

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**SECRETARIAT**  
**BULLETIN PART-I**  
**No. 25**

*Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023*

*The House assembled at 11:00 a.m. of Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 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 40 Elected Members.

**QUESTIONS:**

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.163 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding opening of new Fire Sub-Station.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources) made a reply to Starred Question No. 164 asked by Shri Kh. Loken Singh, MLA regarding Imphal Barrage.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources) made a reply to Starred Question No.165 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding repairing of river banks.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.166 asked by Sheikh Noorul Hassan, MLA regarding the status of a hit and run case.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (Medical, Health and Family Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No.168 asked by Sheikh Noorul Hassan, MLA regarding CMHT and PMJAY in Kshetrigao A/C.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (Relief & Disaster Management) made a reply to Starred Question No.169 asked by Shri Kh. Loken Singh, MLA regarding release of relief fund with respect to Wangoi A/C.
- (g) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.170 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding upgradation of fire fighting equipments.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) made a reply to Starred Question No.171 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding MSRDA (Manipur State Road Development Agency)
- (i) Hon'ble Minister (Tribal Affairs & Hills) made a reply to Starred Question No.172 asked by Shri Paolienlal Haokip, MLA regarding Manipur Tribal Development Corporation (MTDC).

*Answer to Unstarred Question No. 47 was laid as written reply on the Table of the House.*

**CALLING ATTENTION:**

Shri Vungzagin Valte, MLA called the attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) on the apprehension in the minds of the public of Churachandpur District caused by the notification by the District Magistrate to submit arms licenses along with the arms. He stated that there has been an inordinate delay in the verification and renewal process in the past three years. Adding that submission of arms is usually done during elections or some state emergency, he expressed that the sudden issuance of notice has confused and caused panic to the public. He further opined that the time given for submission is too short and sought the Chief Minister's intervention into the matter.

Shri Paolienlal Haokip, MLA, co-mover of the Calling Attention supplementing the motion expressed the concerns of the public and asked the Hon'ble Chief Minister to clarify the reason for issuance of the notice. He also requested for the verification and renewal process to be expedited and for the arms to be returned soon.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) clarified that the notice was issued for the whole state as per Rule No. 30 of Chapter 2 (Licensing Procedure) of the Arms Rules, 2016 and that there was no other motive of the government in issuing the notice. He also informed the House that at least 10 unfortunate incidents involving licensed guns had been reported in the last 2-3 years. He informed that there are reports of people residing in Imphal areas procuring arms licenses from hill districts as well as reports of non-renewal of arms licenses for 7-8 years and therefore expressed the need to carry out renewal and verification process by properly checking the antecedent of the license holders. He also appealed to the concerned SPs and DCs through the august House to release the arms of genuine license holders after due process without delay. He lastly informed the House that the last date of submission has been extended to 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Hon'ble Speaker made an announcement that Shri Ram Muivah, MLA had applied for leave of absence for the day's sitting.

*The House agreed and the leave was granted.*

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS, 2023-24:**

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demands Nos. 4-Land Revenue, Stamps & Registration and District Administration; 5- Finance Department; 21-Textiles, Commerce & Industries; 25- Youth Affairs and Sports Department; 28-State Excise; 29-Sales Tax, Other Taxes/Duties on Commodities and Services; 35- Stationery & Printing and 42- State Academy of Training for discussion & voting.

Hon'ble Speaker clubbed all the Demands for a joint discussion.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Land Revenue, Stamps & Registration and District Administration lamented the lack of staff in the department with special mention of Kakching Sub-Division and Waikhong Sub-Division due to which no work could be completed and requested the Minister to provide SDC, Revenue Inspector and LDCs for the Waikhong SDC Office and further queried if a new SDC office with the required staff could be opened in Sugnoo Sub-Division. Despite various Acts and Laws being made to conserve agricultural lands, the government has failed to check the rapid decrease in agricultural lands, he lamented and queried as to what steps and policies are being taken up by the government to preserve agricultural lands. On Youth Affairs and Sports Department, he expressed that the department should focus not only on the sports aspect but find means to help the larger population of youth who are getting sucked into drug addiction and alcoholism due to lack of opportunities and employment by taking up initiatives like providing skilled labour training to the youths from time to time etc. He further stated that Manipur is no longer the powerhouse of sports as the state has failed to produce good athletes in the recent past. Lamenting the outdated track and field facility at Khuman Lampak and lack of coaches, he stressed the need to provide the required facilities for better performance in the future.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA raising cut motion on Finance Department stated that the CAG report and the government's 'Budget at a glance' are proof that owing to the failure of the various departments to provide UCs, the state is neck-deep in deficit and debt and the huge fiscal deficit and huge debt are the main reasons for delay in release of various developmental funds, implementation of various schemes, recruitment process etc. On Textile, Commerce & Industries, he opined that the budget for the department is very less and added that an effective Industrial Policy is needed to generate employment opportunities for the youths. He further expressed disappointment that the government had failed to take advantage of the Indo-Myanmar Border Trade Agreement which can be very beneficial for the state and questioned as to what initiatives had been taken up by the department to take full advantage of the trade agreement.

***Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 12:58 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 Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Finance lamented the delay in the release of 10 % state matching share in taking up various developmental works in the state urged the department to release the same on time. On Textiles, Commerce and Industries, he inquired whether the department is taking up any policy for providing employment opportunities to the youths. He urged that those beneficiaries who are yet

to get pehchan cards or weaving card be issued at the earliest and queried whether there is any policy to use modern technology or machineries in the industry sector. On Youth Affairs and Sports, he lamented the lack of infrastructure facilities of the department at grass root level and expressed the need to construct multisport complex at every constituency. He also asked if the department is taking up initiatives to identify talented sportspersons from rural areas. He urged the concerned department to provide employment to the meritorious sportspersons and issue proper guidelines to control the quality of artificial football turfs of both the government and private.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA moving cut motion on Land Revenue, Stamps & Registration and District Administration highlighted the need to regulate the different tax regimes, revise tax rate and improve the assessment system efficiently by reviewing from time to time for bringing economic growth of the state. On Finance, he asked the measures taken up by the Finance department for timely issue of UC and also asked the various steps taken up by the department for enhancement of excise tax. Expressing concern on the outstanding fiscal feasibility of the state's GSDP, he stated the need for consulting experts. He urged the government to increase the existing grade pay for drivers and technicians on par with other states. On Youth affairs & Sports, he expressed the need for providing employment to some sportspersons who had acclaimed national and international fame besides the meritorious sportspersons of the state asked. He asked the reason as to why the incentives for sportspersons had been discontinued. He further opined that the budget of the department needs to be increased to compete with other states.

Shri M. Rameshwar Singh, MLA making observation on District Administration urged for early completion of the ongoing construction of Kakching DC Office. He highlighted that encroachment by an individual at Dag No.189 of Kakching Khullen revenue village is hampering infrastructure development works of the government and therefore urge for evicting the encroacher at the earliest. On Finance, he suggested the need to avail Viable Gap Funding from the Centre for development and revenue generation of the state.

Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA expressing concern on the functioning of stone crushers at different places stated the need to regulate the ever increasing numbers. On Youth affairs and Sports, he urged the department to construct a toilet at RAU Artificial Turf Ground in the interest of sportspersons.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar, MLA opined that physical education subject should be included at the upper primary to higher secondary school level and urged to construct playfield for every sports in every constituency .

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister clarifying on the discussion regarding the shortage of man power in District Administration informed that it could be addressed to some extent with the posting of the recently appointed SDOs and SDCs. He further added

that the Cabinet has taken a decision for recruitment of 700 staffs and the same is under process and that the MPSC is considering for making many more appointments of staffs at the earliest. Clarifying the Manipur Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act, 2014, he informed that the government is taking up various measures in the state for preservation of agricultural lands and anyone violating the Act would be penalised as per law, he stated. He appealed the support of all members and general public to preserve and conserve agricultural lands in the state. Regarding the illegal construction on agricultural lands, he stated that show cause notices had been sent and many arrests have been made and added that some agricultural lands might be acquired during the construction of Imphal Ring Road. Clarifying on the Finance Department, he stated that the huge increase in the receipt of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) funds shows the seriousness of the Government in implementing developmental projects but the Report of the CAG reflected a contradictory data regarding submission of Utilisation Certificates and therefore added that the report of the CAG needs reconciliation in consultation with the Central Government and the Comptroller and Auditor General. Regarding the GSDP, he stated that it had decreased slightly during the Pandemic years but has now improved. He further highlighted the numerous developmental projects taken up by the government such as construction of numerous Ima Markets, Sangai Ethnic Park, 34 Police outposts, Amusement Park among others and also mentioned other big projects being taken up under Externally Aided Projects such as Kangchup-Tamenglong Road, Sustainable Forest Management, etc. To generate more revenue, he stated that vehicles which have not paid tax are being caught at Jiri, Mao and Moreh, there is an online facility to pay Land Tax. Regarding the enhancement of grade pay of drivers in government departments, he stated that the order has already been released for the same. On the construction of outdoor gyms, he said that he would check if it could be included under the MLA Local Area funds guidelines. He further added that no work can be carried out without a proper Work Order or Letter of Intent.

Smt. Nemcha Kipgen, Minister (in-charge of Textiles, Commerce and Industries) in her clarification stated that over and above the existing six Industrial Estates, approval has been given for two more to be set up and that the government is considering setting up Industrial Estates in each of the newly created Districts. She further added that the new Industrial Policy draft has been approved. On the Indo-Myanmar Trade Agreement, she stated that at present trade has been hampered due to the Covid pandemic and the unstable political situation in Myanmar. Regarding the Pehchan cards, she informed that new genuine applicants can still apply for obtaining the card and added that there were plans to distribute looms to targeted beneficiaries during 'Melas'. Regarding the rampant numbers of illegal stone crusher factories, she informed that more than a hundred unlicensed factories had been identified by the Department and that action would be taken according to the law.

Shri K. Govindas Singh, Minister (Youth Affairs & Sports) replying to cut motions stated that the department is making efforts to revise sports policy in the state and also added that youth policy will be framed at the earliest for the betterment of youths. With an aim to encourage youths, the department is organizing various activities such as District level Youth festival, State Level Youth Festival, Youth Exchange Program, Youth Awareness Camp etc, he said. He further added that 3 coaches have been filled up in Athletics Department out of 5 vacant posts and the department is trying to fill up vacant posts in other disciplines also. He also informed that the department is planning to establish Sports Complex in Imphal East and Imphal West District under PM-DevIne Scheme. He also clarified that incentives and job facilities are provided to those sportspersons who had achieved outstanding performance in National and International Competitions in discipline recognized by IOA (Indian Olympic Association). Regarding the standard of government and private artificial football turfs in the state, he added that a Committee would be formed to look into the matter. A proposal has already been sent to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for the establishment of 36 Sports Centres at the sub-divisional level in the state, he said. He then informed that 5% quota is reserved for meritorious sportspersons in job recruitment in any department in the state. He also mentioned that work program for the construction of toilet within the premises of RAU artificial turf ground, Lairikyengbam Leikai is already been included under MDS and will be constructed at the earliest.

***Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabarta Singh adjourned the House at 5:42 p.m. for 10 minutes.***

***The House resumed at 5:52 p.m. with the Hon'ble Speaker Shri Th. Satyabarta Singh in the Chair.***

*All cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 4, 5, 21, 25, 28, 29, 35 and 42 were passed unanimously by the House.*

### **CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF GOVERNMENT BILLS:**

(i) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister moved that:

*“The Manipur Properties and Open Places (Prevention of Defacement and Disfigurement) Bill, 2023 (Bill No.1 of 2023) be taken into consideration”.*

He also moved that the Bill be passed.

*After Clause by Clause consideration, the Bill was passed by the House.*

(ii) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister moved that:

*“The Kaina Temple Board Bill, 2023 (Bill No.4 of 2023) be taken into consideration”.*

He also moved that the Bill be passed.

*After Clause by Clause consideration, the Bill was passed by the House.*

(iii) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister moved that:

*“The Manipur Value Added Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 2023 (Bill No.5 of 2023) be taken into consideration”.*

He also moved that the Bill be passed.

*After Clause by Clause consideration, the Bill was passed by the House.*

(iv) Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Minister (in-charge of MAHUD) moved that:

*“The Manipur Town and Country Planning (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2023 (Bill NO.7 of 2023) be taken into consideration”.*

He also moved that the Bill be passed.

*After Clause by Clause consideration, the Bill was passed by the House.*

(v) Shri Th. Basanta Kumar Singh, Minister (in-charge of Education) moved that:

*“The Dhanamanjuri University (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (Bill No.6 of 2023) be taken into consideration”.*

He also moved that the Bill be passed.

*After Clause by Clause consideration, the Bill was passed by the House.*

***Hon’ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 06:08 p.m. till 11:00 a.m. of Thursday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023.***

**(K. Meghajit Singh)**

*Secretary,*

Manipur Legislative Assembly

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