

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECRETARIAT
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No. 39

Wednesday, the 7th August, 2024

The House assembled at 11:00 a.m. of Wednesday, the 7th 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 38 Elected Members.

QUESTIONS:

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources Department) made a reply to Starred Question No.286 asked by Shri Kh. Loken Singh, MLA regarding damaged river banks in Wangoi A/C.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No.287 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding Indo-Myanmar border fencing.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister (Relief and Disaster Management) made a reply to Starred Question No.288 asked by Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar, MLA regarding assistance to victims of natural calamities.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No.289 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding funds released to UG groups under SoO.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (PWD) made a reply to Starred Question No.290 asked by Sheikh Noorul Hassan, MLA regarding development of Imphal-Kongba road.
- (f) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No. 291 asked by Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA regarding Village Protection Volunteers.
- (g) Hon'ble Minister (MAHUD) made a reply to Starred Question No.292 asked by Shri Kh. Joykisan Singh, MLA regarding Corporator(s) of IMC.
- (h) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No. 293 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding expenditure for relief camps.

- (i) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No. 294 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding SoO Agreement.
- (j) Hon'ble Minister (TA & Hills) made a reply to Starred Question No. 295 asked by Shri Th. Shyamkumar, MLA regarding improvement of Andro road (Ngariyal Chingkhong to Andro Khoibu) and Thoubal Multipurpose Road (Napet Palli to Thoubal Multipurpose Project).

Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 69 & 88 were laid on the Table of the House as written reply.

ZERO HOUR:

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA citing local dailies highlighted the open protest at Waithou area by the local clubs and meira paibis against the monetary demand by unknown miscreants. He urged the Home Department to look into the matter.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA raised the issue of the flash flood at the relief camp situated at Sericulture Training Centre at Moirang and urged the government to act swiftly to resolve the situation in view of the suffering faced by the inmates of the relief camp.

Shri Th. Shanti, MLA highlighted the issue of flash flood at the relief camp of Sericulture Training Centre at Moirang and mentioned that it occurred in the early hours due to breaching of Moirang river. He added that the situation was brought under control by around 9:30 am and that the inmates will be able to return to their assigned places by evening.

STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF MINISTER:

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister informed that the RBI had extended the moratorium for the repayment of loans till the September, 2024 and requested all the loanees, who had not applied yet for relief, to apply at their respective banks for the moratorium.

Regarding the honorarium of VDF personnel, he informed that there has been a yearly increment of Rs. 500 since 2020.

He further informed that the government is considering an increase in the Ration Money Allowance by Rs.500 for all police personnel in the state.

CALLING ATTENTION:

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA drew the attention of the Chief Minister (in-charge of Home) regarding the failure of the Security Advisor to the State Government to produce any hints of the two missing students namely, Linthoingambi Hijam and Phijam Hemanjit

Singh despite his assurance to the Public. He questioned the concerned authority's failure to recover any mortal remains or any evidence of the two students even though the culprits have been arrested and charge-sheeted.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister clarified that the case of the two missing students had been handed over to the CBI. He informed that 6 individuals were arrested in connection with the case, out of which four individuals are in the custody of the CBI as the remaining two turned out to be minors. He stated that some personal belongings of the two students were also recovered. Adding that the case is still under investigation by the CBI, he assured that those found guilty will be punished according to law.

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

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demands Nos.17-Agriculture; 20-Community and Rural Development; 23-Power; 25-Youth Affairs and Sports Department; 30-Planning; 42-State Academy of Training; and 47-Minorities and Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes Department for discussion & voting.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Agriculture stated the need to protect agricultural land and also to identify and safeguard the fertile agricultural land and to move the industrial sites to the unfertile foothills. He also queried on what plans and work had been taken up to support the farmers of the state. He enquired about the rice production and the quantity imported from other states. He further enquired whether the government could provide organic paddy seeds to farmers. On Rural Development, he also asked the concern Minister to release the pending liabilities for the completed works and to make new work programme for the year 2024-25. On MOBC, he further asked the concerned Minister to be transparent in the selection of beneficiaries.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA moving cut motion stated that in the recent past, there has been decrease in the participation in sports events. He also stressed the need to increase the budget allocation for sports. He further queried regarding the government's policy to promote residential training at District Sports Complex. He also pointed out the lack of proper policy and programmes to incentivize sportspersons.

Shri Th. Bishwajit Singh, Minister (Agriculture) in his clarification stated that there has been increase in the total agricultural land in the hill areas. He further stated that agricultural lands are protected under the 'Conservation of Paddy Land and Wet Land Act, 2014'. To improve farm irrigation, he informed that various works such as digging of farm ponds and tube well and installation of drip irrigation from under PMKSY and RKVY, Soil Health and fertility test, Rain Fed Area Development programme, Per Drop More Crop, among others have been taken up to encourage the farmers. He stated that the Department is providing testing mechanisms at a subsidized rate under PMKSY and added that farm machineries like tractors were also provided to the farmers of the

rural areas. He also stated that paddy seeds were distributed free of cost and informed all the farmers to avail the opportunity. He further said that farmers are given monetary assistance of Rs 6000/- under PM KISAN on instalment basis.

Hon'ble Speaker Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 1:09 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.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Minister (Community and Rural Development) in his clarification stated that the works under PMGSY were done as per guidelines and stated that the quality of the works are checked after the completion of the same. He stated that road construction of about 1239.93 kms for the year 2022-23 was completed and he has personally visited some hill areas for survey before the crisis started. He also stated that all the outstanding amounts for completed works have been paid and the pending liabilities for the ongoing works would be given at the earliest. Admitting the delay in work progress in the conflict zone, he said that construction work has been started in Churachandpur. Strict guidelines were followed during preparation of work programme for PMGSY, Phase-III, 2023-24, he informed and added that sanction for 502.24 kms had already been released out of the total 812.50 kms under phase-III.

Shri K. Govindas Singh, Minister (YAS) in his clarification informed that in spite of the Department's small budget, different schemes have been announced beyond the budget allocation for sportspersons in the state and added that there is a scheme for "one village one playground". He stated that the Department has also introduced the Chief Minister's Sportspersons Livelihood Guaranteed Scheme for the welfare of the sportspersons. He further stated that the National Sports University was established in recognition of the performance of our sportspersons and added that a Centre of Excellence would be established soon at Khuman Lampak Sports Complex under Khelo India. He also stated that scouting was being carried out at district level for admitting students in the National Sports University and a residential hostel is being set up to groom the youngsters in the state. He informed that construction of a multi level indoor stadium at a cost of Rs. 40 Crores and upgradation of the Khuman Lampak Sports Complex are also in the pipeline. He stated that a Residential Camp is being organised for 21 days for those sportspersons who are going to participate at the National and International level. Admitting the shortage of facilities under the Department, he stated that some sportspersons were also accommodated for training in private sports institutes and academies funded by the Centre and also added that a Regular Coaching Centre at district level under Khelo India has been started. He stated that the Department is ready to provide financial assistance based on performance of sportspersons and further stated that different posts have also been created for sportspersons who have won medals in National

and International level events. He also said that a Football Academy would be set up within this financial year in coordination with the All India Football Federation.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (MOBC&SC) while highlighting the various schemes taken up in different fields/areas under the Department said that the Government has been providing every possible items/tools to various beneficiaries and also conducted skill trainings programmes for self reliance and added that the Government is working tirelessly for the benefits of the people in the state.

Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demands 17, 20, 23, 25, 30, 42 & 47 for passing.

Demands Nos. 17, 20, 23, 25, 30, 42 & 47 were passed unanimously by the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:

Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh, Hon'ble Speaker announced the constitution of a House Committee "to look into the influx of illegal immigrants and unnatural growth of new villages in the state of Manipur", consisting of the following 12 Members:

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| 1. Shri Awangbow Newmai, Hon'ble Minister | - | Chairman, |
| 2. Shri Letpao Haokip, Hon'ble Minister | - | Member |
| 3. Shri L. Susindro Meitei, Hon'ble Minister | - | Member |
| 4. Shri Th. Basanta Kumar Singh, Hon'ble Minister | - | Member |
| 5. Shri Dinganglung Gangmei, Hon'ble Chairman (HAC)- | - | Member |
| 6. Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, Hon'ble MLA | - | Member |
| 7. Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, Hon'ble MLA | - | Member |
| 8. Md. Abdul Nasir, Hon'ble MLA | - | Member |
| 9. Shri Leishiyo Keishing, Hon'ble MLA | - | Member |
| 10. Shri Surjakumar Okram, Hon'ble MLA | - | Member |
| 11. Shri Kh. Ibomcha, Hon'ble MLA | - | Member |
| 12. Shri Th. Shanti Singh, Hon'ble MLA | - | Member |

The Committee has to submit its Report within 3 months time.

Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh, Hon'ble Speaker adjourned the House at 2:44 p.m. till 11:00 a.m. of 8th August, 2024.

(K. Meghajit Singh)

Secretary,

Manipur Legislative Assembly
