

- (h) Hon'ble Minister (PHED) made a reply to Starred Question No.150 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding Water Supply Schemes under NDB Scheme in all the 60 Assembly Constituencies.
- (i) Hon'ble Minister (Education) made a reply to Starred Question No.151 asked by Sheikh Noorul Hassan, MLA regarding plan for improving educational infrastructures in Kshetrigao A/C.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BUSINESS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Leader of the House announced the Business of the House for the week.

CALLING ATTENTION:

Shri Th. Arunkumar, MLA called the attention of the Minister (in-charge of MAHUD) on the reported probable indefinite bandh on Imphal-Ukhrul road by the women street vendors of Khuman Lampak area. He urged the government to construct a permanent market shed on the piece of government land at Apex Co-operative Society site opposite to ISBT for accomodating street vendors.

Shri. Y. Khemchand Singh, Hon'ble Minister (in-charge of MAHUD) replying to the calling attention informed that assurance to construct a market place at the proposed site couldn't be given as there is a pending court case regarding the site but he added that he would look into the matter seriously.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh informed the House that Hon'ble MLAs S/Shri Kh. Loken Singh and Chinlunthang had applied for leave of absence for the day's sitting. He further informed that Shri Ram Muivah, MLA had applied leave of absence for the sitting of 27th and 28th Feb 2023 and Md. Achab Uddin had applied for leave of absence from 27th Feb to 3rd March 2023.

The House agreed and the leaves were granted.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demands Nos. 11-Medical, Health & Family Welfare Services; 12-Municipal Administration, Housing and Urban Development; 15-Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; 17-Agriculture; 18-Animal Husbandry and Veterinary including Dairy Farming; 20-Community and Rural Development; and 30-Planning for discussion & voting.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA moving cut motion elaborately placed about the improper management of Bio Medical waste and its disposal by the various Health Centres and Hospitals in the State and further enquired about the steps being taken up by the

establishment of Veterinary Sub Hospital in all constituencies. Regarding Community and Rural Development, he requested for the timely constitution of administrative committee for the management of line department works under rural development until the elections of local bodies are conducted.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA making an observation on Health and Family Welfare department stated that sub-standard dental chairs have been provided at JNIMS and also urged the concern to look into the matter seriously. He also urged to make PHCs and CHCs operational 24/7. Lamenting on the failure of the government to conduct election of urban local bodies timely, he urged the government to announce the date of election at the earliest. He suggested the government to formulate a proper policy for the timely distribution of fertilizers to the farmers. Regarding irregularities over the execution of some developmental works taken up under PMGSY, he urged the concern department to take strict action against those involved officials or contractors and also demanded a CBI probe into the matter. He further highlighted the department's failure in availing Housing for All Scheme in rural and hill areas.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA making an observation on Health and Family Welfare Department expressed the need to resolve the issue of indefinite strike launched by All Manipur Health Services Doctors' Association considering the grievances of the general public. He also observed the need to amend the Manipur Health Services Rule, 1982 which seems to be outdated. Pointing out the importance of conducting quality check on imported food items by the Food Safety authority under the health department, he queried about the steps taken up by the department to tackle the issue of adulteration of food items in the state. On Agriculture, he further requested for the timely distribution of fertilizers to the farmers.

Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh, Minister (in-charge of Medical, Health and Family Welfare Services) in his clarification stated that RIMS and JNIMS have their own incinerators while bio-medical waste from other health centres and private hospitals are treated at the Bio-medical Waste Treatment Plant at Shija Hospital. He further stated that there are plans to open another one at Lamdeng. He added that the government has plans to construct Effluent Treatment Plants at 68 Centers and six of them would be completed by 31st March. On food safety, he stated that a dedicated team is conducting random testing of imported fish, in food stalls, restaurants and even in food melas. Regarding the low daily wages of JNIMS staff, he informed that wages were fixed according to the decision of the FD (PIC). On the lack of staff in PHCs and other health centres, he stated that he would inspect these centres and try to make them functional. Regarding the delay in DPC process for appointing medical officers he stated that there is an ongoing court case but that staff could be hired on a contract basis. He further informed that existing x-ray machines at Bishnupur and Chandel District Hospitals have been digitized and digitization of x-ray machine at Thoubal District Hospital would be

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister, supplementing the reply informed that two financial audits of the Manipur Milk Producers' Cooperative Union were done, one by a Chartered Accountant and another internal audit by the Manipur Co-operative Society. Regarding the issue in the functioning of the union, he informed that two officers would be deputed by the Central Ministry for the functioning of the said union. He also informed that a departmental enquiry would be carried out into the functioning of the union and the report shall be submitted within one month.

Shri Yumnam Khemchand Singh, Minister (Community and Rural Development) in his clarification informed that some of the pending funds of MGNREGS would be released by March. Regarding PMAY Housing for all scheme, he stated that the funds for forty-two thousand beneficiaries have already been sanctioned and the state share had also been released and added that the target share for the schemes couldn't be achieved because of some issues during the submission of data by the beneficiaries, he informed. He added that preparation of beneficiaries of PMAY is based on data of the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC). He further said that the roads in Imphal city areas are maintained by the P.W.D. and not by MAHUD. He informed that a master plan had already been made by the PWD for construction of concrete road with proper drainage system would be started by April- May. He said that there were no irregularities while implementing the phase wise package of works under PMGSY and added that the road construction are in the process of completion. He then clarified that the State Cabinet had already been taken a decision to hold the election of the Urban Local Bodies by March/April.

Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister (Agriculture) while making clarification on the discussion informed that genuine farmers who obtained recommendations from MLAs, CSOs and Farmers' Union would be distributed fertilizers as per their needs and there are sufficient fertilizers at every district stock buffer, he also informed. He further informed that the department is trying its best by developing new software system to provide fertilizers properly through the district agriculture officers. He appealed to all concerned to cooperate with the department for curbing illegal transportations of hoarding fertilizers in the larger interest of the farmers in the state.

All cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 30 were passed unanimously by the House.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 07:06 p.m. till 11:00 a.m. of Tuesday, the 28th February, 2023.

(K. Meghajit Singh)

Secretary,

Manipur Legislative Assembly