

Supplementary grants for Transport passed ; No opposition MLAs raised the issue of traffic irregularities

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Imphal, Feb 22: Perhaps the legislatures sitting in the opposition bench in the ongoing assembly session considered it as a waste of time or maybe they felt it not relevant to put matters regarding the traffic chaos in the state particularly in Imphal city, none of the MLAs who raise cut motion to the passing of the demand for grant of Rs. 15,29,27,000/- mentioned about the failed traffic system in the state.

MLA Fajur Rahman, of the congress in his cut motion had expressed the chaos created by the uncontrolled increasing number of diesel auto vehicles in Imphal as well as other districts of the states. Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh in his reply finds no difficult to answer to the concern of the MLA saying that the Transport department has stopped issuing of license to the diesel passenger auto since 2015.

"We will stop giving license to such vehicle (diesel auto) considering the reality". The Chief Minister said while urging the MLA to withdraw his cut motion.

Congress MLA Chaltolien Amo seems to be happy with the new government's re-introduction of the Manipur State Transport to all almost all the interior district head quarters of the state. His plea was to introduce a smaller bus as long buses being utilized at the moment fails to reach some parts as the road condition is not good.

Chief Minister said that the government is looking ahead for introduction of smaller buses which will fit for villages connected by small roads. Well whether the state have a transport policy of its own or not to streamline the flow of

traffic was never raised by any of the opposition MLAs, even after knowing that the traffic mess is the fall out to frame a proper policy.

In 2014, A draft Transport policy was prepared. The draft proposal is still seen in the web site of the state transport department.

Traffic mess in Imphal is due to the failure of the authority in providing proper parking at right place and failure to

enforce traffic rule. This comes under the policy of the transport department.

Many times Chief Minister N. Biren Singh blamed the people on the lack of civics sense while driving. But he had never mentioned any measures to make the people follow the rules of the government.

It is pertinent to question on whether is it the Transport department or the traffic

control wing department or the people driving on the road who is to be blamed on the traffic irregularities that keep on haunting the people everyday.

Whether there is a proposal to streamline the Traffic Regulation and Parking Committee or to formulate a concrete Transport policy, the ongoing state assembly today passed the demand without going deep into it.

Job awards or incentives for sports persons are offered through proper Channel – Letpao Haokip

IT News

Imphal, Feb 22: Youth Affairs and Sports (YAS) Minister Letpao Haokip today said that incentives and job facilities to sports persons are provided under a policy of the state government by following proper guidelines. There is reservation for meritorious sportspersons in government department and these are offered only to the sportspersons which brought laurels of the country and states which comes through proper Channel. Letpao Haokip said this while urging the opposition MLA who to withdraw cut motions moved by them to the passing of the demand for grant of Rs. 78,44,03,00/- Youth Affairs and Sports department.

Md. Abdul Nasir, K. Meghachandra, Dr. Chaltolien Amo, K Ranjit of the opposition MLA moved the cut motion to the passing of the demand for grant on the ground that certain loopholes are cited to the way the YAS is taking up for improvement of sports in the state.

Already Manipur is known as the powerhouse of sports – Dr. Chaltolien Amo said.

With the new government initiative to develop hill region

under its motto "go to Hill" the department should also think of a way to produce more sports persons from all sections of people from every part of the state.

Chaltolien said that the constituency he represents does not have any sports infrastructure which is needed for encouraging the youths in the field of sports. On selection of sports persons MLA Chaltolien said that players from the Hills should also be selected.

MLA K. Meghachandra, hinted partiality of the department to the appointment of meritorious sport persons to any suitable government job as some are given the opportunity while some with the similar achievement are left aside. He was referring about one female Wushu Player who had participated and received medals at various International championships.

Clarifying the cut motion, YAS Minister Letpao Haokip said that there are certain procedures to the awarding of incentives or jobs to sports persons.

"Manipur today have one or 2 or even more sports persons who played at international

level in many family but giving recognition depended on the degree of popularity either in the event he or she chose".

Letpao said. He further added that the government has been providing cash incentives to sports persons with excellent career since 1984 and same is following till today.

"We have reservation of 5% for sports persons in every government department", Letpao said.

Letpao also said that some players who played at international level but didn't follow proper norms and regulation could not be considered for the kind of benefits. He said the players should represent state of Manipur or the Country India for such incentives.

Chief Minister N. Biren supplementing the reply by the YAS Minister said that there was a case that many sports persons are offered job in the state government departments as per their educational qualification.

"That was a onetime measures", Biren added and said that all achievers will have the facilities of 5% job reservation to government department.

Air India would begin daily Delhi-Imphal direct flight by April: CM

DIPR

Imphal, Feb. 22: Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh said that the Ministry of Civil Aviation has assured the State Government that Air India would begin daily direct flights from New Delhi to Imphal by first week of April, 2018. This was stated by him at the inaugural function of 3rd International Convention of Service Industry NER(I)-ASEAN FOCUS CLMV (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam) held today at Classic Grande, Imphal today.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that the government is planning to build a Resort to attract more tourists in the State. The government is trying to acquire 100 acres of land near Tengnoupal area in Imphal-Moreh road for the construction of the Resort, he added. He stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has allocated funds for the construction of 39 big culverts in the areas of Indo-Myanmar border. Chief Minister informed that he along with the Chief Minister of Sagaing Region, Myanmar would jointly inaugurate the said culverts soon.

Mentioning that Manipur is the gateway to South East

Asian countries, Chief Minister maintained that we should make Imphal/Manipur an important location/station because the routes will be shortened to connect the South East Asian countries. He further stressed that the State government is trying its best to increase tourists flow in the State. Stating that the State has hosted the NEDS 2017 in Imphal, first of its kind in the entire North East, Chief Minister said that following the footsteps of the State, states like Assam and Uttar Pradesh have started organising similar Business Summit in their respective states. He maintained that better connectivity is very important to bring development in the region.

Stating that we need a collective effort to be a part of global movement for change, Chief Minister urged the people of the State to commit ourselves to bring change in terms of our attitude, behaviour and mind etc.

On the occasion, Ambassador of Union of Myanmar to India, Shri Moe Kyan Aung said that there is a need to increase the air connectivity between the countries such as direct flight from Imphal to Rangoon etc. Free flow of trade, goods and

services are the part of the most important elements in realizing as an Economic Community which would strengthen the commercial and economic relationship between various ASEAN countries, he added. He also maintained that North East India is a geo-strategic region for connecting to the South East Asian countries.

The Convention is being organised under the theme "Tapping Potential of Services Sector Catering to Domestic and International Demands" by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, International of Chamber for Service Industry and Manipur Infrastructure Development Agency (MIDA).

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India Shri Sudhanshu Pandey, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Director General International Chamber of Service Industry Dr. Gulshan Sharma, Vice Chairman MIDA Shri M. Asnikumar, Head of India-Sri Lanka and Nepal Fly Dubai Shri Pran Dasan, Head of Operations Media Entertainment Industry Shri Mohit Soni and others attended the function.

Representatives clarify over the allegation of stealing PDS rice

IT News

Imphal, Feb 22: Six MLAs' representatives of District today clarifies that there is no fault-play while distributing PDS rice meant for the beneficiaries under NFSA for the Bishnupur District and the charge put upon them is baseless.

Speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club, Oinam Chandrababu Singh, one of the representatives said that the news circulated in today's morning local daily and ISTV stating PDS rice meant for the

beneficiaries under NFSA for Bishnupur District for 8 months has been stolen by staff, agent, nominee and contractor of each constituency of the district is a baseless news, there is no such fault play carried out in each constituencies of Bishnupur district.

Moreover, the MLAs' representatives haven't heard or known to them of the so called Demand Committee Against Erratic PDS Supply Under NFSA – 2013, he added. Chandrababu also said that the

representatives and the members of the so called demand committee haven't met or talk regarding the PDS rice weather it should be dispatched to the beneficiaries or not.

Beneficiaries of six assembly constituencies under Bishnupur District are also getting the same amount of PDS rice under NFSA same as that of the 60 assembly constituencies of Manipur State.

As the representatives have done the clarification, it will be a waste to throw words from each ends in the future, Chandrababu asserts.

Demand for Sumang Leela Festival

IT News

Imphal, Feb 22: Different sumang leela artists association of Manipur today demanded to organised the sumang leela competition as sumang leela festival from next season as many of the artists seems to unsatisfied with the results handed out just for the first, second and third position only.

Out of 12 sumang leela artists association 9 will not take part in the event if their demands are not met, said Laishram Boy Singh, Secretary of Lamjingba Artist Association during a press conference at Manipur Press Club, today.

Inconviniences faces by SF deploy around State Assembly over lack of toilet

IT News

Imphal, Feb 22: Congress MLA RK MLA today drew the attention of the MAHUD Minister over the problem face by the security forces deployed in and around the state assembly assembly Chingmeirong over unavailability of toilet facilities.

Speaking during the zero hour in today's session RK Imo said that he found in social networking site about some people uploading the problem of the security forces deployed for assembly session about the problem of toilet.

RK Imo said female police personnel faced more problems in the regard. He urged the MAHUD Minister to built toilet at some of the places around state Assembly.

Agency

Kohima, Feb 22: Fifty-nine percent of the candidates for the February 27 Assembly elections are corepatis in the Nagaland Chief Electoral Officer was not at all clear, Jakhalu said.

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here yesterday

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Nagaland Chief Minister T R Zeliang contesting on Naga People's Front (NPF) ticket from Peren seat has declared in his affidavit that his total assets (both movable and immovable) are worth Rs 3.52 crore, it said.

Former three-time chief minister and NDPP nominee from Northern Agamai-II seat Neiphiu Rio has movable assets worth Rs 15.37 crore.

Another former chief minister K L Chishi has total assets of Rs 38.20 crore but he also has the highest liabilities among all the candidates at Rs 89 lakh, the analysis said.

The other candidates with

meagre assets are T Ngampai, Chinkai Konyak and K Kiko Konyak, Jakhalu said.

Ngampai is the Congress candidate from Phomching seat and has total assets worth Rs 5,000, the analysis said.

Konyak, the NDPP nominee from Tehok seat, has total assets of Rs 10,000 while K Kiko Konyak, the NDPP candidate from Moka constituency, has total assets of Rs 20,000.

While 46 candidates have assets valued at Rupees five crore and above, 42 aspirants have assets at Rupees two crore and above, the analysis said.

Sixty nominees have assets worth Rs 50 lakh and above, 26 aspirants have assets at Rs

10 lakh and above and 19 are in possession of assets valued at less than Rs 10 lakh, it said.

Altogether 27 candidates have not declared their sources of income in their affidavits, Jakhalu said.

The ADR analysis also found three candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves.

The candidates are one each from the NPF, NDPP and BJP. While three candidates are illiterate, 16 candidates are class-8 pass and five are doctorates, the analysis said. Only seven candidates are between 25 years and 30 years, 29 candidates are between 31 years and 40 years and the rest are above 40 years.

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