

Gangtok, June 9: (IPR) The second day of the Seventh Session (Part II) of the Ninth Assembly of Sikkim Legislative Assembly concluded today with passing of eight Bills which were introduced in the floor of the House on 8th June, 2018.

The House passed the Sikkim Ministers, Speakers, Deputy Speaker and Members of Legislative Assembly (Salaries and Allowances) Amendment Bill, Bill No.7 of 2018 introduced on the floor of the House by Shri R.B. Subba, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge for Law, Legal, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs.

The House also passed the Sikkim Legislative Assembly Members (Payment of Pension and Medical Allowances) Amendment Bill, Bill No. 8 of 2018 introduced on the floor of the House by Shri R. B. Subba, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge for Law, Legal, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs.

Similarly, the House also passed the Sikkim Essential Services Maintenance (Amendment) Bill, Bill No. 9 of 2018 introduced by Shri Pawan Chamling, Hon'ble Chief Minister also the Minister-in-Charge for Home Department, Government of Sikkim.

Subsequently, the Sikkim Regulation of Transfer of Land (Amendment) Bill, Bill No. 10 of 2018 was also passed by the House which was introduced on the floor of the House by Shri Pawan Chamling, Hon'ble Chief Minister also the Minister-in-Charge Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department.

Similarly, the House also passed the Sikkim Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, Bill No.11 of 2018 introduced by Shri S.B.Subedi, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge for Rural Management and Development Department. The Bill was passed after discussion.

Replying to the points raised by Sangha MLA Shri Sonam Lama, Shri S.B.Subedi, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge for Rural Management and Development Department said that the reservation for Bhutia Lepcha (BL) communities in Panchayat has been done keeping the population in view to ensure proportionate reservation.

Similarly, the House also passed the Sikkim National Law University (Amendment) Bill, Bill no. 12 of 2018 introduced by Shri R. B. Subba, Hon'ble Minister-in Charge for Human Resource Development Department.

Likewise, after the discussion and voting the House passed the Sikkim Regulations of Societies, Associations and other Voluntary Organizations (Amendment) Bill, Bill No.13 of 2018 introduced by Shri R. B. Subba, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge for Law, Legal, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department.

Replying to points raised by MLA Shri R. N. Chamling, Shri R. B. Subba, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge for Law, Legal, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department said that the Constitution of India provides for registration of Voluntary Organizations and Societies. Further, the Bill aims to regulate and bring uniformity among the Associations and other Voluntary Organizations.

Likewise, the Sikkim Greenfield Airport, Pakyong (Settlement of Claims for Loss and Damages) Bill, Bill no. 14 of 2018 was also passed by the House introduced on the floor of the House by Shri Ugen. T. Gyatso Bhutia, Hon'ble Minister-in Charge for Tourism and Civil Aviation Department.

The Leader of the House, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pawan Chamling in his valedictory remarks thanked Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members of Legislative Assembly, Chief Secretary, DGP, HODs, Senior Officials and everyone involved for the smooth conduct of the Session. He also said that passing of the above bills will help bring about positive development in the lives of the people of Sikkim.

Speaking about the Sikkim Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, Chief Minister Shri Chamling stated that this bill can be termed historic as it insures security and protection to the BL community in the form of reservation in Panchayats. Responding to the point raised by MLA Shri Sonam Lama, the Chief Minister stated that reservation to Sangha in the Panchayats is practically not feasible as the Sangha community is sparsely populated and not spread across the State and hence there would not be adequate representation.

On the Sikkim National Law University (Amendment) Bill, the Chief Minister stated that with the passing of this historic bill, the State Government can now establish a National Law University which will open up unlimited opportunities for the aspiring students of Sikkim. He added that the bill reflects the pro-people and pro-poor policy of the Government.

Chief Minister Shri Chamling also highlighted the inclusive policies and initiatives of the Government to bring about visible change in the lives of the people of Sikkim. He said that the Government has ensured that all the basic minimum needs have been met, and the focus now is on sustaining the existing resources and ensuring qualitative development. He also informed about the developmental achievements in various fields which has propelled the image of the State in the national and international stage.

Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Shri K.N. Rai in his valedictory address recorded his thanks to the Leader of the House for his guidance and participation in the two-day Session. He thanked the Ministers, MLAs, Chief Secretary, DGP, Heads of Departments, officers of various Departments, members of the Press and Media, Assembly Secretariat and everybody involved to make the Assembly Session a success. He expressed hope that the Bills passed in the House would go a long way in fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Sikkim.

The two-day Assembly Session came to a conclusion with the Speaker adjourning the House Sine-Die.

