

Editorial

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Playing with the Nature's gift

Mother Nature is not so cruel. The moment when the people of this land started crying for water, she pours it from the sky. But we are so cruel to her that the blessing was sabotage by wasting it at streets and other filthy potholes. In a world where technology had reached its height, where leaders of the western nations talk about building modern cities under the sea or somewhere at the sky, we in this portion of the earth do not know how to make good use of what Mother Nature has gifted us. It is a known fact that during dry season people of this region faced acute shortage of water and during rainy season the place is normally flooded with the rain water. This phenomenon has been experiencing by the people for the past few decades. No people of this generation have ever heard our great great grandfather facing such a disastrous phenomenon. This clearly shows that the present crisis of water is the creation of this generation. One cannot simply blame on the mass deforestation as a result of the drastic situation being faced by the people. Politicians and those who are running the government cannot make their way out of this by blaming the citizens for not following the orders of the government. Draughts and floods which were once only learnt through geography books and newspapers have now become routine event of this little state since the last two three decades. As for the Imphalites from a small child who can read and write to those who hold top post in the government departments or those doing doctoral degree in any discipline, everyone knows that the kind of flood or draught that we the people of Manipur are facing every years is a man made one created by lack of proper planning on water management. Every time when the people faced such a situation there will be hue and cry from the side of the general public demanding the government for a proper water policy for the state. Even at the state assembly, some of the MLAs had brought up the issue and drew the attention of the government for proper management of water by framing a water policy. Concerned Ministers in the government every time assured to look into it but nothing visible action was seen taken up. This is perhaps those in power responsible or looking after this section of department - say , for example the Irrigation and Flood Control Department (IFCD) and Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) seems to be deliberately waiting for occurrence of flood or draught. Everyone knows that when there is flood the Ministers or the authority of the government department looking after it are entitle to spend huge amount of money in the name of taking up relief measures. This fund utilized, only benefitted to those who are actually assigned to utilize it. So, if no draught or flood no special package or huge fund to utilized it at which they can manage to arrange to get their share. Which means that those in the government never wanted a solution to flood or draught in this state which have adequate amount of rainfall every year.

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My open letter to the politicians of Manipur

By: Shanta Nahakpam

Today you are campaigning using the tool of Bund and Blockade and we the common man are supporting you in all this campaign. I wonder if we are not laughing at you in our hearts with a face of support to you in all of your campaigns (Irrespective of the party you belong to).

Not any time in all of your words that you speak, we have never ever felt that you have the solution to the problem of bund blockade and price rise etc. You would claim that people come to you extending their support because they believe in you but I would say they rather are helpless and don't have an option. The fact being your words which campaigns that there will be a better Manipur but you do not tell us how to make it better or what role will you play, how do you intend to make it better, how will you create a bund and blockade free Manipur?

That is where the common man feel that you are of no use to us but you seem to talk good with your very dramatic skill that you have learned though at these years at different levels. To the common man we felt and knew it was your duty to handle the price of essential commodities, allocation of fuel and Cooking gas but the civil societies are doing your job which makes us question you what happen to your staff and power at various levels you were suppose to sack inspectors and cancel licences to teach the black marketers a lesson of their life and also cleanse the system with such form of corruption.

I do remember those in power claiming the price rise will be looked into and those not in power issuing statements that you are doing nothing to protect the soaring prices of basic amenities. But it was always the civil societies doing your job.

Due to various situations arising in building up a small scale business I decided to harness various ways so that I can become self dependent I was ready to spend the little savings I had and also use all my contacts that will help me. That was when one of my friends approached me for a civil work construction for Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

I was convinced as many of my friends who were unemployed were up to at least some construction work though some department, Ministers or M L A. I also felt that if someone says I am into some construction work, it was a job of respect and everyone would know him. I thought this may be the jobs you created for the unemployed youth of the state, may be you wanted every person to contribute in the development of the state and that is why you are distributing all these construction work to the people.

When I started working as a small sub contractor I simply put all the efforts all my sources believing this would give me respect, income and status too. Until the company Sterling and Wilson Limited which I worked for started breaching the agreement which we had and delayed many of our payment. Ironically I never stopped working even if I had fund shortage I took loan from various sources which made me a hero for the time being. Some of my unemployed friends also invested their little savings. They had the same dream like me and they believe in me for their future.

Even though the company released our bills many times it was released in half or quarter which made the management of things so tough that my investor started questioning me for the delay in making payment. I responded with the same enthusiasm and zeal like they had when they had given their trusted investment. To repay some of them I had to use other sources which were on loan sometimes at the maximum of 7% which made the situation worse. Today I am still struggling with the debt to pay my friends who trusted me with their little savings.

You must be thinking why I am happy telling my foolishness in open, I would say it is because I learned through this foolishness that apart from my good times when my friends were supporting me and were ready to do anything to complete this project the system in which we were stuck put me in such a situation which became a disaster for my life.

I am talking of the system where sub contractors are hired without any

regulation, the uncontrolled mode of finance where we had to pay more than 7% and the many letters we wrote which were never addressed by the concerned authority.

For me to explain how much stupidity is in a common man that he chooses to be a part of the earning population and how he decides to become a part of the earning population and what he choose is entirely his decision. You have nothing to do with the decision I make but yes certainly you can make the system function properly so that regulations be made for unorganised money lending can be controlled construction companies which do not have an office in the state should not be given major works as to when they hire sub contractors or land in some trouble they can be punished.

In many of the campaigns (any general election) you usually mention the mismanagement of Funds by the previous Govt on Funds sanctioned for the purpose of development of infrastructure, tourism social security but you do not mention anything on finding out how such mismanagement took place and how to punish people involved in such mismanagement of funds. If any of you have such concrete evidence and information why do you wait for being elected and why have you not filed any FIR to take legal action against such corrupt officials and employees.

The common man would like to see an action taken report if you have such evidence before we elect you to power because we believe you will turn out to be the same human being with different name trying to rule us. The sarcasm of being a politician in Manipur is that we all know you have been lying since you step foot in politics but we are still with you since we are trapped for our daily bread and butter at your sympathy. You would say democracy gives the liberty to choose your leader who look at me look for someone better if you think so. Again the common man does not have an option because you don't give them the chance to rule them self.

Let us look at the earning source of the people of Manipur, more than 70% of the earning comes from Government salary, you try to create as much as job as you can through vacancies in the Government Departments but you never look at the earning of these departments or say the performance of such departments. I would like you to know that we understand the pleasure of inaugurating a multispecialty hospital or a school and also the pleasure and pride of sitting in a function with successful business personalities from the state. But how do you explain the many words you speak while in any function that such kind of schools and facilities are needed in the state aren't you harnessing the hard work of some entrepreneur and instead of learning from him you simply say that we need more of this and leave the stage and never give more of such things to come up until and until someone puts his or her hard work and invites you for the very inauguration or the foundation day. I would say you don't play any role in the development of the common man as far as I know you only take the credit of the common mans achievement.

As some of you (Politicians) would argue that you are not amongst the people you calculate to be, you would claim to be honest enough for the common man to trust you for the future of the State and that you have sacrificed your carrier to serve the people of the state be it of any community.

I would again want you to understand that the so called democratic process of election involves a large amount of power, black/white money to get elected. To the common man it is impossible that they elect a representative of their choice since more than 70% of the earning of the people is dependent on Salary and Govt funds. They are not able to fund elections and promote leader of their choice. Small entrepreneur like me do not play any role in choosing our elected representative as a common man only vote in sympathy of our friends who ask us to help in the process and progress of their liked ones.

Another issue I would like you to understand is that since you have not done anything for the common man in the state the state is being run by the donations done by the Union Govt of India and 70% of the earning population belongs to your party (The Govt Employee) it makes it easier for you to cross any issue since maximum of the population do not protest at all for any grievances. I wonder why the people of the State Manipur do not protest when the prices of essential commodities are soaring high and why we do not protest the many unreasonable bund and blockade which are not related to us at any point of time.

This is the time I realised most of the people get benefit of Bund and Blockade without any labour for instance a Govt employee will get his salary without attending office even though he gets it late, an officer's D A and T A will still be released even if he never went in field etc. On the other side none of the Government employee will participate in any of the issues even if it is genuine as they fear you would take action with them for their disloyalty(as per your understanding). As in the case of common man the whole earning process is hampered and we are again left to the unorganised money launders for our bread and butter. To repay them we have to work EXTRA shift and once we repay them another bund and blockade is ready to test our limit of hard work. This way the rich is getting richer and the common man remains in his little world.

Again you don't have the solution for such problem I even doubt you ever tried to understand what is the future of the students who are studying in other states and cities? Did you ever think of what do you offer when they return home with the knowledge they have earned. In your campaign never ever have you mentioned how you plan to bring back the major human resource which is being utilized by different states that belong to your state? But you still give us a dream that you will create jobs from those earning the people can send their children to better schools and colleges outside the state. It seems you do not wish to have a plan layout which will attract the very smart and intelligent population of

human resource to come back to their home state and help in improving the economy of the common man.

I know while reading this letter you must be thinking that much of the ideas and thoughts are a truth and you would like to plan as soon as you get elected but I also know that you will do nothing after you get elected. To conclude with us as a common man who do not have much help and contacts. We need to have a mechanism as to understand the importance of a leader who will represent us who will at least put points related to the common people and how they can get developed. To do so we need to participate in the process of choosing a leader for that we have to finance these elections which are not an easytask.

I would conclude by putting up that there is a need for MSME and various entrepreneurs to start financing elections at various levels so that we can change the politicians/Government when they are not performing as per their promise. Today's election is being financed by the many under the table funds received by high profile Govt employee and the funds coming from New Delhi. Since we are just voting it is not bringing any change we want in our society. To be very precise we are not able to influence any of the decisions made by our government at any level. Except that we use the mechanism of Bund and Blockade as the tool for our interest. It is the call of time that we should team up and utilize our skills and knowledge at least to out-throw the politicians who do not work in the interest of the people. I do not know if I have made the point in this letter and you would be reading this letter but I feel I have expressed my concern over the issues we face today and what we want our politicians to understand. I also hope after reading this letter you will at least try to formulate a vision in yourself as to how these issues impact the common man which you are not bearing in mind. The time is for our parents to realise the importance of small business and the significance of our politicians to create small business sectors are equally important in nature. Our politicians should have a look at the study of major business stake in the state today and many of the business are not controlled by local people which are also a major reason for price rise. The unregulated form of finance which we look at for help in various jobs is the reason for the gap we have today with the earnings and the savings. I just wish you to read this letter of mine and at least try to streamline the issues we have today and present us with a vision as to how you will create job without trapping us into the net of unregulated jobs and money launders? How you intend to improve the regular earnings of various small scale businesses by making Manipur Bund and Blockade free? How you intend to punish those engaged in corruption which is actually financing your political carrier? I look forward to a reply to all my questions until then I have decided not participate in any political party's campaign and also not vote for any candidate. (Concluded)

Notification

Applications are invited from the citizen of Manipur State to fill in against the existing vacant posts in the Chaokhat Thourang Development Organisation. Willing candidates can have the Application Form from the office of "All Women and Child Development" Chingamathak Electricity Building 1st Floor Imphal of the above mentioned Organisation from 16th Feb 2017 to 20th Feb 2017. The name of the Vacant Posts are given below:-

Sl.No	Name of Post	No of Post	Edu. Qualification	Salary
1.	Project co-ordinator	1	MSW/graduate with experience	negotiable
2.	Trainer & Recorder	1	Graduate with experience	negotiable
3.	Animator	14	X pass	negotiable

The duly filled in Application form will be submitted to the office of 'All women and child Development' Chingamathak Electricity Building 1st Floor, Imphal on or before 21st Feb 2017 during office hour.

Date of Interview :- 22nd Feb. 2017

Place of Interview :- Office of the 'All Women and Child Development'
Time :- 10:00 am

Sd/-
Kh. Sanjit Singh
Secretary
Chaokhat Thourang Development Organisation