

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Thursday, the 29th February, 2024

The House assembled at 11:00 a.m. of Thursday, the 29th February, 2024 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon'ble Chief Minister, 9 Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers, Hon'ble Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 37 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) made a reply to Starred Question No.193 asked by Md. Abdul Nasir, MLA regarding bridges built under PMGSY in Lilong and Wangoi A/C.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No.194 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding relocation of displaced persons to their native places.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) made a reply to Starred Question No.195 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding MGNREGS funds for FY 2023-24.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No.196 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding plan for developing Imphal-Saikul & Sawombung -Sagolmang via Keibi roads.
- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No.197 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding deployment of central forces for controlling the ethnic violence.
- (f) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No. 198 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding compensation for the victim of the ongoing violence that started from 3rd May, 2023.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No.199 asked by Md. Abdul Nasir, MLA regarding works under RIDF in Lilong A/C.

- (h) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No. 200 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding fund for Pre-Fabricated Houses and other facilities at relief camps.
- (i) Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources) made a reply to Starred Question No. 201 asked by Shri Keisham Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding works taken up under Flood Management and Border Area Program.
- (j) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) made a reply to Starred Question No. 202 asked by Shri Keisham Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding plans for restoration of Old Pension Scheme.

ZERO HOUR:

Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA drew the attention of the Chief Minister on the laying down of arms by the Manipur Police Commandos as reported in the local dailies and urged to resolve the issue at the earliest.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA expressed resentment on the usage of unparliamentary word '*taningde*' used the day before and urged that it be expunged.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA pointed out that orders of imposition of curfew in Imphal West and subsequent order relaxing the curfew on the same day created confusion and sought clarification from concerned authorities.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA queried if switching off of microphones and denying MLAs from raising current issues does not amount to a breach of privilege of the MLAs.

STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF MINISTER:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister making a statement regarding the ongoing conflict which started on 3rd May 2023 informed that a Commission of Enquiry headed by a retired Justice had been constituted to enquire the cause of the conflict. He said that 42 SITs have been constituted and investigation are underway and numerous FIRs have been registered and many cases have been handed over to NIA and CBI. He informed that the Government has taken several measures like setting up of mobile check posts in several places, random police checking, deployment of security forces at sensitive and vulnerable areas, security deployment at vital installations, providing security for relocation of villagers and also during agricultural activities, destruction of illegal bunkers, etc., and added that 198 companies of Central Security Forces are deployed in the state at present. The Government has also constituted a Crisis Management Committee, Normalcy-cum-Rehabilitation Committee and District Level Co-ordination Committees, he informed. He further added that the Central Government has been actively

involved in trying to bring this ethnic clash in the state to an end ever since the beginning by appointing a Security Advisor. Joint combing operations are conducted regularly and several arms and ammunition are recovered, he stated. Essential commodities are transported through the National Highways and Railways by deploying adequate security, he further informed. He also added that with the co-operation of everyone, normalcy is slowly returning in the state. As per the present situation of the state, internet ban has been lifted and curfew hours have also been lessened. He also added that computers are distributed to the displaced students and admission fees will be exempted for some graduate courses for them and TV sets are provided to relief camps for entertainment purpose. In addition, for the convenience of the people, chopper service is introduced in some districts as well. Finally, he expressed his gratitude to all the Civil Society Organizations, Club Members, Meira Paibis and local MLAs for extending their helping hand to the people in relief camps and to both the Central and State security forces for their service.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Hon'ble Speaker Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh announced that the word '*taningde*' used by the Chief Minister the day before is expunged from the Assembly Proceeding.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE:

- (1) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister laid the following on the Table of the House:
 - (i) Finance Accounts (Volume I) 2022-23, Government of Manipur.
 - (ii) Finance Accounts (Volume II) 2022-23, Government of Manipur.
 - (iii) Appropriation Accounts 2022-23, Government of Manipur.
 - (iv) State Finances Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended on the 31st March, 2022 (Report No.1 of 2023) in respect of Government of Manipur.
 - (v) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on General, Economic (other than Public Sector Undertakings), Revenue and Social Sector for the year ended 31st March 2022 (Report No.2) in respect of the Government of Manipur.
 - (vi) Annual Report of the State Vigilance Commission for the year 2022-23.
 - (vii) 51st Annual Report of the Manipur Public Service Commission, 2022-23.
 - (viii) The Manipur Waqf Regulations, 2024.
 - (ix) The Manipur Public Demand Recovery Rules, 2023.
- (2) Shri H. Dingo Singh, Minister (in-charge of Social Welfare, Labour and Employment) laid the following on the Table of the House:
 - (i) The Manipur Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Rule, 2023

- (ii) The Manipur State Commission for Women Rules, 2024.
- (iii) The Manipur Labour Laws (Exemption form renewal of Registration and License by Establishments) Ordinance, 2023.

Hon'ble Speaker Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 12:57 p.m. till 02:00 p.m. of the day.

The House resumed at 2:00 p.m. with Hon'ble Speaker Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the chair.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION:

The Calling Attention raised by S/Shri Th. Shanti Singh and K. Ranjit Singh, MLAs regarding the excesses/attrocities committed by Kuki UG groups/insurgents which are under Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement was converted into a Short Duration Discussion by the Hon'ble Speaker.

Shri Th. Shanti Singh, MLA participating in the discussion expressed his serious concern over the ongoing ethnic crisis and violation of the ground rules of the SoO by the Kuki UG groups. He urged for the need to take a unanimous resolution by the House for abrogating the SoO.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA participating in the discussion stated that the root cause of the present ethnic crisis is due to the violation of the ground rules of the SoO by the Kuki militants. He further enquired whether the Joint Monitoring Group is seriously monitoring the activities of the militant groups periodically and asked why the Home Ministry has not given a green signal to the decision taken by the State Cabinet to abrogate the SoO. He urged the Leader of the House to take a resolution in the House unanimously and send it to the Central Government to abrogate the Suspension of Operation with the Kuki Militants.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA participating in the discussion enquired whether the Joint Monitoring Group is monitoring the ground rules of the SoO and further asked whether the state government has got the key of the armoury of the designated camps. He lamented that the militants have violated all the ground rules and are involved in all sorts of unlawful activities. He urged for taking a resolution in the House to abrogate the SoO with the Kuki UG groups.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion highlighted the hard realities due to the attack by Kuki militants in his assembly constituency in particular and how much the people of the state have been affected in general by the ongoing ethnic crisis. He drew the attention of the Leader of the house to take a resolution in the House for abrogating the SoO agreement in the interest of the people of the state.

Shri K. Shyam, MLA participating in the discussion expressed that SoO has now become a weapon of the militant groups and they are using it to destroy the integrity and sovereignty of the state of Manipur. He suggested that SoO has to be abrogated and all the Hon'ble Members need to unanimously take a resolution to end this crisis.

Shri M. Rameshwar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion expressed that the root cause of the present crisis is due to the violation of the SoO ground rules and made a proposal to abrogate the SoO agreement. He stressed the need for taking a resolution in the House to abrogate SoO agreement.

Shri Kh. Ibomcha, MLA participating in the discussion expressed that if the Joint Monitoring Group strictly monitored the movement of the militants under SoO, the present crisis wouldn't be there. He expressed the need for taking a resolution in the House to abrogate the SoO agreement.

Shri L. Sushindro Meitei, Minister participating in the discussion urged for the need for taking a resolution by the House to abrogate the Suspension of Operations with Kuki militant groups to save the indigenous people of Manipur.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, MLA participating in the discussion highlighted the complications faced by the security forces in dealing the ongoing situation in the state due to the enforcement of SoO with Kuki militant groups. He expressed the need for adopting a resolution in the House for abrogation of SoO in the larger interest of the people. He also stated that any kind of demands that would affect the integrity of Manipur under any circumstances should not be entertained and appealed all the Kukis to stop the demand for separate administration.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister clarifying in the discussion stated that the Suspension of Operations agreement was initially signed in 2005 between the Assam Rifles and some Kuki militant groups and added that a tripartite agreement between the Central Government, State Government and Kuki militant group was signed in 2008. He stated that there were series of violations of cease fire ground rules by the Kuki militants groups who are in SoO agreement leading to the present unrest in the state. He stated that the State Cabinet had taken a decision for non-extended of SoO pact with KNO and UPF beyond 29th February, 2024 and the same has been forwarded to the Central Government. He further added that another resolution signed by 35 legislators of the ruling government was also sent to the centre for abrogation of SoO. He further stated that he would give his best effort in providing safety to the public and protect the integrity of the state. He said that the war on drugs have been continuing and more than 60% of poppy plants have been destroyed. He further stated that the central government led by the PM is doing its

best to resolve the present crisis of the state. He also mentioned the need to take a resolution in the House for abrogating SoO agreement with Kuki-Zo militant groups.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the House:

“This House unanimously resolves to urge the Government of India to abrogate the Suspension of Operation (SoO) pact with all the Kuki-Zo groups/militants”.

CALLING ATTENTION:

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA called the attention of the Hon’ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) on the excessive use of force by security personnel to the general public at Cheirap Court Complex on February 20, 2024. He further stated that a judicial enquiry must be taken up to probe the incident.

Shri. N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister clarified that the incident happened as 6 persons who were arrested in connection with snatching of arms from 5th IRB Battalion, Chingarel on the 13th of Feb, 2024 were brought to Cheirap Court Complex for taking judicial custody by an NIA Court. He stated that there was a commotion inside the Court complex soon after they were remanded to judicial custody and RAF was called in to control the mob. He informed that an FIR has been registered in connection with the incident. He further appealed the police forces not to use force in areas like court complexes, educational institutions, etc.

ELECTION OF THREE FINANCIAL COMMITTEES:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved the following motion:

“That in pursuance of Rule 233(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Manipur Legislative Assembly, this House do proceed to elect 7 (Seven) Members each to the following Committees on March 4, 2024:

1. *Committee on Public Accounts.*
2. *Committee on Estimates.*
3. *Committee on Public Undertaking”.*

The House adopted the motion.

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

The Hon’ble Speaker clubbed the General Discussion on Supplementary Demands for Grants and Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demands for a joint discussion.

Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA while participating in the discussion urged the need for empowering the law enforcing agencies like the police. On Education, he stressed on the difficulties faced by the students residing in relief camps and stated that proper emphasis should be given to such students.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar, MLA also participating in the discussion stated that many residents of Andro, which is a Scheduled Caste village, are facing problem while getting SC Certificates as some 'sageis' (surname) are not included in the Commissions' list of approved sagei and requested that the certificates be issued to bonafide residents of the village. On Education, he suggested that teachers recruited in future should be posted in schools under their respective local areas.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA made an appeal to provide enough arms and ammunitions to the state police. On Education, he requested the concerned Minister to declare the pending result of the Multi-Tasking Staff and regarding Relief and Disaster Management, he suggested to utilise the funds for those whose houses were burnt down in the ongoing conflict.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister in his clarification stated that the government have taken up steps to boost the morale of the security forces of the state. He also added that bullet proof vehicles have been issued and steps are underway to procure new arms and ammunitions. Regarding the issue of SC Certificates he said that he will look into it with related officials. He also mentioned that the government is planning to provide free education to the displaced students who are studying in Class IX and above.

Supplementary Demand nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 25, 27, 28, 32, 34, 36, 37, 41, 44, 46, 47 and 48 were passed by the House.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON MOTION FOR VOTE ON ACCOUNTS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister moved for passing the motion for Vote on Accounts, 2024-2025 which was moved in the House on 28th February, 2024:

“that a sum not exceeding Rs. 11500,61,79,333 (Rupees Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Crore Sixty One Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Three only) be granted in advance to defray the charges in respect of different Departments shown in the Scheduled appended hereto for meeting the Expenditure likely to be incurred during April-July, 2024 pending detailed consideration and passing of the Demand for the full Financial year”.

The Vote on Account, 2024 was passed by the House.

INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS:

- (1) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for leave to introduce the Manipur Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2024.

The House granted the leave and the Bill was introduced.

- (2) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for leave to introduce the Manipur Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2024.

The House granted the leave and the Bill was introduced.

- (3) Shri H. Dingo Singh, Minister (in-charge of Labour and Employment) moved for leave to introduce the Manipur Labour Laws (Exemption form renewal of Registration and License by Establishments) Bill, 2024 (No.6 of 2024).

The House granted the leave and the Bill was introduced.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 6:38 p.m. till 11:00 a.m. of 1st March, 2024.

(K. Meghajit Singh)

Secretary,

Manipur Legislative Assembly
