (Forest, Environment and Climate Change) made a reply to Starred Question No. 135 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding National Green Tribunal.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (Skill, Labour, Employment and Entrepreneurship) made a reply to Starred Question No.136 asked by Shri Ngursanglur Sanate, MLA regarding ITI(s) at Pherzawl and Noney.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (PHED) made a reply to Starred Question No. 137 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding Ramrei Water Supply.

schools and colleges especially the lower primary schools that lacked even benches for students to sit on. He lamented that the department lacked a proper systematic policy for appointment of Principals, Vice-Principals, Headmasters and Assistant Headmasters. Highlighting the plight of the teachers of 6 (six) aided colleges which were converted into full-fledged government colleges in 2018 who were yet to be absorbed by the government, he informed the House that some of these teachers have now retired and some have passed away while waiting for the absorption and sought for a commitment from the Education Minister to complete the absorption process at the earliest. On Water Resources Department, he pointed out the scarcity of water being faced by the state and the decreasing water sources and queried on the plans and policies of the department to counter the problem of water scarcity.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving policy cut on Education Department queried as to whether government-aided schools can be converted to full-fledged government schools if they fulfilled the criteria for conversion. He also lamented the lack of proper policy to fill up vacant sanctioned posts in government-aided schools and requested the Minister to look into the matter and fill up the posts at the earliest. He stressed the need to identify the government-aided colleges in Manipur that do not fulfil the Rules and Regulations of the Education Act 1982 at the earliest by forming a High Power Committee or a House Committee and take up necessary actions. He added expert consultation is required to verify whether the existing 27 letters of the Meetei/Meitei mayek script are actually sufficient to read/decipher some of the important manuscript of ancient Manipur like the 'Meitei Puya'; and if not, necessary steps should be taken up to add the required additional letters. On Sericulture, he urged that a proper policy be framed for proper utilisation of funds provided by Japan to increase the production of muga thread. On Water Resources Department, he sought assurance for speedy completion of the left and right canals of Dolaitabi Dam. He stated that the retaining walls along the Iril river have been built improperly without any work order or proper planning and queried under which scheme it has been executed and to whom the work has been awarded.

Hon'ble Speaker Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 1:36 p.m. till 2:30 p.m. of the day.

The House resumed at 2:30 p.m. with the Hon'ble Speaker Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the Chair.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA moving policy cut motion, urged the Education Minister to look into the matter of students of DMU who will not be eligible to appear for the Common University Entrance Test due to the non-inclusion of DMU under 12(B) of the UGC Act. He lamented the lack of regular staff both Teaching and Non-Teaching, in the five colleges under Dhanamanjuri University and inquired as to whether there were any plans to make the University properly functional. He further enquired whether the Hindi Teachers' Training College had been de-recognised and if so the reasons for it.

number of alphabets in Meitei Mayek, he stated that an order has been issued to constitute an expert committee to look into the matter. He further mentioned that there was no improper recruitment process in filling up vacant posts in the Education department. Regarding lack of adequate staff in Hindi Teachers Training College, he informed that six vacant posts will be filled up by direct recruitment through MPSC at the earliest. He further clarified that the NCTE (National Council for Teacher Education) had not de-recognized the Hindi Teachers Training College for non-submission of Performance Appraisal Report but had only served a show cause notice for the delay in the submission and informed that the Principal in-charge is working to solve the issue at the earliest. He also stated that the direct recruitment process of 25 vacant posts of regular Principals in 25 Government colleges was delayed since the approval is awaited from the DP and FD. The department is making efforts to prepare a plan for the up-gradation of Libraries in colleges and schools and to fill up shortage of librarians in Government College and schools, he informed. Regarding absorption of staff of three newly converted full fledged colleges namely Thambal Marik College, Mayai Lambi College and Kakching Khunou College, he stated that the department has sent forwarding letter to the DP (Department of Personnel) and FD(Finance Department) for taking their views. He further stated that as there is ongoing legal issues between the two Joint Directors, the post of Director in SCERT is still vacant; however, the government is considering to appoint an MCS officer for this post. He also mentioned that the Cabinet has given an approval for the recruitment of 1140 Pre-Primary teachers to tackle the issue of lack of teachers.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned at 05:21p.m. for 15 minutes.

The House resumed at 05:41 p.m. with Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the Chair.

Shri Awangbow Newmai, Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources) in his clarification replied that as of now there is no policy to address the issue of depleting water sources, however the department is in consultation with other related departments to come up with a holistic policy to tackle the issue. Several projects are also being taken up to conserve water in the state. He also said that to check the quality of water, the department had started mobile water quality tests recently. Regarding irrigation and conservation of water he mentioned that the department is trying hard to take up measures that will bring positive result. He also said that the left canal of Dolaitabi Dam is completed and some portions on the right side is still incomplete due to some pending court cases. However, he informed that they have come to an agreement and will try to resume the work at the earliest after giving out the pending compensation. Regarding retaining walls along Iril River, he mentioned that under Jal Shakti, funds has been sanctioned and phase-wise construction has started. He stated that a DPR for conserving Waisel Maril has already been submitted to the National River Conservation Directorate.