

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Tuesday, the 5th March, 2024

The House assembled at 11:00 a.m. of Tuesday, the 5th March, 2024 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon'ble Chief Minister, 9 Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers, Hon'ble Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 36 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No.223 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding construction of new shelter houses for displaced people.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No.224 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding steps for restoration of peace.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No.225 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding CBI investigation case for two missing students.
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources Department) made a reply to Starred Question No.226 asked by Shri Kh. Loken Singh, MLA regarding Imphal Barrage.
- (e) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No. 227 asked by by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding Free Movement Regime (FMR).
- (f) Hon'ble Minister (Works Department) made a reply to Starred Question No.228 asked by Shri Kh. Loken Singh regarding 4-laning of National Highway No. 137 A.
- (g) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No. 229 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding the number of missing and injured persons in the ongoing violence.
- (h) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) made a reply to Starred Question No. 231 asked by Shri Ram Muivah, MLA regarding submission of PPR for supply of water to Ukhrul District HQ.

Starred Question No. 230 was withdrawn and answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 62, 63 & 64 were laid as written replies on the Table of the House.

ZERO HOUR:

Smt. I. Nalini Devi, MLA drew the attention of the Leader of the House on the plight of the displaced people of Waroi Ching under Oinam A/C. She requested for deploying adequate state forces so that the displaced people can go back to their homes. She further urged the Government to provide financial assistance to the displaced persons.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA citing a local daily asked the government to give a response regarding the demand by Meitei/Meetei Tribe Union to discuss in the House the issue of the inclusion of Meetei/Meitei in the ST List.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA urged the government to fill up the vacancies of the post of the Chairman and two members of the MPSC to make the MPSC function effectively.

CALLING ATTENTION:

(1) S/Shri K. Ranjit Singh and Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLAs called on the attention of the Minister (in-charge of Power) on the leakage of oil from Heavy Power Station, Leimakhong.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA mover of the Calling Attention asked the government how the leakage of oil from the Heavy Fuel Power Station at Leimakhong had occurred and queried whether any FIR was registered regarding the incident. He further urged the government to provide the report of the Fact-Finding Committee of the incident.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA also urged the government to take up necessary action regarding the oil leakage from Heavy Fuel Power Station, Leimakhong so that such grievous incident would not happen again in future.

Shri Th. Bishwajit Singh, Minister (in-charge of Power) in his clarification stated that immediately after getting report of oil spillage, officials from the State Government, IIT (Guwahati) and Coast Guard were rushed to the site to control and investigate the incident. He stated that, as recommended by experts who visited the sites, the State Cabinet resolved to engage the Oil Spill Combat Team, Pune to skim off the oil from the water and added that after regular testing of the contaminated water they have now declared the water safe for domestic use. He also informed that a team of experts from IIT (Guwahati) had made three visits to the site and have submitted their report. The incident seemed to be an act of sabotage as the oil spilled resulted from the cutting of a pipe, he stated and added that two FIRs had been registered and an official suspended in connection with the incident.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister supplementing the clarification stated that the incident occurred at a now defunct site of Heavy Fuel Power Station, Leimakhong and immediate measure was taken up by diverting the leaked oil into a paddy field using JCB in order to stop the flow towards Imphal River. He also informed that expert teams of IIT (Guwahati) and Coast Guard were roped in consultation with the Union Home Ministry. He opined that the incident was clearly an act of sabotage and the site has now been fenced along with deployment of IRB personnel. The state government is making serious effort to ensure that such incident does not happen in future.

(2) Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA called on the attention of the Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) on the murder of SDPO, Moreh and asked whether the son of deceased SDPO, who has been appointed to the rank of ASI, could be appointed to the post of SDPO post his completion of graduation. He further queried on the present status of the case taken up in connection with the killing of the Police Officer and enquired about the details of the two persons who were apprehended. He inquired about the steps being taken up by the government to boost the morale of state security forces and also about the resettlement of displaced persons from Moreh.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister replying the calling attention informed that nine suspects including a Burmese had been arrested in connection with the killing of SDPO, Moreh and said that the case had been entrusted to the NIA and investigation is on. He informed that ten bullet proof vehicles had been procured by the government and another 20 such vehicles would be procure to meet the challenges the state forces are facing in tackling the present crisis. Enhancement of allowance of police personnel posted at sensitive areas, vulnerable areas and payment of ex-gratia for those security personnel injured/killed while on duty are the steps taken up in order to boost the morale of the state force. Regarding the post for the son of the slain SDPO, he informed that the Government would look into whether his son could be given suitable post after his graduation. He also stated that the government is making serious effort to rehabilitate the displaced persons in Moreh.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh made an announcement that Shri Th. Radheshyam Singh, MLA had applied for leave of absence for the day's sitting.

The House agreed and the leave was granted.

Hon'ble Speaker Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 12:52 p.m. till 2:00 p.m. of the day.

The House resumed at 2:00 p.m. with Hon'ble Speaker Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the chair.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION:

S/Shri K. Ranjit Singh and Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLAs raised a discussion on the frequent violent attacks by Kuki militants to the villages located in the peripheral foothill areas, particularly in Sugnu and Khundrakpam Assembly Constituencies.

Shri K. Ranjit, MLA stated that a Peace Committee, comprising leaders of different communities residing in and around Sugnu area, was constituted under his initiative to prevent the conflict from spreading. He stated that the situation in the area was peaceful for 24 days since the violence began due to the concerted efforts of the Peace Committee and added that the said committee was able to save many innocent lives. He expressed his concern regarding the inadequate security arrangement in Sugnu and Serou area and demanded that adequate security be provided by the government in order to save the lives and property of the people in the state.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion stated that the ongoing conflict which had happened since May 3rd, 2023 was quite unfortunate and lamenting the loss of lives in his constituency, he urged to provide adequate state security forces for ushering peace in the state. He inquired whether the government has any future plan for those village volunteer forces who are on the frontline.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister in his clarification appreciating the efforts of Hon'ble MLA Shri K. Ranjit to control the conflict in his area and also appreciated the support made by every member during the ongoing conflict in the state. He also stated that adequate security has been provided and strengthened in sensitive areas to avert any future attacks. A positive suggestion from different communities at all levels is warmly welcomed and it is the responsibilities of everyone to bring peace and normalcy in the state, he said. He further stated that additional security forces would be sent to vulnerable areas for conducting joint operations by both the state and central security forces and added that bullet proof vehicles would be provided while operating in sensitive areas. He informed that he would see if any schemes and financial assistance could be provided to those village volunteer forces under Chief Minister Livelihood schemes.

DISCUSSION ON A MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST:

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, MLA raised a discussion on the need for a holistic approach to restore peace and normalcy in the State. He said that the ongoing conflict in the state is quite unprecedented and added the need to redefine the idea of Manipur so that peace could return at the earliest. He lamented the failure of the state and central government in safeguarding the lives and property of the public and suggested the need for an intervention by a third party or neutral body for dialogue between the warring communities

to bring an end to the ten month long on-going ethnic violence in the state. He also said that many people had been killed and many properties were destroyed in the on-going violence. He questioned whether the Central government is only watching the violence and stated that it would take only a few days if the Central Government really wanted to end this violence. He also expressed the need to create a suitable environment to start a political dialogue between the two parties. He further suggested the need to make an appointment to meet with the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Home Minister to end the violence in the state. He suggested hiring a few more agencies other than the Border Road Organisation (BRO) to speed up the fencing work along the border.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister in his clarification stated that there has been reduction in the violence with the Centre's effort due to the deployment of Central security personnel in the periphery areas. He also said that 10 km fencing of the border which has now been completed now and further steps have been taken up to speed up the fencing along the border. He said that both state and paramilitary force had been deployed jointly in troubled and sensitive areas. He also said that Battalions of MR and IRB have now been deployed at foot hills and periphery areas. He also said the State Assembly has adopted a resolution in favour of abrogation of SoO with the Kuki militants. He also informed that with the initiative of the Central government, dialogue with the Kuki MLAs has already been initiated with the first meeting held at Delhi while the second meeting was held at Guwahati and the third meeting will be held with the Chairman of the Hill Area Committee.

Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh gave a valedictory speech and adjourned the House sine-die at 4:49 p.m.

(K. Meghajit Singh)

Secretary,

Manipur Legislative Assembly
