

Disqualification case filed against 5 more defected congress MLAs



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Almost all the defected congress MLAs is likely to face the music as the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) had given up its tolerance and started filing disqualification case to one after another under the 10th Schedule of the Indian Constitution at the Manipur Speaker tribunals. MPCC MLA from Thangmeiband Assembly Constituency today filed for disqualification of MLA Bira of



Kumbi Assembly Constituency who had defected from the party by violating the 10th Scheduled of the Indian Constitution. The petitions were filed under Article 191 (2) and Para 2(1) (a) of the Tenth Schedule to the constitution of India in addition with rule 6 of the members of Manipur Legislative Assembly which stated about disqualification on the ground of defection rule of 1996. Similar disqualification cases were also filed against MLA Ngamthang Haokip, MLA P



Brojen, MLA Ginsuhao and MLA Ksh Biren by Congress MLA K. Meghachandra, MLA Govindas Konhoujam, MLA O Surjakumar and MLA O Henery. On November 8, Congress MLA Kangujam Ranjit Singh filed the petition for disqualification of MLA Oinam Lukhloi Singh who got elected from Wangoi Assembly Constituency while Congress MLA D.D. Thaisii filed the petition for disqualification of MLA Yengkhom Surchandra separately.



Minister Th Shyamkumar who was elected congress MLA but joined the BJP on the day of formation of the government is also facing disqualification case after the MPCC President TN Haokip filed petition for his disqualification. The filing of the petition of the disqualification of the 2 MLA who had defected from the Congress party turns out to be a significant move with the Parliamentary Election knocking at the door. The Parliamentary election is likely to be held in early months of 2019.



In the State Assembly Election Congress, which was then in power, bagged 28 seats to finish as the single largest group. The BJP, which secured 21 seats much less than the Congress managed to joined hands with a lone trinomool Congress MLA, Nationalist Peoples' Party (NPP), which have 4 MLAs, Naga Peoples' Front (NPF) which also have 4 MLAs and Independent MLA from Jiribam along with the Congress MLA Shyamkumar form the government in March 15.

BJP govt. worried; close door meeting convened to pull out more congress MLA

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With the MPCC players slowly moving its strategy to regain power, the ruling BJP led government headed by the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh is reported to have been worried. Source close to the Imphal Times said that a close door meeting of BJP MLAs and workers who are close to Chief minister N. Biren Singh was held on the evening of day before yesterday at the Chief minister's Bungalow. Leak information from among a worker said that the meeting discussed possibility of pulling out some sitting Congress MLA. The source also added that the BJP felt it, the need of the hour as there are angers running in the

blood of some BJP MLAs for not getting any portfolio. Rumours of Ministers reshuffling has already sent message by the NPP office bearers by writing open letter to the chief Minister stating that the way the government is treating the partner political party of the government is not satisfactory. The letter was written over petty matter of not getting official invitation but it talks volumes as the party fear dropping of two among the 4 MLAs from the Ministerial berth. The arithmetic that works out on that meeting is that if the BJP could pull out some more MLAs from the Congress, there is nothing to worry to any action of the government like reshuffling of the Ministers.

'Startups and MSMEs in Food Processing can unlock job opportunities for youth in Manipur'

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Startups and MSMEs in Food processing sector will help generate employment opportunities in Manipur, and will put the state on fast growth trajectory said Dr. Najma Heptulla, the Governor of Manipur at an ASSOCHAM event held in Imphal today.

While inaugurating the conference on "Startups and MSMEs in Food Processing" in collaboration with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), ICAR for NEH Region, Imphal, NABARD and SIDBI, she expressed the need to promote food processing industry in the state as it immensely helps in reducing post harvest wastage, and directly adds to the income of the farmers at the bottom of the pyramid. She also added that, since Manipur is primarily dependent on agriculture, hence food processing will be its natural progression for all rounded development. To begin with, special emphasis must be given to home based cottage industries, where in women can be engaged in a big way, and then gradually move up to big set-ups. Startups and MSMEs working or planning to work in this sector, will have huge benefit of the abundant resources, and raw materials available in the state. To make food processing sector successful in Manipur, many schemes have been started by both state and central government, like Startup India and Standup India, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana etc. She added, that since Manipur is at an early stage for development of Startup and

MSME ecosystem, hence this is the right time to discuss this topic. She advocated single window clearance/processing of loans to the farmers and budding entrepreneurs to encourage them set up businesses in the state. Apart from food processing she also said that if cotton processing can also be taken by in a big way in the state. She ended by saying that dissemination of information regarding government schemes is the key, as majority population does not know about the schemes designed and implemented for them, thus taking no benefit out of it. Y. Joykumar Singh, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Manipur presided over the conference and started his address by saying that topic of the conference is very relevant to our state of Manipur, as the state government is aggressively focusing on "Make in Manipur", and thanked ASSOCHAM for such initiative. He added in his address the importance of new technology like biotechnology, new irrigation techniques, which can increase agricultural production and in turn will provide enough produce for consumption, processing and exports. He advised farming community to follow crop rotation, as same crop grown again and again on a piece of land with same fertilizers tend to degrade its fertility. Crop diversification will add to income of the farmers. He added that on ground initiatives are being taken by his government to develop Startup and MSME sector of the state, and special focus is being laid on food processing. He also said that state government

is taking numerous steps to make Manipur number one in Organic farming. He even suggested solution to problem of goods transportation to the landlocked places of the state like air lifting etc. and advised the officials attending the conference to look into the feasibility of the same. He ended his address by saying that state's secondary sector must be developed to bring employment opportunities and to contribute to the economy of the state, and invited the people to Manipur to join his government's efforts in the same. J. C. Ramthanga, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Govt. of Manipur in his address said that Manipur is gifted with suitable climate for agriculture and is heavily dependent on same too, hence it becomes very important for his department to devise and implement various state government schemes in their true spirit. He said initiatives have been taken by the state department to boost organic farming under "Mission Organic". He added that export of agri-produce is also on the radar of the state government to augment income of state exchequer. He underlined the importance of food processing, since horticultural produce in particular is perishable in nature, and at the end he invited ASSOCHAM to promote food processing industry in the state to tap its full potential. Dr. Prasanna Kumar Bal, Chairman, Manipur Rural Bank, Imphal gave banking perspective to the audience. He gave information on the growth of loans given to

Startups and MSME sector in Manipur state in last 2-3 years, and the growth of formal banking channels in the state. He also highlighted the problem of repayment of loans, which is holding back banks to go full throttle in assisting MSME sector with financial help. Dr. I. Meghachandra Singh, Joint Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Manipur Centre, Imphal welcomed all and stated north eastern region with agro friendly climate and agrarian roots has potential to be sunrise zone for food processing and other agro business industry. He further added that the geo-climatic situation of Manipur offers an excellent scope for growing different varieties of fruits, vegetables, spices, and plantation crops, medicinal and aromatic plants of high economic value. He said that Organic Farming is booming in the state, and has lot of scope. Shri Chetan Vij, Assistant Director, ASSOCHAM, New Delhi highlighted gave a very warm vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and delegates, and highlighted the importance of food processing in reducing post harvest wastage and increasing rural income. He highlighted schemes of Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India like Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana etc, and encouraged young entrepreneurs to take full benefits of its schemes. The conference was also addressed by speakers from NABARD, Manipur, SIDBI, MSME Development Institute, SBI, NEDFi, CFTRI and Regional Centre of Organic Farming, Imphal

Followers of Lamyamba Hijam Irabot hopes a Life size statue of the leader at Myanmar Myanmar Meitei assures to put up the matter to their government



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Left wing students group, civil society organization, women's body and local club of Sanjenbam in Imphal East wished – a life size statue of Lamyamba Hijam Irabot at Myanmar, where in the leader succumbed to an illness while returning back to Manipur. Students' body Socialist Students Union Manipur (SSUM), Civil body Manipur Proletariat Peoples' Union (MPPDU), Socialist Women Association (SWA) Proletarian feminist Movement (PoFM) in association with Social Athletic Club Sanjenbam, Imphal East today hosted Myanmar settled Meitei tourist with a grand traditional feast at Sanjenbam Community Hall in Imphal East. The matter about the desires of the followers of Lamyamba Hijam Irabot at any appropriate place of

Myanmar but most preferably at the place in Myanmar where the leader breath his last while returning back to Manipur. "If Meitei brethren of Myanmar can help we the follower of Hijam Irabot want to installed a life size portrait in Myanmar", Bhusan Longiam, General Secretary of SSUM requested the Meitei tourist from Myanmar while felicitating them. Samananda, the General Secretary of MPPDU also stated that if there is a possibility the civil society will help organizing support for the construction from Manipuri Diaspora across the globe. Samananda further added that 12 of December is being observed as Nupi Lal Day in commemoration to the courage of the women of the state in fighting for their right. "It will be a good move if the Meitei in Myanmar started celebrating the event from this

year", he added. Wang len, the lady which lead the 35 member Myanmar tourist who are here to witness the Sangai festival extended her respect to the people of Manipur for the kind of treatment they received. As soon as they reached Sanjenbam large number of students and people of the area welcome them by standing on the side of the road. Later they were escorted by the local of Sanjenbam and the students till the Community Hall where a grand traditional feast had been arranging. "We will discussed about the desire of the follower of Hijam Irabot with Meitei popularly called as Kathe by the Myanmar and will try to start observing Nupi Lal from this year", Wang Len, whose Meitei name id Anoubam Rekha assured the gathering. 22 of them came and mementos were given as a token of respect to the Manipuri who had stayed in Myanmar.