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The House assembled at 11.00 am of Wednesday, the 9th 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 49 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Health & F.W.) made a reply to Starred Question No. 70 asked by Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA regarding process for constructing infrastructures for Bishnupur Districts C.H.C., P.H.C., P.H.S.C.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (P.H.E.D.) made a reply to Starred Question No. 71 asked by Shri Doukhomang Khongsai, MLA regarding Water Supply Schemes taken up in Saikul A/C.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (M.O.B.C.) made a reply to Starred Question No. 72 asked by Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA regarding the numbers of scholarship awarded under E.D.P. amongst the MOBC population.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (P.H.E.D) made a reply to Starred Question No. 73 asked by Shri S. Kunjekeswor Singh, MLA regarding the augmentation of Water Supply Scheme in Konthoujam A/C.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (Health & F.W.) made a reply to Starred Question No. 74 asked by Shri I. Ibohalbi Singh, MLA regarding the construction of C.H.C. Nambol.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (Health & F.W.) made a reply to Starred Question No. 75 asked by Shri S. Joy Singh, MLA regarding the equipments provided to Wangoi C.H.C.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (P.H.E.D) made a reply to Starred Question No. 76 asked by Dr. U. Deben Singh, MLA regarding the areas to be provided drinking water by Uchiwa and Heibongmakhong Water Supply Schemes.
- (h) Hon'ble Minister (Health & F.W.) made a reply to Starred Question No. 77 asked by Shri Erabot Yumkham, MLA regarding the number of Accredited Social Health Activity (ASHA) Centres under National Rural Health Mission.

CALLING ATTENTION:

S/Shri O. Joy Singh and R.K. Anand Singh, MLAs called the attention of the Home Minister on the recent merciless murder of two Senapati school students after their abduction.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving the Calling Attention Motion quoted Imphal free Press, dated 28th March, 2007 under the caption, “Tragic end to Senapati school children’s abduction, skeleton remains found,” and said that the incident murdering Muhini Martin and Rini Herbert after their abduction on 14th December, 2006 was very unfortunate. He asked whether the murder was carried out for Rs 5 Lakh and the name of Kuki Reformation Group used by the kidnapers was only for ransom. He also expressed suspicion that the murder was due to personal enmity between the kidnapers and the victim’s family. He pointed out the lapses on the part of police department for not tackling the issue in time and wanted investigation report, if any, from the government.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA co-mover of the Calling Attention Motion said that the incident was very sensational and charged the government for failing to punish culprits in similar cases in similar cases in the state. He also pointed out the lack of police intelligence in dealing with crimes. He informed the House that stringent steps should be taken up by the Home Department by giving training to the police for effective maintenance of law and order in the state. He expressed unhappiness on the shelter extended to the culprits, who involved in the murder of two children, by the NSCN (IM) at Hebron making confusion to the public and wanted clarification from the government on the matter.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister of Manipur replying to the motion termed the incident as an inhuman act. He informed the house that rescue operation of the two school children was not made by the police due to the request from the victim’s family fearing that the lives of their two children might be in danger. He informed the House that a Special Task Force was constituted by the police department headed by an IPS to co-ordinate the investigation of the case and added that non-bailable warrant of arrest had also been issued to two NSCN (IM) leaders under whose custody the suspect were kept at Hebron camp, Dimapur by CJM Senapati on 10th April, 2007. He further said that the warrant of arrest had been endorsed to the SP, Nagaland for execution but no response was made till date. In this regard the Joint Secretary, Home Affairs in charge of North East had been apprised to look into the matter, he added. He also clarified that in connection with the kidnapping of the two children six culprits were identified in which one among them had escaped. Steps of the to arrest the culprits very soon were undertaken, he informed the House.

Shri R.K. Anand, MLA sought further clarification on the special measures, if any, taken up by the government of Manipur in the level of Union Ministry regarding the warrant of arrest issued to two NSCN (IM) leaders by the CJM, Senapati in connection with the murder of the two school children. He also drew the attention of the Chief Minister to take rigid stand of the state government to tackle such crimes.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA also made suggestion to the state government to apprise the Union Government for taking up steps on the violation of ground rules by the NSCN(IM) using their designated camp at Hebron, Dimapur as shelter place for culprits. He also wanted to send a team of Members of the House, if necessary, to pursue the matter with the Centre.

(Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh adjourned the House at 12.50 p.m. till 2.00 p.m. of the day).

(The afternoon session resumed at 2.00 p.m. with the Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. S. Budhichandra Singh in the Chair).

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS:

Chief Minister Shri O. Ibohi Singh moved Demand No. 6 -Transport, Demand No. 8 -Public Works Department Demand No. 28 - State Excise, Demand No. 29 -Sale Tax, Other Taxes/ Duties on Commodities & Services and Demand No. 30 -General Economic Services & Planning..

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

Shri Radhabinod Koiyam, MLA moving cut motion on PWD expressed the need to make the preparation of work programme an established system by making some changes equitably and uniformly. He commented on the importance of the Works Advisory Committee and said that it should be reconstituted to stop unhealthy practices and make the whole system work transparently. Regarding the charge of politicians and engineers having nexus with undergrounds, he said such system should be stopped. He made observation on the lack of quality control and supervision in the construction of roads and said that the construction of National Highways 39, 53 and 150 should be handed over to BRO. In order to bring about economic independence, he said the mindset of the people should be changed. He also mentioned the need to introduce resource an effective mobilisation system for generating income.

Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh, MLA moving a cut motion said that the proposal to construct Inter State Bus Terminus was a right step and would be an asset for the state. He stressed the need to maintain the quality of vehicles and introduce driving schools to control accidents. Regarding scarcity of bitumen, he said ways and means for equitable distribution should be chalked out and to earmark more funds for it. A measure to make the work programme of the PWD transparent and accessible should be introduced, he added. He observed that a dialogue should be held to lift the Manipur liquor Prohibition Act, 1991 to receive revenue from liquor.

Dr. Khasim Ruivah, MLA participating in the discussion urged the PWD to take up developmental works in the hills highlighting the plight faced by the People. He said that IVRs should be given more importance and there should be decentralization in the issue of work orders. To perform the work effectively, consultation with the local MLA was required, he stated.

Sri I Ibohalbi Singh, MLA moving a cut motion made observation on Transport and expressed the need to install traffic signals and to keep bus stands at proper places to reduce traffic jam. He said that the PWD should make proper plans to increase the number and breath of roads and check the unbalanced development of roads between valley and hills. The Highway Protection Force should be raised to tackle the problems faced in the National highways. He also said that certain innovative ideas were required to improve the State Excise.

Shri O. Joy Singh, MLA moving cut motion said that inspite of huge funds sanctioned from the Centre there is lack of balanced development between the hill and the valley and urged the government to take up development works according to need base. In view of the present situation of the state a State Youth Policy

should be framed to streamline the power of the youths in the right direction, he said and added that the scope of Self Employment Generation Program (SEGP) should be widened by proper evaluation and monitoring. He further emphasised the need for introducing Zero Base budgeting after taking up district planning and preparing district budgets. He critically commented on the lack of a Master Plan for road development in the state, lack of quality control on the works taken up and lack of proper planning by the Planning Department.

Shri Morung Makunga, MLA participating in the demand discussion highlighted the importance of MSRTC and questioned why it was abolished. The main defaulter of vehicle tax were the government vehicles, he pointed out and added that the government should formulate a policy to collect them. He further pointed out the need to collect toll taxes effectively, to examine the process of giving driving licence at random, to establish driving schools and to regulate parking space for buses, taxis and rickshaws and added that meter boxes should be fixed on all the taxis plying in Manipur. Commenting on the improper way of distribution of works, he said that the need of the hill areas should also be looked into and added that quality control of the works could not be maintained as no engineers were present at the work sites. Highlighting the pathetic condition of roads in the hill areas he suggested for a policy to take up work and complete it at a time utilising all the equipments. Regarding Excise Department, he said that prohibition of sale of liquor imposed in the state should be re-examined to collect taxes from liquor.

Shri R.K. Anand Singh, MLA moving cut motion pointed out the responsibilities of Planning Department and the need for effective planning to frame work programme according to the requirement of the area. Highlighting the importance of road in creating a sense of oneness among all the communities of the state, he wanted the government to formulate a plan for equal distribution of development works. He further expressed the need to strengthen the Planning Board by inducting opposition Members to make it more effective and address the grievances of all the Members. Commenting on Transport, he pointed out the need to streamline transportation system in the state.

Shri S. Joy Singh, MLA participating in the demand discussion pointed out the importance of Hiyangthang bridge and urged the Chief Minister to complete the construction of the bridge. Highlighting the importance of Mayai Lambi road and the deteriorated condition of the road, he appealed to the Chief Minister to widen the road to the standard of a state highway and to repair the road.

Shri N. Mangi Singh, MLA participating in the discussion highlighted the achievement of the SPF government in overcoming the financial crunch faced by the state. Proper Material Planning, he said, should be done in time and procure the required materials of the department in advance. He further pointed out the need to make the Monitoring Division function properly. He drew the attention of the Chief Minister to maintain quality of work, use Hot Mix Plants for repairing roads and requested for completion of a bridge over Khuga river in his constituency.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA participating in the demand discussion urged the Minister concerned to construct a toilet at Andro Parking, Wangkhei. Highlighting the importance of Imphal Yairipok road and its pathetic condition he urged the Minister to repair it at the earliest.

Shri Phungzathang Tonsing, Minister (Transport) replying to the demand discussion highlighted the achievements of Transport Department and added that

MSRTC was abolished as it was a losing corporation. Regular checking of vehicle could not be done due to the lack of staff. He further informed that Pollution Control had been implemented in two districts and added that computerisation of transport office had begun and had started issuing learner's licence instead of the regular licence. Identification of condemned vehicle was difficult as the records were stored manually, he said. He further informed that Railway reservation was still being done at the MSRTC complex. The department, he informed, was planning to implement the High Security Number Plate in order to prevent vehicle thefts. Transport Department, he said, nearly achieved the targeted tax collection. He appealed to all the movers of cut motions to withdraw and allow the demand to pass.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister clarifying to the demand discussion said that proper planning would be done for any work and the Work Programme Advisory Committee and Work Advisory Board would be made more functional and added that work program would be framed according to the availability of fund. He further informed that officials had been instructed to chalk out the requirements for proper material planning. Development of the hill areas, he said, was given priority and accordingly major portion of the funds under ACA and SPA were earmarked for the hill areas. Construction of FCI godown at all the hill district headquarters, construction of staff quarters for teachers in the hill districts, etc. were some of the important works to be taken up for the development of the hill areas, he informed. He further clarified that proposals from all the departments were examined by the State Planning Board before preparing the work programs. Maintenance of National Highways, he said, had been handed over to the BRO. He also clarified that leakages in the collection of sales tax had been curbed to a large extent with the introduction of VAT. All the suggestions from the Hon'ble Members, he said, were noted down and further appealed to the cut motion movers to withdraw and allow the demands to pass.

All the cut motions were withdrawn and Demand Nos. 6, 8, 28, 29 & 30 were passed unanimously by the House.

Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House at 6.00 p.m. till 11.00 a.m of Thursday, the 10th May, 2007.

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