

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Tuesday, the 26th July 2022

The House assembled at 11.00 a.m. of Tuesday, the 26th July, 2022 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, Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 42 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (MAHUD) made a reply to Starred Question No.2 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding the Waste to Energy Project at Lamdeng.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Medical, Health & Family Welfare) made a reply to Starred Question No.3 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding the rising cases of COVID-19.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (YAS) made a reply to Starred Question No.4 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding the establishment of Mini Sports Complexes and the National Sports University.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (MAHUD) made a reply to Starred Question No.5 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding work awarded to a Contractor in Imphal Municipal Corporation.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No.6 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding the condition of NH-102A.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (Fishery) made a reply to Starred Question No.7 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding the steps taken up to promote fish farming in the State.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (Education) made a reply to Starred Question No.8 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding Aided High Schools and the School Fagathansi Mission.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (Works) made a reply to Starred Question No. 9 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding steps taken up to improve road conditions in Ukhrul District HQ.

- (i) Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) made a reply to Starred Question No.10 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding MGNREGS and NeFMS.
- (j) Hon'ble Minister (Education) made a reply to Starred Question No.11 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding the implementation of National Education Policy in the State.

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 1 and 2 were laid on the Table of the House as written replies.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Hon'ble Speaker announced that Smt. S. Kebi Devi, MLA and Shri K. Leishiyo, MLA had applied for leave of absence for the day's sitting.

The House agreed and the respective leave were granted.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) laid "The Annual Report of State Vigilance Commission for the year 2021-2022" on the Table of the House.

DISCUSSION ON A MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST:

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA moving a motion on the poor performance of the Government schools in the recently announced examinations results of BOSEM and COHSEM, 2022 pointed out that no students from Government schools were among the top position holders and added that there are many government schools where not a single student passed the examinations despite implementation of School Fagathansi Mission by the Government. He further questioned the effectiveness of School Fagathansi Mission of the government. He further asked if there were any new plans or policies being taken up by the government to improve the education system and enhance students enrolment in government schools.

Shri Th. Basanta Kumar Singh, Minister (in-charge of Education) clarified that the government schools have comparatively been improving in recent times and informed that the pass percentage of the students in government schools have improved considerably. He informed that the government has been working to improve the education system with such initiatives like organizing 40-60 days coaching classes in every district for the government school students, to give them counselling, to build their confidence to motivate them and nurture brilliant students who are going to appear in the board and council examinations. He also informed that the School Fagathansi Mission of the government is to give the light of education to the masses.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister reiterated that the aim of the School Fagathansi Mission is to provide education to the masses and ensure that least child is left out

uneducated. He added that the number of enrollment in government schools have improved significantly due to the efforts by the government.

The motion was withdrawn.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON BUDGET ESTIMATES:

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA initiating the discussion on Budget Estimates said that the budget is not detailed enough and that the borrowing is huge and the budget itself is a deficit budget. He further added that the budget is not a people friendly budget stressing that the current budget didn't reflect anything of providing economic package to the victims of the covid pandemic. He said that the current budget does not give much emphasis on agriculture and allied sectors. Regarding the War on Drugs, he urged the government to formulate a policy to tackle the menace of drugs in the state. He queried about the setting up of National Highway Protection Force and about the opening of police out posts along the international border. He also asked about the measures being taken up to tackle illegal smuggling of timber from reserved forest areas. He stressed on the need to earmark proper budget for the youth of the state because the current budget didn't reflect any plans to create job avenues. He also enquired why PMAY has been improperly implemented in the rural areas and opined that adequate funds under the scheme should be earmarked in the budget. Further, he suggested that instead of investing huge loans from HUDCO for construction of VVIP Guest House and other infrastructures it would be more beneficial if the fund is invested in revenue earning assets.

Shri M. Rameshwar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion opined that injection of investment is required for revenue and employment generation and expressed happiness that the present government is following this principle. He further suggested that financial assistance under Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme could be sought for developing infrastructures of IT SEZ and Municipalities.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister while giving clarifications informed that the financial instability is not just a problem of our state but is a global occurrence since the whole world was financially hit by the Covid pandemic but expressed happiness that Manipur, in such a circumstance, topped the Niti Aayog India Innovation Index under the "North East and Hill State" category. He said that agriculture sector is given due emphasis by implementing both short and long term policies like distribution of pumpsets, fertilizers, construction of wells and ponds to preserve rainwater under AMRUT, etc. He further appealed to all to join hands in the 'War on Drugs' to curb the drug menace in the state and stated that those involved would be dealt with strictly under the legal provision. Even though the Centre rejected the proposal of constituting a Highway Protection Force, it approved the formation of two IRB battalions which could be utilised for protecting the highway; he clarified and added that Highway Patrolling teams constituted by the

Manipur Police personnel have been stationed along three important highway routes viz., Imphal-Mao road, Imphal-Moreh road and Imphal-Jiribam road. He further informed that 34 new sites for constructing Police Stations along the international border and 6 sites for constructing Police Outposts have already been identified. Infrastructure development like construction of quarters at New Chekon and VVIP guest house at the erstwhile High Court complex with loan from HUDCO are being taken up, he mentioned and added that the loan can be repaid from the monthly revenue generated by itself. As far as job creation is concerned, the Government has already taken up steps to provide skill development training to unemployed youths through reputed institutes; he informed and added that a Staff Selection Board will soon be constituted to recruit Grade III and IV employees. He further said that the government has started the groundwork of initiating 'One Family- One Livelihood' scheme under 68 Sub-divisions of the state.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR EXCESS GRANTS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for passing Demands for Excess Grants for the year 2017-18.

Demand Nos. 1, 5, 13, 21 & 39 were passed unanimously by the House.

INTRODUCTION OF MANIPUR APPROPRIATION BILLS:

- (i) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for leave to introduce "The Manipur Appropriation (No.3) Bills, 2022" (Bill No.11 of 2022).

The House granted the leave and the Bill was introduced.

- (ii) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for leave to introduce "The Manipur Appropriation (No.5) Bills, 2022" (Bill No.13 of 2022).

The House granted the leave and the Bill was introduced.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 2:00 p.m. till 11:00 a.m. of Wednesday, the 27th of July, 2022.

(K. Meghajit Singh)

Secretary,

Manipur Legislative Assembly
