

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 25th May, 2021

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2.30 pm

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Doris Lenkirasi) in the Chair

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Doris Lenkirasi): Hon. Members, there is a response for Statement from the chairperson of the sectoral committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources regarding the decision of the committee to petitioners on the petition related to persisted shortage of water in Suguta Marmar and Baragoi towns. The Statement was requested by Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa. Hon. Chair for water to respond. Hon. Stephanie Lanyasunya.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Stephanie Lanyasunya): Thank you Madam Speaker. I am not the chair but I am the Member of the committee and the Statement is not there. To be honest, we do not have the statement yet.

(Hon. Lesoipa interjects on a point of information)

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Shadrack Lesopia): Point of information Hon. Speaker. The Hon. Member needs to equip herself with what she is trying to answer because she is not aware of the issues that were discussed as the Statement is long overdue. I was the one who requested and I was assured that it will be answered today (Tuesday) and by then she was the Speaker so it was her ruling. The Hon. Member is totally out of order and she should not mislead the House. So if she does not have the answers to the question that was raised, she should keep quiet and listen to your last comment on this.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Stephanie Lanyasunya): Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity again. I just want to clarify that I was not belittling the issue of the Statement. It is true that the people of Suguta are suffering but we do not have the report up to today. We request to be given one more week and we shall bring the Statement. We are all aware that the issue of Wamba concerning SAWASCO has not been solved. The people from Wamba were here today and so we cannot pretend that we can sit here today and solve the issue of Suguta Maramar. People from Baragoi have also brought their issue. I just beg to be given one more week, thank you.

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Fred Kiragu): Thank you Madam Speaker, the unfortunate situation is that this committee and the department is killing residence of this county slowly because in

this era of COVID-19, people ought to keep clean by continues wash of hands. Water also helps anyone who is dehydrated. So, if we do not have the very essential commodity of fighting/preventing COVID-19, then they are “killing” the residence. The wards are crying about lack of water including Maralal ward. It is only that when I saw that laxity in the committee and the department that I have not brought my petition.

Therefore, to safe the residence of this county, something must be done. It can only be done if this House resolves that we form an *ad hoc* committee because we cannot wait for three months being taken in circles and the people are prone the dangers of COVID-19 and other diseases related to hygiene like Cholera and what a few. It is only that an ad hoc committee be formed to handle this issue temporarily, thank you.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Osman Dube): ahsante sana Madam Spika. Tumeshangaa sana kwasababu Hon. StephanieLanyasunya akiwa spika, aliamrisha kuwa Alhamisi saa nane, swala hilo litajibiwa. Lakini sasa tunashangaa kwa nini mheshimiwa anasema hajawahi pata kusikia juu ya swala hili. Sasa hii imekuwa ni kama ni mchezo ya Paka na Panya. Sasa tunataka kamati hili livunjwe na tuunde kamati kipya ya kuchunguza swala hili kikamilifu. Ahsante.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Zamzam Ismail): Thank you Madam Speaker. This House is the people’s House. This committee on Water are not serious in executing their roles. This committee was facilitated by the office of the Speaker and the office of the Clerk for the reason known to us all. One thing we have learnt is that there is a very big disconnect between the committee and the department of Water. We all know that the County Assembly is the superior arm of the County Government. If this committee is not executing their work, they should be held responsible for making the people of Samburu County suffer.

Lack of water in this county has been a thorn in the throat. People are suffering for lack of water especially during the dry spell. When it rains, we thank God for the water. We can call this sectoral committees department committees because each sectoral committee is held accountable for the respective department. If the department of water is not executing its job, we cannot just sit and keep quiet when our people are suffering. We have witnessed lack of water at our referral hospital. When these mothers give birth without water, one is at risk as a mother as you are prone

to diseases and new born is at high risk too. With a sincere note, I stand with a heavy heart knowing the problem of water in our county especially when the people of Loosuk who are being represented by the Hon. Stephanie bring petition to this House. We are our people's eyes and voice...

(Interruption from a point of information from Hon. Leshomo)

MCA Baawa Ward, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): thank you Hon. Speaker. I think Hon. Zamzam meant to say the Member for Suguta Marmar ward.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Zamzam Ismail): Sorry, I thought I said the Member for Suguta Marmar Ward. This House cannot accommodate all the people who elected us to be where we are now. However, when a petition is brought to this House, we should take it seriously. Petition is a cry/plea from the people of this county. Things are very serious as there is a big disconnect between the committee and the department of Water. This is our high time to execute our role diligently without favours, thank you Hon. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Antonella Lobura): Thank you Hon. Speaker the opportunity to contribute. The Hon. Member who requested this Statement seems he did a zero work. This is high time for this Assembly to wake up. If the committee is no ready to submit the report, then an *Ad Hoc* Committee should be formed. Water is life and even the Constitution states that everybody is entitled to clean water. Resources have been used in this Assembly to facilitate the committee for the same task. Madam Speaker, our constituents are suffering. There are areas even in Baragoi where people walk for 10 kms looking for water.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Josephine Lesilampa): Ahsante sana Mhe. Spika. Nikiwa mmoja wa Kamati ya Maji, tunajua ni jukumu letu kufanyia wananchi kazi ndio maana tuko nyumba hii ya heshima. Wahenga walinena kuwa '*Haraka haraka haina baraka, Pole pole ndio mwendo*'. Tulipokuwa na shida ya maji, sisi kama kamati tuliandika ripoti na tukasema Managing Director atoke kwa afisi. Hadi leo hii, MD bado hajatoka kwa hiyo afisi.

Tulijaribu pia kutoa SAWASCO kwa upande wa Wamba, Hadis aa hii, wenyeji wa Wamba wako na ulalamishi. Suguta Marmar Ward, Baragoi na Archers bado pia wako na ulalamishi.

Sasa, tuliona ni vyema tukishughulikia wamba kwanza. Mkiona tumechelewa, mujue tunaendelea kutengeza idara ya Maji, ahsante.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Silampa Lenamatiyo): Thank you Madam Speaker, as the member for this Committee, we requested this House to give us up to today to respond to the Statement but unfortunately, we did not make it to sit and go through the report we have as a committee. the issue is, the committee has three petitions. One for Wamba which is still pending and ...

(Inaudible since the Member is not using the microphone)

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Asha Muhammed): Thank you Madam Speaker. This committee seems incompetent. The committee cannot keep taking the House in circles and the report is not for the Hon. Members but for the people of this County. Hon. Speaker, water is life and if the committee has not done its work, it needs to the us so. The House is not giving this committee any more time. We are in agreement that we ought to form an *Ad Hoc* Committee in order for us to help them since they have admitted that have a lot of work, thank you Hon. Speaker.

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you Hon. Speaker, we are all aware of the persistent water shortage in our urban towns here in Samburu County. I concur with Committee's request to be given at least more time to so that they can conclude their report because in the recent past, we had an *Ad Hoc* Committee in the recent past in the same respect of water issue of Wamba. We gave out our recommendations and prayer so that these can be implemented in the county government. However, up to date, nothing has been done. Forming an *Ad Hoc* Committee cannot help us and so I still support the committees' request that we should give them more time so that they can bring us a conclusive report as we wait the implementation of the first *Ad Hoc* Committee.

Hon. Speaker, it is very wrong for the *Ad Hoc* Committee to say they have got a lot of work. This one is very urgent but because of the previous committee, these recommendations have not yet been considered and implemented by the county government and that is the only issue that we said that we should follow up to make sure that the Wamba residence Prayers be implemented as passed by the County Assembly but for this one we urge the Committee to

complete the report and bring to this House. But forming another *Ad Hoc* Committee in the same respect is not in good faith, thank you Hon. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Osman Dube): Ahsante sana Mhe. Spika. Kama kamati hawafanyi kazi, na hatuundi kamati ingine basi tusahau maneno ya maji kabisa. Sasa, uwamusi ni yako kwa vile unajua vile wananchi wanateseka. Hata hapa Maralal, Waislamu waliteseka wakati wa Ramadhan. Kamati wasipoleta ripoti kwa muda waliopewa, basi itabidi kamati ya *Ad Hoc* iundwe, ahsante sana.

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Thank you Madam Speaker. Am back again on the same issue that I have been persisting for a very long time. We need to be honest because this is an irony of the year when the member of this committee tells this House that they have a lot of work Which is not supposed to be heard in this parliament cannot come and take this House for granted. They think they are in certain committees to withdraw such a case... even me when I am not working I am subject to withdraw..... the member can declare interest and this interest includes peculiar interest, personal relationships and business relationships and I am seeing this is what is going on here reading from the behavior of the chair and the members, this is the interest and they need to declare....

You cannot tell us you use the public funds to go and gather information and you cannot give us the conclusion of that information. Either way, we are not looking at the information that is predetermined, we are looking for the information that was brought to this House by that committee, either negative or positive.

Madam Speaker, telling us that we are not going to form another *Ad Hoc* Committee because the previous *Ad Hoc* To get information that is similar to what was given before. They have to go and look for the issues because there are other things to look at. It should not look the same. They can give an advisory or give any other information that is relevant. So, this is an ignorance of the highest order. We should not sit in this House purporting we are working but we are foolishly representing the interest of the few. We should not be doing that. We facilitated the committee to go and collect information

We need to be genuine and accountable to our people and we must be an oversight that we were meant to be for our people.... The committee seems to be not coordinated. They were crying the other time that the chair is not present yet any other member can be lead the committee. Under Standing Order 90 section (II), the members should declare interest they have in this report, otherwise, they should not take our people in circles.

(The above Audio by Hon. Lesoipa is not clearly audible since the member is not using the microphone well)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Doris Lenkirasi): Hon. Members, since we discussed the issue at length and from the mood of the Members the report is needed urgently in this House and since the committee has not yet tabled the report as they promised today, you will be given up to Thursday next week and if you have not yet table the report, then something will be done. I know it is an urgent matter but then again we do not want to give something that is not good. So we need a report that is deep and has a solution to the persistent problems of water in this county. So I am giving the members of the committee on water up to Thursday at 2:30 pm, next week.

(Hon. Lesoipa interjects)

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Hon Speaker, some members should decline to this responsibility because there is big interest in this report; they need in this report.

Hon. Members, the time being seven minutes to four O'clock, and there being no other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Wednesday, 26th May, 2021.