

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Thursday, the 1st August, 2024

The House assembled at 11:00 a.m. of Thursday, the 1st August, 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 Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No.242 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding opening of Fire Protection and Control Sub-Station in every constituency of Manipur.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) made a reply to Starred Question No.243 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding the number of projects sanctioned under PMGSY for Manipur in the last 5 years.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (CAF & PD) made a reply to Starred Question No.244 asked by Sheikh Noorul Hasan, MLA regarding the monthly allocation of rice under NFSA and PMGKAY for the State of Manipur.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No.245 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding the siphoning off of Rs. 30.36 crores in the Tribal Affairs and Hills Development Department.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (Education) made a reply to Starred Question No.246 asked by Shri Th. Shyamkumar, MLA regarding the number of Pre-Primary to Higher Secondary Schools in Manipur.
- (f) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 247 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding the total strength of the State forces.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (Power) made a reply to Starred Question No.248 asked by Shri Th. Shyamkumar, MLA regarding laying of Aerial Bundle Cables in Andro A/C.
- (h) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 249 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding an illegal building of a bridge at K. Molnom village without the government's permission.

- (i) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 250 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding procurement of poor quality LBI (Livelihood Business Incubator).
- (j) Hon'ble Chief Minister made a reply to Starred Question No. 251 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding the number of victims and IDPs in connection with the violence that started on May 3, 2023.

Answers to Starred Question No. 252 and Unstarred Question Nos. 76, 77, 78 & 79 were laid on the Table of the House as written replies.

ZERO HOUR:

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA drew the attention of the Chief Minister on use of excessive force by the police against the Internally Displaced Persons of Akampat relief camp when the later took out a rally at Akampat area. He urged the Leader of the House to not let such incident occur again in future.

CALLING ATTENTION:

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA calling the attention of the Minister (in-charge of Education) highlighted the importance of getting Dhanamanjuri University included in Section 12B of the UGC Act to get financial assistance and queried the steps undertaken to achieve it. He also mentioned the importance of the Academic Bank of Credit for the benefit of students while transferring from one university to another all over India. He further queried whether the recently recruited staffs (both teaching and non-teaching) of DMU have joined their service or not. He stated that the discrepancy/loopholes in the recruitment process of 60 Assistant Professors should be taken seriously. Highlighting the shortage of Associate Professors, he queried as to when the same would be recruited. He also pointed out the absence of regular VC, Controller of Examination and several other staff in the Manipur Technical University and further lamented the lack of courses like PG, PhD, M.Tech till date. Employee of MTU are yet to avail the benefit of NPS, he highlighted.

Shri Th. Basanta Kumar Singh, Minister (in-charge of Education) in his clarification stated that the appointment process of the new Vice Chancellor was delayed due to the enforcement of the Election Model Code of Conduct and currently process is underway and would be completed very soon. He informed that the Hon'ble Governor who is the Chancellor is tasked with the appointment of Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of a Search Committee. He also added that results for recruitment of several Assistant Professors, Registrar, Controller of Examination, Deputy Registrar and non-teaching staff have been declared recently and they would be joining their respective works soon. He informed that process is underway for NAAC accreditation of DMU and some

colleges under DMU, like the DM College of Science, have already been graded. Regarding the recruitment of Asst Professors for Botany and Physics, he stated that some anomalies were detected and a three-member committee has been constituted to look into the matter and due action would be taken against those involved. He also added that the number of posts for Assistant Professors was increased to 60 with the approval of the Cabinet.

With regard to the appointment of a regular VC in Manipur Technical University, he stated that it will be done after the ongoing court case is finalised. In addition, he informed that currently classes are going on in full swing.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Hon'ble Speaker Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh made an announcement urging all concerned Hon'ble Members to attend meetings of the Assembly Committees regularly.

STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF MINISTER:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister informed the House that cancellation of exam centres from our state for NEET PG exam has been revoked and the same examination would now be conducted in our state again.

Regarding the scuffle that broke out between the police and inmates of relief camp in Akampat who attempted to take out a rally, he urged the people to stop politicizing the situation and said that the government is making every effort to bring peace at the earliest. He further added that every possible step are being taken up to enable them to return to their respective homes.

Hon'ble Speaker Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 12:47 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.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON BUDGET ESTIMATES:

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion opined that the Budget Estimates, 2024-25 does not reflect any budgetary provision for improving the worsening economy of the state due to the present ongoing crisis. He mentions that there is no provision in the budget for relocating the IDPs in the Relief Camps to their respective homes. He stated that Home Department should be given emphasis in this present situation as proper utilisation of the State Forces would assist in curbing armed conflict to a great extent. He also stressed that the budget needs more focus on major departments like Works, Education, Agriculture, among others.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA participating in the discussion said that the Budget Estimates itself is very unfortunate as it is lesser than last year which clearly shows that our state is economically regressing. He desired the need to table the Economic Survey Report before the discussion on the budget. He mentioned that the budget needs to be reconsidered as it fails to provide provision for employment generation, improvement of roads and bridges affected by natural calamities, welfare of Anganwadi Workers & Helpers and ASHA workers, development of sports, empowerment and welfare of women, promotion of Animal Husbandry, among others.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA participating in the discussion stated that the local contractors need to be encouraged instead of awarding contracts and projects to non-local private companies. He also expressed desire for speedy release of pending liabilities of contractors.

Sheikh Noorul Hassan, MLA participating in the discussion mentioned that the present crisis and natural calamities has hit the state's economy hard. He stated that emphasis must be given on law enforcing agencies to bring about peace in the state. Proper planning while providing welfare schemes for women, NFSA rice to beneficiaries, benefits to farmers, among others is required, he said. He lamented that Members of Administrative Committees of Panchayati Raj Institutes (PRI) were arbitrarily selected and further highlighted the lack of communication between the elected representatives and officials of District Administration. He also mentioned the need to clear the pending liabilities of the contractors at the earliest.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA participating in the discussion said that the present Budget Estimate is not a realistic one. He stated that the present crisis has led to loss in revenue collection along with huge rise in inflation. He further stated that the budget lacks provision for MSME, Relief & Disaster Management, among others. He also mentioned that there is a growing debt burden in the state which will negatively impact the state's economy. He opined that more budgetary provision should be provided for MGNREGA. Emphasis should be made in improving the per capita income rather than focusing on GDP.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) informed that the current crisis besetting the state is one of the reasons for inflation and added that the government is making efforts to reduce the inflation. He appealed to all the elected Members to stay calm and not to politicize the issue and instead give suggestions and ideas to resolve the crisis soon. He stated that different committees had been formed to restore peace and normalcy in the state and peace initiatives are underway at Silchar. He said that the government is taking steps to improve the law and order situation by deploying security forces at vulnerable areas and informed that compensations are provided to the farmers whose agricultural lands were affected due to the conflict. He further stated that

collection of data of the Internally Displaced Persons has already been completed; and for construction of houses and resettlement, funds have been sanctioned. He informed that the same would be done for the resettlement of the displaced persons of the state by making all efforts. He said that the government had urged the Centre to provide a special economic package for the state. He further informed that the salary of the VDF personnel have been increased and incentives have been provided to the ASHA workers. Regarding the construction works of the National Highways, he informed that NHIDCL has been engaged in the construction of roads of Jiri, Tamenglong- Khongshang road, Ukhrul road etc. and local some sub-contractors had already been engaged. He said that the Budget has not been reduced and there is no reduction in the development expenditure and added that report of the economic survey would be tabled soon. He stated that many schemes and policies have been taken up like Start-Ups, Chief Minister's Economic Revival and providing financial aid to the skilled workers specially to Internally Displaced Persons. He sought cooperation from all the Hon'ble Members in carrying out the policies of the government.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR EXCESS GRANTS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demands for Excess Grants, 2018-2019 for discussion & voting.

The Demands for Excess Grants, 2018-19 was passed unanimously by the House.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON MOTION FOR VOTE ON ACCOUNTS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for discussion and voting on Motion for Vote on Accounts, 2024 which was moved in the House on 31st July, 2024 and moved ;

“that a sum not exceeding Rs. 2390,55,84,916/- (Rupees two thousand three hundred ninety crores fifty five lakhs eighty four thousand nine hundred sixteen only) be granted in advance to defray the charges in respect of the different Departments shown in the Scheduled appended hereto for meeting the expenditure likely to be incurred during August, 2024 pending detailed consideration and passing of the Demand for the full financial year.”

The Vote on Accounts, 2024 was unanimously passed by the House.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MANIPUR APPROPRIATION BILLS:

- (1) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for leave to introduce the Manipur Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 10 of 2024).

The House granted the leave and the Bill was introduced.

- (2) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for leave to introduce the Manipur Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 11 of 2024).

The House granted the leave and the Bill was introduced.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF THE MANIPUR APPROPRIATION BILLS:

- (1) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved:

“That the Manipur Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 10 of 2024) be taken into consideration.”

And also moved that the Bill be passed.

After clause by clause consideration, the Bill was unanimously passed by the House.

- (2) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved:

“That the Manipur Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 11 of 2024) be taken into consideration.”

And also moved that the Bill be passed.

After clause by clause consideration, the Bill was unanimously passed by the House.

Hon’ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabarta Singh adjourned the House at 4:26 p.m till 11:00 a.m of 2nd August, 2024.

(K. Meghajit Singh)

Secretary,

Manipur Legislative Assembly
