

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT
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Wednesday, the 31st July, 2024

The House assembled at 11:00 a.m. of Wednesday, the 31st July, 2024 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon'ble Chief Minister, 8 Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers, Hon'ble Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 38 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources) made a reply to Starred Question No.232 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding illegal structures over Imphal River.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Revenue) made a reply to Starred Question No.233 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding resettlement of people evicted from Waithou Sangomsang village, Thoubal District.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (Medical, Health & Family Welfare Services) made a reply to Starred Question No.235 asked by Shri Th. Shyamkumar, MLA regarding Primary Health Sub-Centres in Manipur.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.236 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding development of Mini Sports Complex, Hockey Field, Indoor Hall in every constituency.
- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.237 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding extension of service tenure of Government employees.
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) made a reply to Starred Question No. 238 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding conduct of Panchayat elections.
- (g) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 239 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding State Highways, MDRs and ODRs.

- (h) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 240 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding rally organised in some hill districts on 24/6/2024.
- (i) Hon'ble Minister (Animal Husbandry and Veterinary) made a reply to Starred Question No. 241 asked by Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, MLA regarding veterinary hospitals and dispensaries in the state.

Answers to Starred Question No. 234 and Unstarred Question Nos. 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, & 75 were laid on the Table of the House as written replies.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE:

(1) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) laid the following on the Table of the House:

- (i) Demands for Grants, 2024-25.
- (ii) Annual Financial Statement, 2024-25.
- (iii) Manipur Budget at a Glance, 2024-25.
- (iv) Demands for Excess Grants for the year 2018-19.

(2) Shri Th. Basanta Kumar Singh, Minister (in-charge of Law) laid the following on the Table of the House:

- (i) Separate Audit Report (SAR) for Manipur State Legal Services Authority for the year 2018-19.
- (ii) Separate Audit Report (SAR) for Manipur State Legal Services Authority for the year 2019-20.
- (iii) Separate Audit Report (SAR) for Manipur State Legal Services Authority for the year 2020-21.
- (iv) Separate Audit Report (SAR) for Manipur State Legal Services Authority for the year 2018-19.

INTIMATION OF GOVERNOR'S ASSENT TO BILL:

The Secretary, Manipur Legislative Assembly intimated the House on the Governor's assent to the following Bills:

- (i) The Manipur Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2022 *which was assented on 26th March, 2022*
- (ii) The Manipur Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2022 *which was assented on 26th March, 2022*
- (iii) The Code of Criminal Procedure (Manipur Third Amendment) Bill, 2022 *which was assented on 9th August, 2022.*

- (iv) The Manipur Panchayati Raj (Eight Amendment) Bill, 2023 *which was assented on 15th February, 2023.*
- (v) The Manipur Staff Selection Commission Bill, 2022 *which was assented on 9th August, 2022.*
- (vi) The Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2022 *which was assented on 9th August, 2022.*
- (vii) The Manipur Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2022 *which was assented on 9th August, 2022.*
- (viii) The Manipur Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2022 *which was assented on 9th August, 2022.*
- (ix) The Manipur Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2022 *which was assented on 9th August, 2022*
- (x) The Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2022 *which was assented on 9th August, 2022.*
- (xi) The Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2022 *which was assented on 16th August, 2022.*
- (xii) The Manipur Properties and Open Places (Prevention of Defacement and Disfigurement) Bill, 2023 *which was assented on 16th March, 2023.*
- (xiii) The Manipur Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2023 *which was assented on 16th March, 2023.*
- (xiv) The Kaina Temple Board Bill, 2023 *which was assented on 18th March, 2023.*
- (xv) The Manipur Value Added Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 2023 *which was assented on 16th March, 2023.*
- (xvi) The Dhanamanjuri University (Amendment) Bill, 2023 *which was assented on 18th March, 2023.*
- (xvii) The Manipur Town and Country Planning (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2023 *which was assented on 18th March, 2023.*
- (xviii) The Manipur Municipalities (11th Amendment) Bill, 2024 *which was assented on 13th March, 2024.*
- (xix) The Manipur Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2024 *which was assented on 13th March, 2024*
- (xx) The Manipur Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2024 *which was assented on 13th March, 2024*

- (xxi) The Manipur Names of Places Bill, 2024 *which was assented on 13th March, 2024.*
- (xxii) The Manipur Prevention of Malpractices in High School Leaving Certificate and Higher Secondary Examinations Bill, 2024 *which was assented on 13th March, 2024.*
- (xxiii) The Manipur Labour Laws (Exemption from Renewal of Registration and License by Establishments) Bill, 2024 *which was assented on 13th March, 2024.*
- (xxiv) The Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2024 *which was assented on 13th March, 2024.*
- (xxv) The Manipur Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2024 *which was assented on 13th March, 2024.*

PRESENTATION OF BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Leader of the House presented the Seventh Report of the Business Advisory Committee, 2024 and also moved:

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

The House agreed and the report was adopted.

ZERO HOUR:

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA citing local dailies expressed heartfelt sorrow on the death of a mother and a son due to the recent landslide at Tamenglong and urged the government to provide financial assistance to the bereaved family. He further expressed condolences for all those victims of recent natural calamities in the country caused by incessant rainfall.

PRESENTATION OF DEMANDS FOR EXCESS GRANTS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) presented the Demands for Excess Grants for the year 2018-19 and also made a brief statement.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET ESTIMATES:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) presented the Budget Estimates, 2024-25 and also gave a detailed statement.

MOTION FOR VOTE ON ACCOUNTS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved the Motion for Vote on Accounts, 2024.

Hon’ble Speaker Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 12:55 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.

DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION OF THANKS TO THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS:

Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh, Hon'ble Minister mover of the Motion of Thanks on Governor's Address delivered on Wednesday, 28th February, 2024 highlighted the various policies and programmes taken up by the government despite facing very challenging circumstances. He also informed the House of the different initiatives taken by the government to aid the Internally Displaced People of Manipur in terms of not only security but also Education, Healthcare and supply of food and proper shelter. He lauded the first ever Corneal Transplant that was successfully conducted at JNIMS on 18th January 2024 and the various advancements in the health sector under this government. He also praised the introduction of Helicopter services in various districts. He further informed that rice would be distributed free of cost under the National Food Security Act to all the NFSA card holders till 31st December, 2024. He stated that the government has worked for the welfare of all the sections of society despite the challenges faced.

Shri Awangbow Newmai, Hon'ble Minister seconder of the motion stated that the government had ensured effective implementation of various policies and had also enhanced existing schemes to ensure better results. He also informed the House that the various schemes taken up under the FMBAP (Flood Management and Border Areas Programme) to help control flood had helped in controlling the recent floods and prevented it from getting worse. He added that the state as well as the central government had taken swift action to control the ongoing conflict as soon as it occurred and have been continually taking care of the displaced persons and providing them essential commodities. He also said that the government has also ensured effective implementation of ILP in the state.

Shri O. Ibohi Singh, MLA moving amendment to the Governor's Address stated that serious discussion on the resettlement of the Internally Displaced People back to their respective homes is of utmost importance at the moment and urged for a discussion on the matter involving both the Treasury and the Opposition benches to jot out a plan to resolve the issue at the earliest. He also urged to expedite the completion of the ongoing Railways project till Imphal. He also pointed out the ongoing problem of inter district travel and questioned as to when the government would be able to make travel safe again. He also suggested setting up of Sentry Towers with 30-40 security personnel each along the Indo-Myanmar Border fencing.

Shri K Ranjit Singh, MLA moving amendment to the Governor's Address stated that the state government needs to request a special package to aid those affected by the ongoing conflict as well as the recent natural disasters (hail, floods, etc.). He also said

that the Special Status given to Manipur which was scrapped in 2014 needs to be restored. He regretted that the Governor's Address failed to mention any assurance of protection to the drivers and vehicles that ply along the National Highways that are being illegally taxed and manhandled by insurgents. Evacuation of people on both sides of the conflict as mentioned in the Governor's Address has ended up having a negative impact on the situation as it has led to segregation of the two conflicting communities, he added and requested that it be removed from the Address. He further queried as to what was being done to recover the stolen arms. He stated that the youths who had taken up arms to defend their villages had done so due to circumstances and that the Governor's Address should include an assurance of protection for them.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion stated that a proper policy for solving the current crisis should be included in the Governor's Address and urged all the Members to unite to resolve the crisis. He further inquired as to what was being done to send the internally displaced persons back to their respective homes. He also informed that a lot of agricultural land in the foothills have been left untended due to the ongoing crisis and inquired as to what is being done for the aggrieved farmers.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA taking part in the discussion stated that relocating persons affected by the conflict in relief camps is not an achievement, instead they should be provided ample security in their original homes. He stated that the government has failed to control the prices and availability of essential goods and added that inflation in Manipur is the highest in the country. He further lamented that the Governor's Address failed to mention a clear road map to resolve the crisis. He added that the infiltration of illegal immigrants from Myanmar into the state, planting of poppies and encroachment in Reserved Forests being the core issues as mentioned by the Hon'ble Chief Minister has not been included in the Address.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister in his clarification stated that most of the important points were included in the Governor's Address. He pointed out that most people do not understand the issue properly, which is illegal immigration, despite clear evidence of numerous illegal villages cropping up in Reserved Forests over the years. He stated that biometric scans and thumb prints to identify illegal immigrants has been underway and informed that funds had been sanctioned for building new fences along the Indo-Myanmar border. Regarding the rising cases of extortion and kidnappings, he stated that it is very unfortunate and condemned it strongly. On the plight of the Internally Displaced Persons, the government has been taking up various initiatives to address their grievances and that they would be resettled in their original homes after a political solution is brought. He also informed that in order to resolve the crisis, government representatives along with some CSOs have been meeting with some elected representatives and CSO leaders of the other conflicting party. Regarding the completion of the railway line

project, he stated that it will be completed at the earliest after the settlement of land disputes in some areas. He further informed that the state government had already requested for the economic package to the Central government for the flood victims and Internally Displaced Persons. He also said that there is no existence of so-called buffer zones in between some inter-district areas of the state. He also informed that the government has urged the Centre to implement NRC at the earliest.

The Motion ; “ *that the Members of the Manipur Legislative Assembly assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the Address which she has been pleased to deliver to this House on 28th February, 2024.* ” was adopted by the House.

Hon’ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabarta Singh adjourned the House at 5:14 p.m till 11:00 a.m of 1st August, 2024.

(K. Meghajit Singh)
Secretary,
Manipur Legislative Assembly
