

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT
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Friday, the 1st March, 2024

The House assembled at 11:00 a.m. of Friday, the 1st March, 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 (Agriculture) made a reply to Starred Question No.203 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding assessment of economic loss in agriculture and farming sector due to the ongoing violence.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Land Resource Department) made a reply to Starred Question No.204 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding land records destroyed due to ongoing violence.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (TA & Hills) made a reply to Starred Question No.206 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding election of ADCs.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) made a reply to Starred Question No.207 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding PMGSY fund released in March 2023.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (CAF & PD) made a reply to Starred Question No. 208 asked by Shri K. Shyam, MLA regarding NFSA rice quota for April in respect of Langthabal A/C.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) made a reply to Starred Question No.209 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding Panchayat election.
- (g) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No. 210 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding security forces injured and died in Manipur violence.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (Education) made a reply to Starred Question No. 211 asked by Shri Surjakumar, MLA regarding National Education Policy (NEP).

Starred Question No.205 was withdrawn and answers to starred Question No. 212 and Unstarred Question Nos. 57, 58, 59 and 60 were laid as written replies on the Table of the House.

ZERO HOUR:

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA raised an issue regarding the deplorable condition of Wabagai Lamkhai to Sugnu Road and further urged the concerned authority to repair the said road at the earliest.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE:

(1) Shri Khashim Vashum, Minister (in-charge of Vety & Animal Husbandry) laid the “Inquiry Report of the Deartmental Committee constitutted vide order No. Pol-101/3/2023-Vety-VETY & A.H. dated 14/3/2023” on the Table of the House:

CALLING ATTENTION:

i) Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA called the attention of the Minister (in-charge of Education) on the inability of concerned school authorities to provide books to the students. He further urged to supply appropriate uniform for the students. He also lamented the deplorable condition of classrooms at Gurukul School in his constituency and urged the concerned Minister to look into it.

Shri Th. Basanta Kumar Singh, Minister (Education) clarified that inadequate distribution of text books was due to delay in acquiring printing paper owing to transportation issue due to prevailing law and order situation in the state and inform that all the text book will be supplied within 15th March 2024. He also said that colour uniforms were introduced and that the department would look into the uniforms having fitting issues by taking up extra order. He also mentioned that the constructions of classrooms will be taken up with the allocated fund after approval by the Project Approval Board (PAB).

(ii) Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA called the attention of the Chief Minister (in-charge of Home on the violence in Churachandpur following the suspension of a police Head Constable posted at Churachandpur. He asked the government what actions and enquiry had been taken up after the demolition of DC, SP Office and the disrespecting of the National flag at Churachandpur over the suspension of a police Head Constable. He further enquired if any investigation has been initiated by NIA or CBI so far in this regard. Further citing local newspaper where in Hon’ble Minister K. Govindas Singh mentioned that Paolienlal Haokip, MLA of Saikot A/C is the main instigator behind the on-going conflict between Meitei and Kuki and asked what actions had been taken up against the said MLA.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister said that it was a highly condemnable situation. He informed that two rooms in DC Office complex and D.C bungalow were burnt whereas Office of the SP remained unharmed. In this incident six State Security Personnel, one AR, forty three civilian were injured and two civilians were killed, he informed. He said that eight FIRs were registered in this incident out of which two were entrusted to the CBI. Twenty individuals were identified for their involvement in this incident, he informed. He further mentioned that an FIR was registered against Paolienlal Haokip relating to his tweet on a social media platform and further investigation is underway.

INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS:

- (i) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for leave to introduce “*The Manipur Names of Places Bill, 2024 (Bill No.4 of 2024)*”.

The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.

- (ii) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for leave to introduce “*The Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No.7 of 2024)*”.

The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.

- (iii) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for leave to introduce “*The Manipur Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No.8 of 2024)*”.

The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.

- (iv) Shri Th. Basanta Kumar Singh, Minister (in-charge of Education) moved for leave to introduce “*The Manipur Prevention of Malpractices in High School Leaving Certificate and Higher Secondary Examinations Bill, 2024 (Bill No.5 of 2024)*”.

The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.

- (v) Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Minister (in-charge of MAHUD) moved for leave to introduce “*The Manipur Municipalities (11th Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No.1 of 2024)*”.

The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.

Hon’ble Speaker Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 12:51 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.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF MANIPUR APPROPRIATION BILLS:

(1) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved “that the Manipur Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2024 (Bill No.2 of 2024) be taken into consideration”.

After Clause by clause consideration the Bill was moved for passing.

The Bill was passed by the House.

(2) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved “that the Manipur Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2024 (Bill No.3 of 2024) be taken into consideration”.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA while participating in the discussion highlighted the effects of the current crisis besieging the State and urged the need to bring peace. He stressed the need to deploy adequate Central and State forces together in the periphery areas which are identified as hotspots and instructing them to perform their duties sincerely. He expressed desire for setting up a designated camp at Nongsum for a valley-based insurgent outfit which recently signed peace agreement with the Central and State Government. He also added that at least 4/5 teams of Commando personnel be deployed at Sagolmang PS. He further desired that some considerations be made for students in the relief camps and those from the buffer zones directly affected by the crisis who are appearing for class X and XII examinations.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA while participating in the discussion stated that the government should prepare a proper roadmap for bringing peace in the state.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister clarified that the current situation besieging the state is quite unfortunate and added that the incidents leading to the crisis is being probed into. He said that during the initial stages of the clashes, hardships were faced by the available security forces in covering all the areas as the additional Central Forces took time to reach the state due to road blocks and obstruction to Central Forces by the local public. He further added that adequate security forces comprising both Central and State Forces are deployed in vulnerable areas at present. Adequate number of IRB personnel were deployed to protect public during agricultural activities, he informed. He further informed that more IRB personnel along with their respective COs will be stationed at vulnerable areas and permanent bunkers for security forces at such areas will be developed. He added that 20 small and 10 large bullet proof vehicles have been acquired recently. In order to bring peace, he said that sincere efforts are made by the government and added that the Peace Committee is consulting all the stakeholders to usher peace in the state. He stated that the matter regarding deployment of more Commandos at Sagolmang PS would be looked into. The Joint Monitoring Group approved 2(two) areas as designated camps for UNLF(Pambei group) but are also surveying other feasible areas for setting up such designated camps, he added. The matter regarding providing

some sort of consideration to student in relief camps and those residing near hotspot areas who are appearing in the class X and XII examinations will be looked into, he mentioned.

After Clause by clause consideration the Bill was moved for passing.

The Bill was Passed by the House.

(S/Shri K. Ranjit Singh and K. Meghachandra Singh, MLAs enquired why the Private Member's Resolution raised by the Opposition MLAs were not included for discussion in the House.

Hon'ble Speaker Shri Satyabrata Singh warned the Members not to use any unparliamentary words and display unparliamentary manners in the House.

(After some altercation, the Opposition MLAs walked out from the House)

PRIVATE MEMBER'S RESOLUTION:

Shri Leishiyo Keishing, MLA moved the following resolution:

"This House resolves to reaffirm its previous resolution passed on 5th August, 2022 and also to urge the Government of India to implement National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Manipur in the interest of the State in particular and of the Nation in general".

Shri Leishiyo Keishing, MLA while moving the Private Member's Resolution highlighted that the influx of illegal immigrants is a major problem in many states of the North-eastern region. He mentioned that there would be additional land, economic and various social pressure in our state if the influx is allowed freely and as such implementation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) is the need of the hour. Implementation of NRC will secure the right of the indigenous citizens and enhance social inclusion, employment opportunity, property & land rights, town planning, accuracy in population counting, equitable people's representation, etc.

Md. Abdul Nasir, MLA while participating the discussion opined that if NRC had been implemented earlier in the state then the present crisis could have been averted and added that NRC is a means to save Manipur. He further stressed the need for the Members of the House to unitedly seek the appointment of the Hon'ble Prime Minister and urge for speedy implementation of NRC in the state.

Shri Awangbow Newmai, Minister while participating in the discussion mentioned that population explosion is the biggest problem faced by India which could result in imbalance of supply and demand. Highlighting the abnormal population growth rate in areas in Manipur, he stressed the need to identify and check such rise in abnormal population growth. He stated that only through NRC could a person be properly verified as an indigene or an illegal immigrant and that accurate data could be collected through NRC. He further expressed his support for the Resolution to be passed.

Sheikh Noorul Hassan, MLA participating in the discussion expressed the urgent need for NRC as it would be instrumental in identifying the real beneficiaries while implementing the various developmental schemes and policies of the Government and also to ascertain the exact demographic of the population of Manipur. He further expressed his whole hearted support for the Resolution.

Shri Th. Shanti Singh, MLA taking part in the discussion opined that the present crisis in Manipur could have been averted if NRC had been implemented earlier and added that NRC is of great importance not just for the present generation but for future generations too. He further urged the House to pass the Resolution and implement it as soon as possible.

Shri L. Rameshwor Meetei, MLA participating in the discussion stated that there are many illegal immigrants in Manipur who possess Aadhar cards as well as voter IDs and that such instance could be prevented with the implementation of NRC. He further expressed his support for the Resolution.

Shri Paonam Brojen Singh, MLA taking part in the discussion also expressed his support for the Resolution.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh stated that certain un-parliamentary words used in the House had been expunged from the proceedings.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister making a statement on the Private Member's Resolution requested the Hon'ble Speaker if the Resolution could be converted into the Government's Resolution. He stated the need for implementing NRC by citing the sudden growth in the number of villages in a short period especially in the districts of Churachandpur, Tengnoupal, Chandel and Kangpokpi and added that the sudden increase in the number of voters in the Voter's List is also very alarming. He informed that a Cabinet Sub-Committee with Shri Letpao Haokip (Minister) as the Chairman was set up to identify illegal immigrants and refugees. He further informed that those who were apprehended during the subsequent drives by the Sub-Committee have been lodged in detention camps. He further highlighted the various steps taken to stop the influx of illegal immigrants such as implementation of ILP, removal of FMR, introduction of biometric screening, setting up of a Population Commission, construction of the border fence, etc. He stated that the Government is a people centric Government and is fully committed to resolving the issue. He further sought support from all the Members in passing the Resolution.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh announced that the Private Member's Resolution has been converted into a Government's Resolution.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister moved the following Resolution:

“This House resolves to reaffirm its previous Resolution passed on 5th August, 2022 and also to urge the Government of India to implement National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Manipur in the interest of the state in particular and of the Nation in general.”

The House adopted the resolution.

Hon’ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 04:24 p.m. till 11:00 a.m. of Monday the 4th March, 2024.

(K. Meghajit Singh)

Secretary,

Manipur Legislative Assembly
