

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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The House assembled at 11:00 a.m. of Monday, the 12th August, 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 33 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Education) made a reply to Starred Question No.314 asked by Shri K. Leishiyo, MLA regarding infrastructures of DIET at Kasom Khullen.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (CAF & PD) made a reply to Starred Question No.315 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding failure to deliver NFSA rice to FPS agent.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) made a reply to Starred Question No.316 asked by Shri K. Leishiyo, MLA regarding revenue collection from Kamjong
- (d) Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources Department) made a reply to Starred Question No. 317 asked by Shri Th. Arunkumar, MLA regarding recent floods in Wangkhei A/C.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (RD & PR) made a reply to Starred Question No. 319 asked by Sheikh Noorul Hassan, MLA regarding bridge construction near Loitang School, Top Mayai Leikai.

Answers to Starred Question no.318 and Unstarred Question Nos. 93, 94, 95, 96 & 97 were laid on the Table of the House as written replies.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER:

Shri K. Govindas Singh, Minister (Works) expressed his disappointment over the Opposition Members staging a walk out from the House on the charge of not taking a resolution by the House to seek an appointment with the PM to discuss the ongoing conflict. He stated that the House had discussed the matter extensively many times and

added that a House Committee had also been constituted to enquire into the influx of illegal immigrant in the State. He further added that the action of the Opposition might mislead the people of the state.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BUSINESS:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Leader of the House announced the Business of the House for the Week.

PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE:

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

- (i) Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement, Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement & Macro Economic Framework Statement and Disclosures, 2024-25.
- (ii) Gender Budget Statement, 2024-25.
- (iii) State Finances Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 2023.
- (iv) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Performance Audit of Development and Promotion of Horticulture for the year ended 31st March, 2020.

CALLING ATTENTION:

Shri Leishiyo Keishing, MLA called the attention of the Chief Minister (in-charge of Land Resources) on the unresolved boundary demarcation of the newly created 7 (seven) districts of Manipur. He highlighted the history of the creation of the said new districts and the unending controversy and conflict emerging from the unsettled district boundary in respect of the newly created districts. Conflict among different ethnic communities due to unresolved boundary issues might aggravate if the issue gets accumulated over the years, he said and therefore drew the attention of the leader of the House to resolve the long pending issue of inter-district boundary disputes.

Shri, N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister making his clarification informed that the new districts were created by the previous government not for administrative conveniences but for political conveniences. He said that district demarcation based on ethnic lines created conflict among the various communities and the issue has become a chronic illness. He informed that districts reorganization is the need of the hour but it will be a herculean task which will take time as it involve stakeholders of the various communities. He added that the Government is committed to solve district boundary disputes by discussing with leaders, CSOs and NGOs of the various communities.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS, 2024-2025:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demands Nos: 10-Education; 15-Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; 38-Panchayat; 40-Water Resources Department; 43-Horticulture and Soil Conservation; 46-Science and Technology; and 49-Economics and Statistics for discussion & voting.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demands Nos. 10, 15, 38, 40, 43, 46 & 49 for passing.

Demands Nos. 10, 15, 38, 40, 43, 46 & 49 were passed by the House.

INTRODUCTION OF MANIPUR APPROPRIATION BILL:

(1) Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for leave to introduce, “*The Manipur Appropriation (No.5) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 12 of 2024).*”

The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF THE MANIPUR APPROPRIATION BILL:

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

“that The Manipur Appropriation (No.5) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 12 of 2024) be taken into consideration.”

Md. Abdul Nasir, MLA participating in the discussion lamented over the deplorable road conditions in the state which got damaged due to the recent flood and urged the government to repair the roads at the earliest. He queried as who will bear the responsibility for incompleteness of road construction works in the state under RD & PR department. Lamenting over the disparity in management of flood affected areas due to recent natural calamity, he asked if MLAs of the affected areas are included in the Work Advisory Committee. He urged the Leader of the House to give an assurance in the House when the border fencing would be completed.

Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA participating in the discussion appealed to all the Hon’ble Members for a co-ordinated efforts to bring a solution to the present crisis. On Relief and Disaster, he urged to look into matter of providing relief fund to those affected by the recent floods in Ward-25 of his constituency. Considering the increasing demand for fish, he urged to enhance the budget of Fisheries. On IT, he expressed the need to take stringent actions against those who hack social media pages. On Science and Technology, he urged the government to consider improving the Science Centre at Takyelpat. He urged for pumping out water from the water logged Lamphel area.

Hon’ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 01:04 p.m. till 02:30 pm of the day.

The House resumed at 02:30 p.m with Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the chair.

Shri. L. Rameshwor Meetei, MLA participating in the discussion raised suspicion of the involvement of some divisive forces behind the ongoing crisis. He queried on what steps have been initiated against the then DGP and the SP of Churachandpur who were incumbent at the time of the crisis. He also sought necessary steps for revoking the suspension of OC, Nongpok Sekmai as the legal procedure against him regarding an unfortunate incident have already been completed. He also asked what departmental actions have been taken against those police officers in Churachandpur district for their dereliction of duty during the course of the crisis.

Sheikh Noorul Hassan, MLA highlighted the plight faced by new NFSA cardholders who have not received their quota of rice. He also said that the recommendation of Justice Wadhwa Committee was not followed during appointment of Fair Price Agents. He also sought early release of labour wages of the labourers by the labour contractor of NFSA, weighing of outbound rice bags from FCI godown, among others.

Shri Th. Shyamkumar, MLA participating during the discussion highlighted the need to upload online all the works and schemes undertaken by the various departments. He urged the need to speed up the implementation of PM SHRI (PM's Schools for Rising India) in the state. He stressed the need to establish a separate Directorate for the Scheduled Caste and also added the need for proper background check and verification while issuing SC certificates. In order to prevent flash floods, he opined the need to take up desiltation works of dam spillways and other major rivers.

Shri Kh. Ibomcha Singh, MLA taking part in discussion urged the need for service absorption of non-teaching staff of Thambal Marik College, Mayai Lambi College and Kakching Khunou College and service absorption of both teaching and non-teaching staff of 3 colleges namely Biramangol College, Liberal College and Standard College. In order to restore peace and normalcy during the current crisis, he suggested that political leaders and people in high position should direct/lead the people in a right direction and must not mislead people. He also stated the need to provide immunity to village volunteers who had voluntarily taken up arms only to defend their respective villages.

Shri Th. Shanti Singh, MLA taking part in the discussion expressed desire to increase the present seat capacity of DIET, Moirang from 50 to 100 seats and to establish a separate office of the DI of Schools, Moirang which is presently attached at a school campus. He also urged for renovating the Rural Family Welfare Centre at Moirang. In view of the frequent natural calamities happening in the state, he expressed the need to enhance the budget of major departments like Water Resources Department and the PWD. He further stressed to re-locate the office of the Assistant Agriculture Officer, Moirang which had been shifted to Bishnupur some years back. In order to provide employment

to unemployed youths, he expressed the need to make the now defunct Dairy Farm at Moirang functional. He further stated the need to appraise the Centre for allocating the rice quota of new card holders of NFSA who had been denied their quota till now.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister while clarifying stated that he had noted all the observations and suggestions and mentioned that these issues can be resolved by sitting and deliberating together. He highlighted the various programmes and schemes undertaken by the government to improve the socio-economic condition of the state like CMHT, School Fagathansi Mission, College Fagathansi Mission, Start-Up schemes, among others. He said that while taking up any State or Central projects and schemes, priority is always given to the hill areas considering the topographical and geographical factors. Reiterating the success of 'War on Drugs' campaign, he said that many drug lords, smugglers and peddlers were arrested from which many were convicted after proper prosecution and asserted that the campaign does not specifically target a single community. Hailing the Central government for granting ILP in the state, he informed that the Centre is taking up pro-active steps to safeguard the interest of small minority state like ours by suspending Free Movement Regime (FMR), identification of foreign immigrants, etc. He also informed that the Centre had notified for fencing the remaining unfenced border with Myanmar speedily within the next 5 years. He reiterated that identification and collection of biometric data of illegal immigrants had already started with the concerned SP of the district who is empowered to detect and deport any foreigner under the Foreigners Act, 1946. He informed that more than Rs. 400 crores had been released by the Centre for welfare of the IDPs in the relief camps. For providing better accommodation to the IDPs, construction of 200/300 new houses at Phubala and shifting of inmates to existing government buildings at Langol is in the pipeline, he said and added that skill training are provided regularly to the inmates at relief camps to enable themselves to make a livelihood. He further requested all the Members to visit and share all the inconveniences faced by the IDPs. Reiterating that the government is taking up all possible measures to bring peace in the state, he appealed that every section of the people should have faith in the action of both the Central and State governments

N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved that the Bill be passed.

The Bill was passed by the House.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF GOVERNMENT BILLS:

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

“that The Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 17 of 2024) be taken into consideration.”

And, also moved that the Bill be passed.

The Bill was passed by the House.

- (2) Shri Th. Basanta Kumar Singh, Minister (in-charge of Law & Legislative Affairs) moved:

“ that The National Law University, Manipur Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 16 of 2024) be taken into consideration.”

And, also moved that the Bill be passed.

The Bill was passed by the House.

Hon’ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh gave a valedictory speech and adjourned the House sine die at 04:42 p.m.

(K. Meghajit Singh)

Secretary,

Manipur Legislative Assembly
