



CM admits financial constraint; Denies collapse of Finance dept.; assures salary for government employees before Christmas

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh who is also the leader of the House today admitted that the state government is facing financial constraint but he denies of report about collapse in the Finance Department. Replying to a calling attention motion moved by two congress MLAs - Khumukcham Joykishan and K. Meghachandra, in connection of a news report published in this newspaper under the heading State Finance Dept. Collapses; government may not be able to pay salary for contract, muster roll and contract employees, on the 2nd day of the 9th session of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly, the Chief Minister said that the government is managing for clearance of salaries for government employees before Christmas. The Chief Minister did not say 'Regular government employees' and that naturally means all government

employee, not matter they are regular, contract, muster roll or engaged. MLA Joykishan, drawing the attention of the Finance Minister, while moving the calling attention motion said that a seen proof of collapse in the Finance Department is that he had seen no work programme being released at any of the government department for the year 2019-20. He even said that the MLAs are getting only half the total amount of the Local Area development which they could have taken up some development works in their respective constituencies. Joykishan further said that even some MLAs had from the ruling and Ministers had openly stated non release of fund due to non release of fund. MLA K Meghachandra who jointly moved the calling attention motion said that the recent banned by the Reserve Bank of India is a clear indication that the state is in financial crisis. He questioned on how the state government will be able to pay the 7th

Revise pay scale when the present pay scale to the government employee has been downgraded. "As there are enough evidences to proof financial collapses, how can the people trust this government?", MLA Meghachandra draw the attention of the Chief Minister while moving the calling attention motion. The Chief Minister, who is also the leader of the house and in-charge of Finance department in his reply said that the government is taking up work programme in all respective department, while accepting that the state is facing financial constraints. "We have prepared a Rs. 1405 crore deficit budget with the approval of all the members of this house, that means there will certainly by some sort of financial constraint to the state", Chief Minister said. He added that state have limited revenue resource to improve the financial position of the state and for that the government is working out to generate more revenue by

increasing the Excise duty and License, Renewal of the liquor fees that are permissible to some exceptional category like Armed forces; increase in the VAT for petroleum and diesel by 10%. The Chief Minister further said that the state will introduce Lottery soon and will introduce on line system of tax payment to check and prevent misused of State revenue. The Chief Minister further said that due to obstruction and opposition from civil society the Local Liquor Legislation Bill still is pending and because of this prohibitions the state government lost around Rs. 600 crore to Rs. 700 crore annually. He also said that even legalization of Marijuana purely for use of medicinal value has been even opposed by some people. Regarding the non release of CDA the Chief Minister said that it has been delayed due to the election code of conduct but will be release soon probably by January.

SDO Lamphel dishonours Manipur Information Commission's order; Repeated notice to furnish information sought under RTI turn down

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May be a disregard, or perhaps for reason best known to her, Sub Divisional Officer (SDO) Lamphel Khumanthem Diana, has repeatedly failed to furnish information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005. The SDO Lamphel did not turn up for the hearing of the case number 85 of 2019 twice, a source from the Manipur Information Commission said. The Commission once more fix hearing of the case on January 14, 2020. The Commission may initiate action against the SDO if she again failed to furnish the information during the hearing. An applicant, Yengkhom Praveena filed an RTI regarding the land records of a plot of land in Chinga Makha Village on July 30 2019. Deputy Commissioner, Imphal West instructed the SDO, Lamphel on August 5 to furnish the information sought by the applicant. However, the information was not given to the applicant. After that the applicant complained to the Appellate Authority/Commissioner (Revenue) on September 4. The authority again wrote to DC, Imphal West to provide the information which is sought on or before September 11. Again, the concern department fail to furnish the information in time. A second appeal was made on October 14 to the Chief Information Commissioner of Manipur Information Commission Imphal urging

for necessary action on the matter. Manipur Information Commission summoned the DC, Imphal West for the hearing on November 11, 2019 as his office has failed to provide the information sought. SPIO/ DC Imphal West did not turn up for the hearing. Manipur Information Commission in its decision "directs the SPIO/DC, Imphal West to appear either in person or send duly authorised officer in the next hearing and further directs him/her to furnish the sought information to the appellant on or before the next hearing." The next hearing took place on November 25. The authorised person from DC Imphal West told the Manipur Information Commission in the hearing that the RTI has been transferred to SDO Lamphel and the said information could be sought from SDO, Lamphel and SK of SDC (C) Imphal West. The commission further directed the SDO Lamphel and SK, SDC(C) Imphal West to appear in person in the hearing scheduled on December 3rd. In the third hearing, both SPIO/SDO Lamphel and SK, SDC (C), Imphal West did not turn up for the hearing. The commission, noticing their absence, issues show causes to these officials asking "as to why penal action should not be initiated against them for violation of the commission's decision." The commission sought the replies on or before December 18, which was also the date of the next

hearing. On December 18, SK, SDC Imphal West furnished a reply to the show cause notice asked by the commission. However, SDO Lamphel Khumanthem Diana, did not turn up for the hearing again and no reply of the commission's show cause notice was furnished from her side. Given this the representative of the appellant urged the commission to initiate penal action against the public authority under section 20(1) of the RTI Act for the failure in furnishing information and not obeying the decision of the commission. The appellant's representative maintained during the hearing that "this is in total violation of the RTI Act, 2005." The commission, keeping in the mind the principle of natural justice, decided that one cannot be punished without being heard. It again directed SDO Lamphel to appear in person in the next hearing and furnish a reply to the show cause notice. The commission further "directs him/her to furnish the sought information direct to the appellant on or before the next hearing. Failing which, the commission will initiate penal action u/s 20(1) of RTI, 2005 against the deemed SPIO/SDO, Lamphel for deliberately failing to furnish the information as well as non-compliance of the decision of the Commission as ex-parte or without further notice." The next hearing is scheduled on January 14.

NRC will be implemented in Manipur

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today said that the National Registration for Citizen (NRC) will be implemented to Manipur. While answering to a question by opposition MLA Khumukcham Joykishan, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the NRC will be implemented in the state after the Central government approves for its implementation however the scheduled for the implementation is depended to the announcement of Central government. Answering to supplementary question, N. Biren Singh said that a letter signed by him was sent to the Home Minister after discussing the matter at Cabinet informally. He however said that the base year will be decided in consultation with the people of the state after the Union government rectify the NRC. It may be mention that the Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced that NRC will be implemented across the nation.

3669 suspected illegal migrants prevented from entering Manipur from 2017 till Dec 15, 2019

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today said that a total of 3669 suspected illegal migrants who tried to enter the state without possessing valid documents for identification have been prevented from entering the state within the

period of January 2017 till December 15, 2019. Answering to question by Congress MLA Surjakumar Okram during question hour of the 9th session of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly, Chief Minister N. Biren said that 9 persons along with 1 minor child were arrested for entering the state

without valid documents in connection with 5 different cases. He further added that measures taken up by the state government to check illegal migrants are checking, verification of documents of every travelers, passengers or tourists entering the state by state police department.

NSCN-K shows solidarity with the stand of the Naga People

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Armed Rebel group NSCN-K appreciated the unflinching stand of the Naga and the whole North-East people (WESEA) for coming together with one voice in denouncing the forcibly enacted India Citizenship Amendment Act 2019. In a statement by Lt.Col.Joseph Lamkang, MIP incharge NASN/GPRN, the outfit said that they shared their solidarity and stand with all the oppressed peoples affected by the Indian totalitarian rule. The recently amended bill is bias and hostile in nature and it unloak the hidden political ideology of the present government, it added. "This bill was specially amended to sideline and target others based on religious ground which implies that Indian secularism is slowly dying. The CAA and other such similar Acts which are likely to be implemented in near future are bound to have adverse effect on our WESEA region in particular viz

politically, economically, culturally and religiously. The bill will legalize and escalate the influx of illegal immigrants from neighboring countries, increasing the already overwhelming illegal population. The result will dramatically change our regional demography beyond repair. As much as we opposed India's hegemony over the Naga country, we opposed all her colonial policies and laws imposed on our people. Some of our elected Naga politicians has jump to conclusion by blindly supporting the bill without even consulting with the people they represent. They are exposing their political immaturity and short sightedness. They lost their credibility as elected leaders by trusting too much in the Modi government. They owe an explanation to the Naga people for their decisions. On August 5 the GOI revoked the constitutional autonomy of Kashmir, the guardian which

protected the historical rights of the Kashmiris. Tomorrow it could be Nagas and the GOI will not hesitate to implement its tainted policies. The reality cannot be denied Indias long term fascist policy is to completely assimilate and subjugate the North East region and wipe out our joint freedom struggle. Unless we are completely sovereign we will cease to exist as people. The present India laws will not protect our land our identity and right to live as free and honourable people. For the last many decades, Indian intelligences and armed forces worked round the clock through their draconian laws and other black laws but failed to subdue our struggle. The NSCN/GPRN being the legitimate torch bearer of the Naga struggle will go any length to defend our right, our land and our people, and to implement that the Naga army and its combat units are duty bound and capable of striking anywhere and at any time.

Govt. serious about illegal Money lending business

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Government of Manipur is serious about the growing issues of the much talk about illegal money lending business but the problem in dealing with such issue is that no person has ever approached the government in connection with such case and no person had ever filed complaint about illegal money lending business. Replying to a question by MLA Surjakumar during question hour today Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said

that in-order to check or deal with issues money lending business the government is all set to establish a designated court. However, as no person had approached the government authority with complaint, the government could not issue any notification regarding the increase of illegal money lending business in the state. Answering to the question by MLA Surjakumar, N. Biren said that a state level Co-ordinating Committee (SLCC) has been convening regular review meeting of

the issues in connection with non banking establishment. He said that the banning of Unregulated deposit Scheme Act, 2019 (No. 21 of 2019) which extends to all the states has already been enacted by the government of India on July 31, 2019. The Commissioner has appointed Commissioner Revenue, Govt. of Manipur as the competent authority for the purpose of the act. As on 16th December 2019, there are 301 registered money lenders in the state of Manipur.

MB college student union condemn

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Maharaja Bodhachandra College Student's Union condemns deploying security personnel inside the college campus. A statement by General Secy.

M.B.College Student's Union, Kh.Dilson stated that without informing anything the State Government deployed security personnel inside the college campus. He added that students are frightened and added that what the kind of treat is

giving to the students of the college by the State government. He further urged the State government to remove security personnel as soon as possible from the campus otherwise serious agitation will be launch..