

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU**



**THE HANSARD**

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 pm**

*The Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu, (Mr. Lempere Solomon) in the Chair*

**PRAYER**

**STATEMENTS**

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lempere Solomon): We expect response for statement No. 003/2018 from the Leader of Majority regarding the village council's monthly allowances requested by hon. Lucas Lekwaale, MCA Wamba East.

Who can respond to the statement because we do not have any statement to that effect and we need to get a way forward as far as the statement is concerned, any comment?

**MCA Wamba East Ward,** (Hon. Lucas Lekwaale): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think it is very sad that we keep request for statements in this House and the Majority Leader doesn't seem to be serious. That is a serious statement because when we went to the ward recently the village council members were complaining so much.

It is the time for us to be serious when it comes to matters pertaining to this House, I need your guidance Mr. Speaker because we raised almost three questions but the response keeps on delaying and I do not know what is happening. Personally, am not happy about it because we do not have anyone from the County government responding to these statements. Thank you

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lempere Solomon): That is noted. I think the Jubilee side of the government is not serious with response to statements and the various Chairpersons including the Leader of Majority. We have a few Members from Jubilee side of government, they should give us the way forward in this because it is becoming a trend that statements are not responded to in time and no reasons are given. It is a great concern. Unless somebody has a comment to the reasons why statements are not responded to, Hon. Lorunyei

**MCA Nachola Ward,** (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Thank you Mr. Speaker, it is real that we are not responding to the sought statements. As a jubilee Member, it seems there is no coordination in Jubilee side because I think when a statement is sought from the government; it is not the Leader of Majority who collects it, it is the clerks who collects and gives it to the office of the Leader of Majority and he coordinates, in case he is absent, he should delegate it to any Jubilee Member to respond to the statement.

Due to lack of coordination, I stand here as a Jubilee Member but can't say anything because I have not seen the statement. I ask for your guidance for coordination because there are other Members in Committees who are capable to respond to sought statements and avoid stopping the House business because the Chair is absent.

**Specially Elected MCA**, (Hon. Silapia Lenamatiyo): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I don't see the failure of the Majority Leader rather the one who was supposed to respond to the sought statement. If there is no response given, how can the Majority Leader bring a response to the House?

I urge the Members to understand that it is not the failure by the Majority Leader but the concerned department

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lempere Solomon): Just to give a direction, the statement is directed to the Leader of Majority and this House expects the response from him so if the statement is not given, then it is him who is failing the House. The response should come through him into this House; I think it's not right to defend the office without considering that they are not giving any reason as to why the response is not yet here. Hon. Leshimpiro

**MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward**, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I think it has become a habit that these statements are not responded to and it goes with the common youth phrase, "*Utado?*" it's like we cannot do anything even if it takes a year to be responded to, that is not the way to go.

The sought statement is very important because it is affecting service delivery to the Communities; I wish it to be given immediately so that if their term is ending then it has to be speeded up because it is a problem working with some of the village council for some of us, the earlier they are paid the better for the people

There is a pull and push tag of war between the new elected MCAs and the village council regime. Some still suffer from the hangovers of those they were supporting and up to now, they are not willing to cooperate for service delivery to the people. This affects the village administrators to some extent too. The early this is responded to, the better. Thank you

**MCA Maralal Ward**, (Hon. Fred Kiragu): Thank you hon. Speaker. I am of the opinion that the Leader of Majority should resign and the Jubilee side should either decide to be the opposition and we become the government side. We have never had a statement response without hullabaloo since we came to this House, the Leader of Majority and his team always absent themselves every time they know they have a response to give.

I believe the other Jubilee Members do not have the capacity because their party does not recognize them because if it did so they would have responded or at least bring an apology but this has not happened... (*Point of Order interjection by Hon. Lorunyei*)

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lempere Solomon): Proceed hon. Kiragu

**MCA Maralal Ward**, (Hon. Fred Kiragu): Thank you hon. Speaker for protection. I believe that when a statement is not responded to on the day it was promised to be this House is not taken seriously by the respondents. We cannot be underrated anymore; I think this House is not respected as it should be as hon. Paul Husima(Leshimpiro) MCA for Ang'ata Nanyokie ward said.

I saw the County Secretary write that the village council's time is expired yet they have not been paid nor sacked, this is procrastination and not giving people services, we are in a sorry state especially in an area where an MCA does not agree with the village Council and the village Administrator, the County government believes they should not be on duty. Something should be done about this and your indulgencies for this House should be taken seriously because there are other things that shall come

Hon. Speaker you should find a way and the Jubilee Members should also find a way of dealing with their Leader of Majority. Thank you Mr. Speaker

**Specially Elected MCA**, (Hon. Zamzam Ismail): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Firstly, I want to correct the hon. Member for Maralal ward that as Jubilee Members we are treated equally. Secondly, if I am not wrong, two statements were sought in this House, the first statement about the relief food was responded to and as stated here, the food has been distributed to the beneficiaries.

The Leader of Majority is very busy with so much obligations and commitments; we are all concerned about the sought statement and I am sure that at the end of the month they will be paid. We know that we have financial constraints all over the Country. Thank you Mr. Speaker

**MCA Loosuk Ward,** (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you hon. Speaker. I think this is a tradition we adopted from the first Assembly where sought statements were not responded to. My contribution is that the House leadership especially the able Speaker should revive the monthly *Kamukunji meetings* as you told us before so that we press Members to be active in statement responses.

We have no other business in this House except oversight, legislation and representation and so on, although not indicated in the statement but it is related in a way. We are almost towards the end of our first year and the ward staffs have not been paid. I suggest we call for *Kamukunji* and the Liaison Committee, adopt each Committee's work plan so that we become vibrant because as the English man say, failing to plan is planning to fail. It is our nature not to plan; I normally look at our Community and realize that we just wake up in the morning since you do not have a written program you just go to *soko* stay there, talk to people and the day ends like that. I urge the House to do as I suggested and each month all Chairs to give a brief of what they are doing. Thank you

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lempere Solomon): Hon. Members I will now give directions, does anyone from the Jubilee side have a time the statement will be responded to promptly? Hon. Silapia

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. Silapia Lenamatiyo): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I apologize for the absence of the hon. Majority Leader since he is doing his exams please, but I will remind him to bring the response on Tuesday afternoon next week. Thank you

**MCA Poro Ward,** (Hon. Joseph Leshipayo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I disagree with hon. Member because we will be having vetting for the whole of this and next week, so it shall be good if the statement shall be responded to tomorrow.

The Jubilee side is failing this House Mr. Speaker, we want them be serious or else join us to be a full House of opposition, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**MCA Loosuk ward**, (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you hon. Speaker. Although am nowhere near the Leader of Majority nor Minority but I can still volunteer to bring the statement tomorrow afternoon, thank you.

**MCA Wamba East Ward**, (Hon. Lucas Lekwale): Thank you Mr. Speaker.... (*Interjection by the Speaker*)

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lempere Solomon): Kindly use the microphone

(*Hon. Lekwale testing the microphone, the Members laugh*)

**MCA Wamba East**, (Hon. Lucas Lekwaale): Thank you Mr. Speaker that was a microphone testing. I agree with what hon. Lanyasunya said because I actually asked three questions and most importantly the last part because the third question asked about the gross misconduct of the department since they signed the schedule before paying the village councils.

I want to make it clear that we are not for the Majority Leader to be replaced but rather questioning the criteria for that office to operate, we all have commitments Mr. Speaker and if the Honourable has exams, which is nice he should have assigned somebody in this House to respond to the statement. We are not against any Member. The Jubilee side should be serious as the other Members said due to the frustrations they should be in the opposition side and the opposition become the government side just to show them how business should be done in this House, thank you Mr. Speaker (*Applause*)

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lempere Solomon): Hon. Members, I now give directions. Jubilee is structured and has many Members in this House, with the commitment from the MCA Loosuk ward the statement response should be given on Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2:30 Pm

The time being 3:15 pm and there being no other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2018, at 9:00 am.