

# MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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Wednesday, the 16th May, 2007.  
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*The House assembled at 11.00 am of Wednesday, the 16th May, 2007 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair.*

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon'ble Chief Minister, 6 Cabinet Ministers, Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 48 Elected Members.

### **QUESTIONS:**

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Health) made a reply to Starred Question No.114 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA inquiring whether J.N. Hospital was made State referral Hospital.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (Health) made a reply to Starred Question No. 115 asked by Dr. Khashim Ruivah, MLA regarding the measures taken up by the Govt. for providing medical staff and other infrastructures including ambulance for the Hospitals/PHCs/CHCs located in the interior part of the Hill Districts.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (Health) made a reply to Starred Question No. 116 asked by Shri S. Kunjakeswor Singh, MLA regarding the plan of the Government for upgrading Khumbong PHC to CHC.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Health) made a reply to Starred Question No. 117 asked by Dr. U. Deben Singh, MLA regarding the completion of PHC in Wabgai Tera Urak.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (P.H.E.D.) made a reply to Starred Question No.118 asked by Shri Erabot Yumkham, MLA regarding the number of pipes procured and issued w.e.f. 1/4/2002 till 31/12/2006.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) made a reply to Starred Question No.119 asked by Shri R.K. Anand in the absence of Shri Doukhomang Khongsai, MLA regarding the I.V.R. taken up under PMGSY Phase I, II, III, IV and V in Saikul A/C.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (Horticulture & Soil Conservation) made a reply to Starred Question No.120 asked by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA regarding the works taken up in Bishnupur District by the Department in 2006-07.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (Health) made a reply to Starred Question No. 121 asked by Shri I. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA regarding the number of Post Graduate Doctors and Doctors of the Manipur State Health Service who have left the State run hospitals during the last five years.

Answer to Unstarred Question No. 12 was laid on the Table of the House.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:**

Hon'ble Speaker announced that the following members had applied for leave of the House, Shri Doukhomang Khongsai and Shri Khangthuanang Panmei for 17th & 18th May, 2007 and Shri Radhabinod Koijam for 18th & 19th May, 2007.

*The House granted leave.*

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS, 2007-2008:**

Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh moved Demand No. 14 -Development of Tribal & Scheduled Caste, Demand No. 15 -Food & Civil Supplies, Demand No. 20 - Community Development & ANP, IRDP & NREP, Demand No. 36 - Minor Irrigation and Demand No. 38 -Panchayat.

Hon'ble Speaker clubbed the five demands for a joint discussion.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA moving cut motion highlighted lack of significant development in rural areas and expressed desire for uniform development in comparison with the urban areas. He stressed for transparency in selecting beneficiaries for different schemes under RD&PR. He also suggested for taking up various schemes under MI department and pointed out the need for more coordination between the IFCD and MI department. Regarding the construction of FCS godowns, he enquired when and where these would be constructed.

Dr. Khasim Ruivah, MLA participating in the discussion expressed desire for timely distribution of PDS items in the hills. He also pointed out the need for decentralisation of Community Development. Insincerity and favouritism on the part of the officials of MI which hampers developmental work in the hills need to be checked, he added.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA moving cut motion said that an effective mechanism need to be evolved to plug the pilferage and make the PDS items available to the people. Expressing apprehension of misuse of funds for various schemes under RD&PR, he pointed out the need for proper implementation of the schemes to benefit the people. He further suggested for coordination between the IFCD and MI department and adoption of modernistic barrages.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA participating in the discussion expressed the desire for holding election to the District Council at the earliest and for giving pension to ex-MDCs and employees of the District Council. He further stressed for ensuring the availability of PDS items to the people in time and for improving the condition of roads in the hills.

Shri Awangbow Newmai, MLA taking part in the discussion drew the attention towards lack of infrastructure and shortage of teachers in schools under Department of Tribal Development. He pointed out the necessity for solving the scarcity of foodgrain in Tamenglong and also the need to improve the minor irrigation facilities.

**(Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 12.55 p.m. till 2.00 p.m. of the day).**

*(The afternoon session resumed at 2.08 p.m. with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair).*

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA supporting the cut motions critically remarked that PDS items like sugar and wheat never reached the people while kerosene and rice reach the people occasionally. He further commented that the present situation of FCS department was partly due to the failure of the government and partly due to the constant disturbances by the unlawful organisations and added that a complete system change was needed and a new mechanism needs to be formulated to make PDS items reach to the general public. He pointed out that stringent measures should be taken up to prevent misappropriation of PDS items. Commenting on Minor Irrigation, he said that there was some discrepancies in the process of promotion in MI department and urged the Minister to look into it. Regarding Panchayat, he expressed opinion that implementation of construction works of drainage and road in the rural areas should be examined.

Shri Erabot Yumkham, MLA participating in the demand discussion observed that schedule tribes settled in the valley hardly get the benefit entitled to tribals and urged the TD Minister to extend such benefits to them also as many of them were poor tribals. He further observed that PDS was a total failure in the state and expressed regret over the constant interference by the unlawful organisations in the distribution of PDS items and added that the government should take up steps to check such interference. He said that the government need to check the petrol pumps regularly to prevent adulteration of petrol with kerosene. He also observed that additional quota of kerosene should be sought from the Central government in view of the increase in population of the state.

Shri Y. Surchandra Singh, MLA making observation in the discussion said that the present allocation of kerosene quota was not justified and suggested to the Minister to seek the report from the DC concerned. He also suggested for regular checking of petrol pumps for adulteration. Considering the failure of the present PDS system, he expressed view that the government should formulate a system for proper distribution. Observing on MI Department, he said that the encroachers over the Ithei Irrigation Canal should be evicted and added that more MI projects should be taken up for the benefit of the farmers. He also said that all SC certificate holders should be treated fairly.

Dr. I. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA requested the Hon'ble Speaker for placing the report of the enquiry conducted over the death of one women from Leimaram during child birth at RIMS.

Shri K. Raina, MLA participating in the discussion pointed out that PDS items did not reach the people living in the interior parts of the state, specially in the hill areas. Commenting on MI Department he said that though huge funds were sanctioned for constructing irrigation canals in the hill areas no work was ever executed. Regarding TD Department, he said that if the funds earmarked in the Tribal Sub-Plan was to be properly utilised then the disparity in development between the hill and the valley could be bridged up to a large extent.

Shri Md. Alauddin, Minister (Rural Development & Panchayati Raj) replying to the demand discussion said that Rural Development and Panchayati Raj was taking up various developmental works in the rural areas and giving employment to many youths. He further informed that a monitoring cell of Panchayat was opened at Secretariat and most of the works were taken up through

Block Development Offices and District Rural Development Agencies and added that most of the projects were Central Sponsored Schemes with some state matching shares. He further informed that a three tier system government was on the anvil. DRDA, he said, was the implementing agency of most of the works of Panchayat and that the Minister was not directly involved in it. He appealed to all the Hon'ble Members to monitor the works taken up by DRDA. Some of the projects like Bharat Nirman Projects, Hariyali, Indira Awaz Yojana, SGRY, NREGS etc were taken up for the development of rural areas, he informed and added that priority was given to the development of hill areas.

S/Shri Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, R.K. Anand, O. Joy Singh and Th. Shyamkumar, MLAs sought further clarifications and Hon'ble Minister Allauddin clarified.

Shri P. Parijat Singh, Minister Minor Irrigation replying to the demand discussion informed that Water User Association or Committee would be constituted and handed over the irrigation canal after MI finished taking up a project and such Committee or Associations would be handed over to the Panchayat as part of the devolution of power to the Panchayat. He further informed that Programme Committee would be constituted by the end of this month to frame work programmes and added that all the suggestions from the Hon'ble Members would be taken into consideration while framing work programmes.

Shri T. Phungzathang, Minister, (Development of Tribal and Scheduled Castes) replying to the demand discussion said that district wise fund allocation for the construction of tribal development department in all districts was made. He informed the House that the delay in the award of scholarships to the Scheduled Castes who possessed SC certificates was due to the case pending in the High Court and Supreme Court and added that the government was actively considering on the matter for making available of the scholarships very soon. He also informed the House that a Cabinet decision was taken for the extension of pension benefit to the employees of District Councils with prospective effect from the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 including those employees already expired. Regarding the decentralisation of power, he said that Tribal development schemes would be implemented in the district level.

S/Shri Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh and Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLAs made further observations and the Minister made reply.

Shri Th. Debendra Singh, Minister (FCS) replying to the demand discussion clarified that the department was still facing a lot of problem even if the PDS items like sugar, rice, wheat, etc. were distributed to the public with the help of police and added that it was high time to tackle such problems created by outside forces. He informed the house that the government had a sufficient stock of rice and sugar at present. He further informed that pilferage of such essential commodities meant for the public had become a major problem in the department and that a mechanism should be devised to control such illegal practices and appealed to all the Members for co-operation. He also informed that the Centre was also monitoring the Public Distribution System in the state from time to time.. He also made clarification to the queries of Members on the unequal distribution of kerosene quota in all the districts, non-availability of rice in hills and reduction of wheat quota of Manipur.

S/Shri O. Joy Singh, Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh and R.K. Anand, MLAs sought further clarification and the Minister made clarification.

*All the cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 14, 15, 20, 36 and 38 were passed unanimously.*

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILL:**

(i) Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister moved for leave to introduce the Electricity (Manipur Amendment) Bill, 2007.

*The House granted leave and the bill was introduced.*

(ii) Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister moved for leave to introduce The Manipur Reservation of Vacancies in Post and Services (For Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Second Amendment Bill, 2007.

*The House granted leave and the bill was introduced.*

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister expressed desire that the Bill be referred to the Hill Areas Committee for quick disposal of the Bill.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA observed that a direction of the Hon'ble Speaker would be better to refer the Bill to the Hill Areas Committee.

Shri T.N. Haokip, Minister, (Information & Publicity) suggested that since the matter was an important one, the meeting of Hill Areas Committee could be convened the next day.

*The Bill was referred to the Hill Areas Committee.*

(iii) Shri Th. Debendra Singh, (Environmental & Forest minister) moved for leave to introduce The Manipur Loktak Lake (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2007.

*The House granted leave and the bill was introduced.*

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA sought the statement of the Chief Minister regarding the Calling Attention Motion moved on 14th May, 2007 and also sought the fact finding report regarding the death of Premila at RIMS be placed in the House.

***Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House at 5.32 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Thursday, the 17th May, 2007.***

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*Secretary,*  
*Manipur Legislative Assembly.*

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