

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Monday, the 25th July 2022

The House assembled at 11.00 a.m. of Monday, the 25th July, 2022 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

11 Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers, Chairman Hill Areas Committee and 43 Elected Members.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Hon'ble Speaker announced that Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister had been authorised to speak on behalf of the Hon'ble Leader of the House in his absence.

OBITUARY REFERENCE:

The Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly moved a resolution on:

- (i) the demise of Shri Yengkhom Thambal Singh, former Member of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, from 37-Kakching Assembly Constituency.
- (ii) loss of lives due to landslide at Marangching, Noney in the intervening night of 29th and 30th June, 2022 and in Pherzawl on 7th July, 2022.

Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister; Shri O. Ibohi Singh, MLA ; Shri Awangbow Newmai, Minister; Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA; Shri M. Rameshwar, MLA and the Hon'ble Speaker participated in the Obituary Reference.

The House adopted the following resolution:

“That this House expresses its deep and profound sorrow at the sad demise of Shri Yengkhom Thambal Singh, former Member of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, from 37-Kakching Assembly Constituency and loss of lives in the landslides at Marangching, Noney on 30th June, 2022 and in Pherzawl on 7th July, 2022.

And, that the Members of this House observe 2 minutes silence by standing as a mark of respect to the departed souls.”

And the Members of the House stood for 2 minutes in silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Hon'ble Speaker announced that the following Members had applied for leave of absence:

- (i) Shri Haokholet Kipgen, MLA for the sittings from 25th July to 27th July, 2022.
- (ii) Shri S. Rajen Singh, MLA for the sittings from 25th July to 5th August, 2022.
- (iii) Shri K. Leishiyo, MLA for the day's sitting.

The House agreed and the respective leave were granted.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE:

Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister laid the following on the Table of the House:

- (i) Finance Accounts (Volume I) 2020-21.
- (ii) Finance Accounts (Volume II) 2020-21.
- (iii) Appropriation Accounts 2020-21.
- (iv) Accounts at a Glance, 2019-20.
- (v) The Manipur Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Fourth Amendment) Ordinance, 2022 (Manipur Ordinance No.1 of 2022).

PRESENTATION OF BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister, presented the Second Report of the Business Advisory Committee, 2022 and also moved:

“that this House agrees with the allocation of time proposed by the Committee”.

The House agreed and the Report was adopted.

PRESENTATION OF DEMANDS FOR EXCESS GRANTS:

Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister, presented the Demands for Excess Grants for the year, 2017-18.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET ESTIMATES:

Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister, presented the Budget Estimates, 2022-23 and also made a brief statement.

MOTION FOR VOTE ON ACCOUNTS:

Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister moved the Motion for passing the Vote on Accounts for the year, 2022-23.

The motion was adopted and the Vote on Accounts for the year 2022-23 amounting to Rs.2933,71,72,083/- only was passed for the month of August pending the detailed consideration and passing of the Demands for the full year 2022-23.

DISCUSSION ON GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS:

Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh, Minister and mover of the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address highlighted the points mentioned by the Hon'ble Governor in his

speech. He reiterated the several works done by the Government during the pandemic such as the vaccination drive and monetary aid given out to health workers. He also stated that the Government has done its best to tackle the issues encountered during the 2nd wave of Covid and mentioned that Genome sequencing is being done regularly. Further, he mentioned the Government's initiatives such as setting up of a cancer hospital, completion of the civil secretariat, construction of an Olympian Park and construction of a new Bhawan at Dwarka, New Delhi. He further highlighted the benefits provided under various schemes like Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission and e-Shram. He also mentioned that the war on drugs is being taken up actively by the government. In the field of education, he stated that Moodle Learning System was introduced during the pandemic and an MBA course has been started from the academic year 2021-2022 in Manipur Technical University.

Shri Th. Basanta Kumar Singh, Minister seconding the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address highlighting the achievements of the Government pointed out the successful implementation of various state and central welfare schemes.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA moving amendments on the Governor's Address stated that the Address fails to mention the details of insurgency related issues such as number of insurgents arrested, number of FIR final reports and charge-sheets submitted, punishment awarded to the convicted and number of cases settled. He further said that the Government's 'War on Drugs' would not be effective until and unless the kingpins are caught and given exemplary punishment. He added that the NDPS Act of 1985 is obsolete and needs to be amended.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA moving amendments on the Governor's Address said that the Address fails to include core issues such as price rise, unemployment and economic recession due to the Covid pandemic. He urged that the adverse effects on the economy by the pandemic related lockdowns be reflected in the address.

Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA making an observation on the Governor's Address suggested that benefits under "Chief-Ministergi Hakselgi Tengbang" (CMHT) should be made applicable for treatments in hospitals outside the state. He further stated that funds for construction of parks under the AMRUT scheme need to be reflected in the Address.

Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister clarified that the peace process between the Government and the insurgent outfits has been going on continuously and bringing them to the mainstream is a top priority of the Government. Highlighting the Government's plan to curb the menace of drug, he sought the co-operation of all. Further clarifying on the economic situation in the state, he said that the tertiary sector was somewhat affected during the covid pandemic whereas there was little impact on the primary and secondary sectors. He stated that less registration in the Employment Exchanges during the last year might be mainly due to the startup programmes initiated by the Government.

“The House resolved that the Members of the Manipur Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to this House on 24th March, 2022.”

The Motion of Thanks was adopted unanimously by the House.

INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS:

A) Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister moved for leave to introduce the following Bills:

(i) The Code of Criminal Procedure (Manipur Third Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No.3 of 2022).

The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.

(ii) The Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No.6 of 2022).

The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.

(iii) The Manipur Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No.8 of 2022).

The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.

B) Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Minister (in-charge of RD & PR) moved for leave to introduce the “The Manipur Panchayati Raj (Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No.4 of 2022)”.

The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.

C) Smt. Nemcha Kipgen, Minister (in-charge of Textiles, Commerce & Industries) moved for leave to introduce “The Factories (Manipur Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No.7 of 2022)”.

The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.

D) Shri L. Susindro Meitei, Minister (in-charge of CAF & PD) moved for leave to introduce the “The Legal Metrology (Manipur First Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No.9 of 2022)”.

The House granted the leave and the Bill was introduced.

Hon’ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 2:36 p.m. till 11:00 a.m. of Tuesday, the 26th of July, 2022.

(K. Meghajit Singh)

Secretary,

Manipur Legislative Assembly
