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(Brief Record of the Proceedings of Sikkim Legislative Assembly held on Saturday 19th March, 2016)

The Fourth Session (Budget Session 2016-2017) of Ninth Sikkim Legislative Assembly continued for its third day today at 11:00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall, Gangtok.

Hon'ble Speaker Shri K.N.Rai presided over the House.

All the Hon'ble Members were present.

QUESTION HOUR

1. Before taking up the Questions of Hon'ble Members, the Hon'ble Speaker informed the House that as per the prescribed time limit all the Starred Questions and Answers should be precise and to the point. Only three Supplementary Questions are allowed, one to the Mover of the Question and two Supplementary Questions to other Hon'ble Members. The Supplementary Questions must be precise, to the point and should relate to the subject matter of the main Question only.

Thereafter, the Questions of the following Hon'ble Members as listed in the List of Business of the day were taken up for Oral answers:

Question No. 07 & 09 of Shri Prem Singh Tamang, Question No. 08 of Shri Kunga Nima Lepcha and Question No.01 of Shri Rup Narayan Chamling.

The following Hon'ble Members raised Supplementary Questions:

Sarvashri Kunga Nima Lepcha, Prem Singh Tamang and Rup Narayan Chamling.

The concerned Minister replied to the points raised by the Hon'ble Members.

The Hon'ble Speaker informed the House that the Answer to the Unstarred Questions of the following Hon'ble Members were placed on the Table of the House for record and reference.

Question No. 4 & 6 of Hon'ble Member Shri Kunga Nima Lepcha and Question No. 7 & 8 of Hon'ble Member Shri R. N. Chamling.

BILL FOR INTRODUCTION

2. **Shri R.B.Subba, the Hon'ble Minister-In-Charge** of Human Resource Development Department moved for leave of the House to introduce *the Sikkim State Higher Education Council Bill, Bill No. 3 of 2016*.

The Hon'ble Speaker informed the House that discussion and voting on the Bill would be taken up on the 21st March, 2016.

BILL FOR CONSIDERATION AND PASSING

3. **Shri Pawan Chamling, Hon'ble Chief Minister** also the Minister-In-Charge of Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Department moved that *the Sikkim Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, Bill No.1 of 2016*, which was introduced in the House on 18th March, 2016, be taken into consideration and passed by the House.

The Bill was thrown open for discussion in which none of the Hon'ble Members took part.

Thereafter, the Bill was put to vote and passed by the House.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE

4. **Shri R. B. Subba, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge** of Law & Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department laid a copy of the earlier adopted Resolutions on Seat Reservation in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly for the Scheduled Tribes from the year 2004 to 2015.

Hon'ble Speaker informed the House that copies of the Resolutions had been laid on the Table of the House for record and reference.

Thereafter, the House was adjourned at 11:25 am for Tea break and reassembled at 11:55 am with the Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.

PRIVATE MEMBER'S BUSINESS

5. The Hon'ble Speaker informed the House that the Assembly Secretariat had received one Notices of Private Member's Resolution for the Assembly Session which was admitted under Rule 122 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of Sikkim Legislative Assembly.

On being called upon by the Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Kunga Nima Lepcha, Hon'ble Member moved the Private Member's Resolution No. 1 of 2016 entitled "*vis-a-vis Seat Reservation for the Sikkimese Limbu and Tamang Tribes in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly*".

The Hon'ble Members **Shri Sonam Lama** seconded the Resolution.

Thereafter the Resolutions was thrown open for discussion.

The Hon'ble Speaker directed the Hon'ble Members to confine their discussion strictly on the subject matter only.

The following Hon'ble Members took part in the discussion:

Sarvashri Kunga Nima Lepcha, Sonam Lama, Prem Singh Tamang, Hemendra Adhikari, Bek Bahadur Rai, Rup Narayan Chamling and the Hon'ble Ministers Shri R.B.Subba and Shri D.D.Bhutia.

Thereafter, the House was adjourned at 1:30 pm for Lunch break and reassembled at 2:30 pm with the Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.

After the Lunch, in continuation to the discussion on Private Member's Resolution, the following Hon'ble members took part in the discussion:

The Hon'ble Minister Shri Tshering Wangdi Lepcha, Hon'ble Minister, Shri Sher Bahadur Subedi, Hon'ble Minister, Shri G.M.Gurung, and Hon'ble Minister Shri D.T.Lepcha.

On being called upon by the Hon'ble Speaker to respond to the discussion on the Resolution, the Hon'ble Chief Minister and also the leader of the House lamented that just as the rights and privilege of the Nepali community had been snatched away during the previous government's rule, today's resolution seemed like the kind to bring injustice to the Sikkimese people for the second time. The SDF government wished to safeguard the seats representing Bhutia-Lepcha community as well as the Monks and the Sikkimese Nepali. But the Resolution, whilst aiming for the protection of minorities, is also discriminatory towards the majority.

Hence, it is only through the Burman Commission Report that the seat of Bhutia-Lepcha Communities as well as other communities could be safe guarded.

He further assured the House that the Limbu-Tamang community would not have to wait till the year 2026 for the reservation of seats. Subsequently he re-assured that this community would definitely have the opportunity to contest for the 2019 election itself, from the tribal seats.

The suggestions as proposed by the majority of the Hon'ble Members as well as the Hon'ble Leader of the House on the Resolution were recorded in the House.

The Hon'ble Speaker announced that the Private Member's Resolutions No. 01 of 2016 moved by the Hon'ble Member Shri Kunga Nima Lepcha was recorded in the House.

Thereafter, the House was adjourned at 5:25 pm till 21st March, 2016 at 11:00 am.

Date: 19th March, 2016
Gangtok


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Secretary

