

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 5th June, 2024

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2.30 PM.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah), in Chair

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

Hon. Members, there is a response for Statement and it is therefore notified THAT the following statements are due for response today on Wednesday 5th, 2024 at 9:30 AM pursuant to Standing Order 45(C);

1. **Statement No. 028/2024 Requested** by Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei to the Chairperson of the Committee on Labour, Social Welfare, Justice and Legal affairs in regards to the status of the village councils in the county.

Chairperson of the Committee on Labour, Social Welfare, Justice and Legal affairs, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am still requesting for more time as we want to bring in a comprehensive report and we do not want to bring a half-page report, so I am requesting to table it on Wednesday and also because most of my committee members are not around and we need to go through the report as a committee before bringing it to the Hon. Members, Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am not satisfied on the reasons why the Chairperson is requesting for more time. We are here guided by the law and by having an office that is not operating for quite some time, while it had been well established, had funds allocated to it, and it is an office that is on the ground; the village council. This confusion brings in fake village councils that are not guided by the law.

We are here to operate according to the guidelines of the Constitution, the County Government act and any other rules. Having said that, since devolution for more than 10 Years now that the office is in place and has a term limit of 5 years as we know, after that the recruitment is done again. This office has not been operating for 1 year and 10 Months and I do not know why there is no any seriousness shown by the department concerned on this matter. It seems that there is a deliberate concern on it Mr. Speaker, because we understand that there is another vague one operating.

This Statement was requested long ago before we went to recess and was even supposed to be responded to yesterday, time was asked again for it to be presented today and now again the Chairperson is still requesting more time. It is not a research that is supposed to be done, we just

want to get what is in the reports, they are refusing to give us the information that we need and I ask for the Chairperson to avoid giving us excuses while we want to deliver services to our people. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I urge that through your intelligence that you will put the seriousness that is needed, that if it will be postponed next time it will be a matter of Motion whereby this house will put on their resolution to enforce the operation of the office of the Village councils.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Hon. Minority Leader, who also adds up as a representative of the government and also the Chair for the Committee on Labour, we all understand that this thing has taken a long time and has been overdue for response and indeed as said by the Hon. Lorunyei, those offices are vacant and need to be operational to do the functions assigned to by the County Government, we have not heard enough reason as to why there is no response for the sought statement while you promised yesterday that you would get the report this morning, perhaps maybe if you have any information that may explain about this, then we can give consideration on what you are requesting about.

Chairperson of the Committee on Labour, Social Welfare, Justice and Legal affairs, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker, it is true that I promised yesterday to table the report, but regarding on what the hon. Member for Nachola Ward requested like Bank Statements and the Payment schedule, so it is a document that is been prepared and does not need rush. Then after bringing to the house, the Hon. Members might start saying that it is not enough, so we wanted to make a comprehensive report. I promise to bring the report and nothing will be left out and you will get all the response, I am also aware of the seriousness as to why the offices are not working but be assured that on Wednesday we will bring the report at 2.30 PM, Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I also stand to raise my sentiments on the matter of the Village Council office; as said by Hon. Lorunyei that we have one year and 10 months without the Village Council office in place. This may cause some disconnection between the office of the Governor, the community, office of the Governor and also the operations of the County from the top office to the village level.

This is a House of rules and regulations and the Hon. Members just rise and cheat the House that we should have the answer in tomorrow's Order Paper but today again they are telling us that they will give us the response on Wednesday without a satisfactory answer or explanation on why they go on postponing the response.

Through your guidance, we need something to be done. We need this office to be in place. I know 2023/2024 there is an allocation of the Village Council and we want to know where that money goes to. Hon. Speaker, Hon. Chair and the Majority Leader please do something so that we can have an answer on time, thank you.

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I know the concern of the Hon. Members and as I said earlier I am not working alone; I have my Committee. Even if I have that report now I cannot disclose since we have not set as a Committee so that we can decide and agree, I cannot decide when we are not all because in a normal procedure we need to see if the documents have been requested through because you will depend on the floor of this House. I request more time because the other Members are not here and also again the...

(Point of Order by Hon. Lorunyei)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): What is your point of Order Hon. Lorunyei

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Mr. Speaker, when we requested the Statement, we requested to the Department through the Chairperson and the response coming to this Hon. House is from the Department through the Chair. The Committee gives their observations and recommendations. That is not at this stage. It is very concerning when the Chairperson says that he has the response here and he is just denying because all the Members are not there. Can you direct him to read the Statement now, thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Hon. Leleruk sit down, Hon. Dube.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Osman Dube): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika, Mheshimiwa Leleruk kweli aliomba.Mkono mtupu haulambwi. Na Mheshimiwa Leleruk hana ushahidi mambo yote aliitishwa hana. Tumpe nafasi alete kila kitu na asipoleta tutajua kazi gani kamati

wanafanya. Naomba usiweke Mheshimiwa Leleruk kwa kwenye ukanda sana, tumpe nafasi alete kile kinachoakikana, asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Nakinyi Jane): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I think as the Hon. Member for Suguta Ward has requested and I hope we appeal to what he has said because maybe they are not prepared and he has to deliberate with other team Members to see what they can do with the report and analyze it well. I wish that you give him time to sit with the Committee to look at the report, thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Now I want to give direction on this matter; the Hon. Minority Leader who also doubles as the Chair for this Committee, I want you and your Committee to take your work seriously (*Applause*). Going forward as I postpone this response to next week on the 12th on Wednesday at 2:30 pm we anticipate that the Committee on Labor should summon the County Secretary on the above matter and try as much as possible to obtain the response from the Department. Failure to which on that very day on 12th June 2024 if there is no response from the Department then this House will form an AD HOC Committee to investigate on that matter then we will be able to get response that is the direction.

The next Statement “Request for Statement number 022/2024 requested by Hon. Patrick Leerte to the Chairperson of the Committee on Education and Vocational Training in regards to the status of ECD in Poro Ward.

MCA Suguta Marar Ward, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker let me read the statement on behalf of Honorable Leerte who is not around, Honorable Speaker pursuant to standing order 42 sub section 2 I hereby request a statement from the chairperson of the committee on educational vocational training regarding to early childhood development centers, honorable speaker the constitution of Kenya 2010 separates government onto two levels , National and County level article 6 divides the territory of Kenya into 47 counties then Kenya is transiting into from a centralized government into a devolved system of government the constitution establishes a devolved system of governor in accordance with the objects and principles of devolution as articulated in article 174 & 175 the constitution of Kenya is a supreme guiding law on education.

It contains provision that has various implications for the education sectors article 43F the constitution says that every person has a right to education 53B..Every child has a right to free and compulsory basic education honorable speaker the government of Kenya take primary education a very crucial foundation stage for primary education, character formation and a live long learning this in align with sustainable developmentPgoal.

No 4, which obligates state to ensure that all children access a quality childhood development, care a pre-primary education so that they will be ready for formal schooling, pre-primary provides children to enhances their cognitive social morals spiritual and emotional and physical development as well as a aseptic aspects, the early childhood development ECED framework is based on principles that are universally accepted as a forming the corner stone of a quality early childhood development services and programs the policy ensures that the holistic needs of the young children are met maximizing the realization of their full potential safe guiding the rights and welfare of the child as per the children act 201, in view of the chairperson of the sectorial committee on education and vocational training should be inquire into and report;

- 1) What is the current progress on the construction of the 60 toilets by the departments across the county?
- 2) Has any progress been made in constructing the toilets in poro ward because the ward has not benefited from it?
- 3) What plans does the department have top address the issue of the teachers transfer from Lorrok ECED to Maralal without providing the replacements?
- 4) When can we expect the replaced teacher to be provided?
- 5) Is there a significance shortage of the teacher's county wide?
- 6) What strategies does the department have in place to recruit more teachers?
- 7) Was the previous recruitment sufficient to meet the demand?
- 8) Can the department consider allocating funds to honorable members to each ward to recruit ECED teachers as the interns in their respective wards?
- 9) What is the current status of the bursary programs?
- 10) Is the department aware of the case in Poro ward where students received the bouncing chaques?

- 11) Are you aware that providing a bouncing cheques to students is considered a criminal offence?
- 12) How does the department effectively manage and revive the non-functioning Sirata vocational training center?
- 13) What are the specific plans to recruit the new students for the institution?
- 14) How will the department develop the institution to make it well known in the county and beyond? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Hon. Chair for vocational training centers.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Hon speaker, it is an ever well asked statement concerning education because I see it concerns ECEDs and TEVTs thank you for that guideline, Mr. Speaker I will take the seriousness it deserves to get the dates of this information and I will bring a very concrete answer as teacher I appreciate the statement, thank you honorable speaker we can be given any time maybe the statement to go to the department then from there I can ask my committee to sit down with the department for some input because it is very crucial statement I want to input the seriousness it deserves Mr. Speaker so that we can get the quality answer next when we meet maybe next week if the offices have not gone anywhere Mr. Speaker you can guide but once I get the statement I can call my committee to put the input we bring a very quality statement, Thank You.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Hon chair when do you expect exactly to respond on this matter so that you don't leave us in suspense, Honorable chair.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker to have a quality response can we give it two weeks times Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Hon. Silapia.

Specially Elected Member, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Thank you honorable speaker, and also let me take this opportunity to thank the honorable member from Poro ward who surely came up with this statement which is as very sensitive as I speak here now, honorable speaker when you look at the issue of bursary the status of bursary in this county it is now becoming I don't know what can I call it a song on the day or choir that is going on all over even in the

social media even within the streets of Maralal and all over the Samburu county and honorable speaker

Our honorable member, out able chair for education I know he will bring a quality response and also a comprehensive one and that we also closing the year on 30th June this month, so by the time he is going to bring back the response I think the time is already elapsed and we wanted the issue of bursary To be answered on away we will be combatable on it because honorable speaker even 2023/2024 bursary like the ward fund not yet received and us we speak even the secondary schools have not yet received the bursaries and we have allocated a large amount of money in that docket honorable speaker protect me .

Specially Elected Member, (Hon. Osman Dube): Mheshimiwa spika agenda ya leo haiko kwa bursary ninaomba tu vile mheshimiwa Leerte aliuliza na mheshimiwa Lorunyei alisema wiki tatu tunataka mheshimiwa spika ukuwe line hii tunaomba mheshimiwa spika.

Specially Elected Member, (Hon. Jane Nakinyi): Hon. speaker It is a point of order I propose what honorable Dube has said the statement brought by honorable Leleruk for honorable member ward Leerte I mean Porro Ward, it was for the ECDE, I don't know if we are coming here to lecture people about other things of what we have been asked so we need

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Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Hon. Nakinyi I think the honorable member is in order because similarly Hon. Leerte gave a point that touches on bursary however I don't want us to anticipate on the response we are going to get from the department I want to give this direction pertaining to that honorable members that indeed education is a very important sector.

I want to give this direction to the honorable chair and the committee at large that indeed you have requested for two week and am going to give the committee ion same those two weeks but I expect this honorable house you give a quality and sub static response we therefore wish to request and your team to summon the committee, to summon the CC and the concerned members of that department of education so by that very day on 19th June at 9.30am we expect the response of the quality and substantive, I therefore give that direction.

MOTION

Specially Elected, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Thank you hon. Speaker, and you should be an empire honorable speaker you should have given us time to respond on our points of order but with your respect let me read the adjournment of the motion, honorable speaker I beg to move this motion pursuant to standing order 27/No 3 this assembly has adjourned today 5th June 2024 until 11th June 2024 Tuesday 2.30pm so I call upon honorable member of Suguta Marmar Ward to second the motion

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Honorable members I know propose that this house had adjourned sitting from today 5th June 2024 until 11th June 2024 on Tuesday 2.30pm, Thank You.

ADJOURNMENT

Honorable members the time being 34min pass 10 o'clock and there being no any other business, this assembly now adjourns until Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 2.30pm.