

Gangtok, Jan 30: (IPR) On the Second day of Ninth Assembly of Sixth Session (Part IV), Sikkim Legislative Assembly unanimously passed the Second Supplementary Demands for Grants for the financial year 2017-2018 and Sikkim Appropriation Bill, Bill no. 1 of 2018 for the Second Supplementary Demands for Grants relating to the Financial Year 2017-18.

During the business hour, Chief Minister Shri Pawan Chamling, also the leader of the House, presented the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2016 "Performance Audit on Sikkim State Lotteries" Government of Sikkim Report No.1 of 2017.

Chief Minister also presented the Separate Audit report of Public Sector Unit viz; Annual Technical Inspection Report on PRIs and ULBs of the Government of Sikkim for the year ended March 31, 2016 and Separate Audit Report on the Accounts of State Legal Service Authority-legal Aid Fund, Gangtok for the year ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2016.

Minister-in-Charge of Energy and Power Department Shri D.D. Bhutia laid a copy of the Rules of Sikkim Electricity Regulatory Commission (Fund, Annual Accounts, Audit and Budget) Rules, 2017, as notified vide no. 32/GEN/R&C-L/R/CIR/E&P/15-16/55, dated 06.10.2017 and Published in Sikkim Government Gazette no. 471, dated 9th October, 2017 on the table of the House.

Replying to a question by MLA Shri R.N. Chamling in the question hour, leader of the House, also the Minister-in-Charge of Home Department, Shri Pawan Chamling said that vehicles purchased by state government were on need basis for the purpose of performing government duties and field visits of concerned department officers.

Replying to a question raised by MLA Shri R.N. Chamling, Health Minister Shri A.K. Ghatani said that Super Specialty Hospital is coming up at Sichey and due to some unavoidable condition it could not be completed in stipulated time, and asserted that the Government is trying its level best to complete 1000 bedded Super Specialty hospital at the earliest.

Answering the question raised by MLA Shri R.N. Chamling, Minister in-Charge for Food Security and Agriculture Development Department Shri Somnath Poudyal stated that with the practising of organic farming it will maintain environment balance, self-sustainability, and multiple health benefits.

Answering the question raised by MLA Shri K.N. Lepcha, Hon'ble Member of the house, Shri Kunga Nima Lepcha, Minister-in-Charge Rural Management and Development Department, Shri S.B. Subedi mentioned that the delay in the completion of PMGSY Road along Ranipool-Syari is due to non-participation of the contractors in several tenders and re-tenders, and also due to laying of sewerage pipe line which runs along the road. He however assured that the construction of road will be completed by June, 2018.

The two day Assembly Session concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pawan Chamling, also the Leader of the House. The Chief Minister in his Vote of Thanks remarks expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker and the entire team at Assembly Secretariat, and all the Members of the House for the smooth conduct of the two-day Assembly Session.

Hon'ble Chief Minister also briefly apprised the House of the key initiatives of the Government in all spheres of development. He urged all the Members from ruling and opposition to work collectively for Limboo-Tamang seat, OBCs issue, Income Tax exemption, Organic Farming, betterment of education and other pertinent issues.

He also urged the Members of the House to educate and inform the people of Sikkim on the positive developments and upcoming policies & schemes of the State.

The Chief Minister also mentioned that the receiving of One World Award on Organic Farming is a great achievement for the people of Sikkim. And to sustain that image Sikkimese people need to work harder on it.

Chief Minister also said that Sikkimese people are benefited with equal rights and opportunities. He also informed that the focus of the government will be to complete all the ongoing and pending works.

Earlier, the House also observed Martyrs' Day, with two minutes silence and remembered the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi on his 70th death anniversary. Hon'ble Chief Minister spoke on the teachings of peace and non-violence advocated by Mahatma Gandhi.

Member of the house, Shri Sonam Lama and Deputy Speaker, Shri Sonam Gyasto Lepcha also proposed vote of thanks.

