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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: I direct that the bell be rang for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for 3 minutes)

Speaker: Hon. Salim?

Hon. Salim Edung: Mr. Speaker, now we have quorum.

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we do have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: Now that we have quorum, I direct that the bell stops ringing and we proceed to the business of the day.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

RESUMPTION OF THE HOUSE FROM RECESS

Speaker: Hon. Members, I want to welcome you back. We have been on a short recess and I trust that you have had a good time with your electorates and families, and that you have had a robust training session. I know that we had some good training sessions. So, welcome back and let us participate fully in the remaining part of this session. Welcome.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

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Bwana Spika, nashukuru kwa huu mjadala wa siku ya leo. Sisi tukiwa Wabunge katika Bunge hili, tunahitaji vifaa vingi hasa katika eneo la Laikipia. Katika Laikipia, kuna maeneo bunge matatu: Laikipia Magharibi, Laikipia Mashariki, na Laikipia Kaskazini. Mwaka uliopita, kuna janga lililotokea katika sehemu ya Doldol. Mtaa ulichomeka, na wakati mwingine unapoagiza gari la zimamoto, unaambiwa tumepeana habari na gari litakuja, ila bado linawekwa maji. Lazima liwekwe maji ili lije ilhali moto imesambaa kote hadi hakuna kitakachobaki mahali pale. Iwe ni wanyama, watu au mali yao, yote yanaharibika.

Mimi ningeomba katika Bunge hili gari la kuzima moto liwe katika kila eneo kwenye maeneo bunge yote matatu ambayo nimetaja. Sehemu kama Nyahururu inafaa kuwa na zimamoto na watu wenye ujuzi wa kuzima moto. Siku chache zilizopita, sehemu ya Naibor pia ilichomeka. Baada ya sisi kusikia habari kuwa moto iliyosababishwa na stima imesambaa kwenye sehemu hiyo, tulipigia jeshi nao wakakimbia na kutusaidia haraka. Zimamoto yetu ilifika baadaye moto ukiwa umezimwa. Kama hatungekuwa na shirika lingine, moto ungesambaa na kumaliza mitaa iliyo hapo.

Watu walijiuliza iwapo ni gari moja tu la kuzima moto liko katika Laikipia nzima. Ingefaa kila eneo bunge katika Laikipia liwe na gari la kuzima moto. Tunahitaji pia njia mwafaka zifanywe kufundisha watu kuhusu taaluma ya uzimaji wa moto. Moto ikitokea mahali fulani, inahitaji kuzimwa na watu wanaoelewa uzimaji wa moto, si kwamba mtu achukue gunia au nguo iliyoraruka kuzima nayo moto; anaporusha motoni hajui kuwa atajichoma mwenyewe. Inahitaji watu walio na uzoefu wa kujua moto unazimwa vipi na jinsi ya kuokoa watu wasichomeke. Hao watu wanahitaji wapewe mafunzo.

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Jambo jingine tunalohitaji ni maji kwenye hayo magari ya kuzima moto. Hasara ya moto ni kubwa sana. Mtu akikuza duka lake kwa miaka hamsini halafu moto umalize kila kitu kwa siku moja tu, mtu yule ataathirika hata kiafya au hata awe mwendawazimu. Hiyo itakuwa njia moja ya kupoteza mali katika nchi yetu kwa kukosa kuweka mikakati. Ningeomba tukiwa Wabunge wa kaunti hii, tunapofanya bajeti, tujue ni sehemu gani haina gari la kuzima moto, na tuwe na watu wa kuzima moto janga linapotokea. Tusitegemee tu watu wa Msalaba Mwekundu waje watusaidie siku hiyo.

Waswahili husema, aliye mbali haangukiwi na mti. Shida inapotokea watu walio mahali pale ndio wanaathirika, sio walio mbali. Hata washirika watakaokuja kutusaidia watakuta mambo yaliharibika kitambo na tumepoteza watu, mali na jengo lililokuwa pale. Ningewaomba sisi Waheshimiwa katika Bunge hili kwamba tunapofanya bajeti, tuangalie sehemu zote; Laikipia Magharibi, Laikipia Mashariki na Laikipia Kaskazini. Kuwa na sehemu ya kuweka vifaa hivyo. Kwa hayo machache, namwomba Mheshimiwa Ndiritu kuunga huu mswada mkono. Asante.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono mswada wa kuweka vifaa kwenye mashine za kuzima moto. Mswada ulio mbele ya Bunge hili una umuhimu mkubwa katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Kabla niendelee, nataka kushukuru kwa likizo tuliyokuwa kwa muda wa wiki mbili. Tuliweza kukutana na wananchi waliotupa kura kuja kwenye hili Bunge kutekeleza majukumu itakayoboresha maisha yao, ili waweze kuishi katika Kaunti yenye amani na wanayoifurahia. Vilevile, wananchi katika eneo ninalowakilisha wameniambia kwamba nikifika hapa, niwatetee na kuambia serikali kuwa maisha pale chini ni magumu. Wananchi wana shida nyingi sana.

Jambo la pili walinieleza ni kwamba kuna joto katika taifa letu la Kenya, na hawalifurahii. Nilipoendelea kuwasikiza walinieleza kuwa fahali wawili wakipigana nyasi ndio huumia, na wananchi kwenye wadi yangu wanaona kama wanaumia. Naomba taifa letu la Kenya litulie na tuangazie mambo muhimu yatakayoinua maisha ya mwananchi wa Laikipia na hasa wa Thingithu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, mswada ulio hapa unazungumza kuhusu mashine za kuzima moto. Laikipia ina idadi ya watu zaidi ya milioni moja. Hio inamaanisha kuwa familia ni nyingi sana katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Kaunti ya Laikipia huwa na joto na wakati mwingine kiangazi kinazidi.

Bwana Spika, nimekaa Laikipia kwa Zaidi ya miaka 35. Ninaelewa hali ya Laikipia na shida ambazo tunapambana nazo wakati mvua hua mingi na wakati wa kiangazi. Kwanza Januari hadi mwezi wa tatu, hapo huwa na kiangazi katika hizo miezi ambapo huwa kuna uwezekano wa moto kushika. Sio kusema wakati wa mvua hakuwezi patikana moto. Inaweza lakini madhara haiwezi kuwa kubwa kama wakati wa kiangazi.

Bwana Spika, kutoka mwezi wa nane hadi mwezi wa kumi vilevile huwa tuna kiangazi. Wakati Mheshimiwa Salim analeta mswada wa kuleta gari la kuzima moto tayari anajua na kuelewa moto huweza ukashika wakati wowote. La kushangaza ni kwamba Kaunti ya Laikipia ni kubwa sana. Tuko na vituo mbili za kuzima moto. Nyahururu na Nanyuki na pia Rumuruti ambayo sina uhakika iko na mashine. Kuwa na vituo vya kuzima moto sio tu jina lakini lazima mashine ziwe pale na wafanyikazi.

Katika mji ninakaa wa Nanyuki, moto ukizuka Majengo hugharimu gari takriban masaa mawili. Kutoka hapa hadi majengo ni nusu ya kilomita moja lakini huchukua zaidi ya saa mbili kuzima moto huko. Wananchi wanateseka. Hapo mbele kiasi kulikuwa na mpango wa wananchi kuendea gari la kuzima moto pale Annex kwa sababu walikuwa wanaelewa. Ni

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wajibu wa serikali kulinda mali ya mwananchi na pia yeye. Kama tungekuwa na wafanyikazi wamehitimu na wakutosha ambao wakipewa ile mashine kwa muda mdogo, watafika mahali janga limefika na kuzima moto na kuokoa maisha ya wananchi na mali yao.

Bwana Spika, kupoteza uhai sio kitu rahisi ama kuchukulia kwa urahisi. Lazima tuchukulie maisha ya mwananchi kwa njia ambayo inastahili. Kama tuko na kituo cha kuzima moto hapa Nanyuki, tuwe na kingine pale Naibor. Ikiwezekana tuwe na ingine Doldol na sehemu zingine kama Matanya na Ngobit. Tutakuwa tunaokoa maisha ya wananchi. Ni vizuri serikali ichukulie hilo jambo kwa uzito. Wale tumewapatia majukumu ya kuhakikisha gari za kuzima moto zinafanya kazi wamelegea kwa kazi. Wanapolegea, lawama haiji kwao bali hawa wajumbe ambao wameteuliwa.

Yule mwananchi wa Igwamiti, Thingithu ama Likii hajui yule ambaye husimamia kituo cha kuzima moto. Anajua Kagondu ambaye alipigia kura. Shida zote anaamini Kagondu ndiye anafaa kusuluhisha kila kitu. Wakati gari la moto halina maji ama wafanya kazi wa kulaumiwa ni sisi. Lazima na ni jukumu letu tuwe watu watakaza hawa watu ndio wafanyie wananchi kazi. Wasipofanya hivyo, tutakaa kama hatufanyi kazi. Lazima Bunge liamke. Tukisema kitu tunafanya.

Bwana Spika, napongeza hili Bunge kwa sababu juzi waliona kuna mahali serikali imelegea. Ni wajibu wetu kama Bunge kusimama kidete na kurekebisha. Hayo ni majukumu tumepewa na wananchi. Juzi tuliona Afisa Mkuu – C.O akifanya kazi kinyume cha Sheria. Kama Bunge, tukasimama bila ubaguzi na tukafanya kazi yetu kulingana na sheria.

Kuna mwingine ambaye ni Panga. Amefanya kazi zaidi ya muda ambao unastahili. Hii ni nyumba ya sheria na lazima zifuatwe. Hatuna shida na Panga ama Elizabeth lakini lazima wafanye kazi katika mujibu wa Sheria. Mimi niliapa hapa kwamba nitalinda katiba na nitaangalia maslahi ya wananchi bila ubaguzi. Wakati unafanya kazi kama Bunge tusionekane kama tunabagua ama tuko na vita na mtu yeyote. Kazi yetu ni kufanyia mwananchi kazi.

Bwana Spika, jambo lingine tunafaa kuangalia, ni mwananchi anaishi namna gani. Kama Laikipia haina pesa za kununua gari za kuzima moto, basi tutumie mbinu. Tununue lori ama tuktuk. Tutafute mashini na tenki ya lita 2,000. Naona tunachezea maisha ya mwananchi. Tuiweke Matanya iwe hapa na mashine hata kama ni ile ya kupiga maji shambani. Wakati wa shida, chuma yeyote inaweza zima moto.

Babu yangu aliniambia wakati kuna moto, chochote kinaweza zima. Pia sisi tujipange hivyo babu aliniambia. Kama Bunge tunaweza pitisha vitu vya kusimamia kuzima moto haraka kabla iendelee. Naomba kama Bunge tutii sheria na tuwe macho kwa yale yanafanyika vibaya.

Leo wakati unaongea hapa nimeona tangazo kwamba Bodi la mapato la Kaunti inaajiri watu 250. Sisi tuko wapi? Wale watu nawakilisha watafaidika namna gani kwa hii kazi. Lazima tufungue macho. Wale wanaajiriwa wawe ni watu wa Laikipia. Katika wadi yangu mimi nitaangalia na nione ni nani wanafanya kazi huko.

Sisi tunatumiwa vibaya. Wanaona kama hatuna meno. Waambiwe tuko na meno. Na ninaweza uma. Tusimame kidete ndio tuangalie. Juzi wametangaza nafasi za uajiri *Permanent and Pensionable*. Ni akina nani wataajiliwa? Wale watakuja kufanya kazi Thingithu. Niko na sura ingine nitaambia watu wangu wasilipe.

Lazima haki itendeke. Kama la kwao aone watu wao wanafanya kazi. Matanya wale watafanya kazi Mwaniki awajue wametoka wapi. Vilevile mama yao pale Igwamiti. Tushikane kazi ifanyike kwa vile inatakikana. Kwa hayo machache naunga huu mswada mkono kwa sababu huyu Mheshimiwa wa Segera yuko na roho ya kulinda watu wake.

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Segera, moto huwaka hadi wakati wa Kiangazi. Juzi tuliona Loldaiga kukichomeka. Juzi tuliona majengo ikichomeka. Lazima tuwe na mashine za kutosha. Tusitegemee za jeshi. Wakati mwingine, kitu ya kupewa haiwezi saidia. Mswahili husema, mtegemea cha nduguye hufa maskini. Kwanini tutegemee ya jeshi ama Nyeri ikuje izime.

Wakati wa maandamano ya Gen-Z, tuliona wazima moto hapa mtaa ilikuwa ni gari la moto kutoka Nyeri. Ni aibu. Wale mnashikilia viti kubwa na kuangalia mambo ya uangalizi ni aibu. Kama hatafanya kazi na kusimama kidete, itafika mahali tuseme ukishindwa na kazi funga virago na uende nyumbani. Naunga mkono.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Kwanza nataka kushukuru Mheshimiwa Salim kutoka Segera ambaye ameleta mjadala wa maana sana na umeguza kila wadi katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Kama vile Mwenzangu Mheshimiwa Ndiritu amesema, gari la kuzima moto ni muhimu sana katika majengo ambayo iko Nanyuki, Rumuruti na Kiamaina huko Nyahururu. Huko mambo hutokea mingi sana hasa Maina, Karuga, Manguo na Maili nne ambako kuna nyumba za mbao. Nyumba moja ikipata moto zinachomeka kama ishirini.

Igwamiti imempakana na watu wa Nyandarua ambao hawana gari la kuzima moto na kwa hivyo, lile gari ambalo liko katika Nyahururu linatumika na Nyahururu na pia Nyandarua. Ni kwa nini Bwana Spika? Hauwezi ona watu wakiendelea kufa ukiwa na gari katika Laikipia na ukose kusaidia majirani. Katika juakali ya Nyahururu, kuna mtu ambaye huitwa Mbogo. Ameanza muundo mpya ambapo ametengenezea Nyandarua gari tano la kuzima moto. Walilipa tatu lakini mbili wakaambiwa waendelee kulipa pole pole. Nilitumania Gavana na pia katibu wa Kaunti na nikawaambia waje pamoja ili twende tukaone Mbogo na kuweza kuona kama tunaweza kuongezewa gari tatu.

Kama Rumuruti kuna gari na pia Nyahururu kuna gari. Zingine zinafaa kuletwa Tigithi, Ngobit na Segera. Gari tatu au nne zinaweza kusaidia lakini hakuna haja kukaa katika hili Bunge tukiendelea kupitisha kila kitu na hatuna maendeleo. Sijui nitatumia mbinu gani ili tuweze kuita Waziri wa Utawala kwa sababu gari la kuzima moto liko katika idara yake. Hatuwezi kupatia watu kazi lakini kazi yao ni kukaa tu na kutafuta pesa. Katika mwaka wa 2007, ninafaa kurudi mashinani na kuambia watu kazi ambayo niliwafanyia. Hao watu ndio walinipatia kura wakijua ya kwamba mdomo yangu itawatetea zaidi ya watu elfu tatu.

Juzi, Watoto wawili wa miaka nane walikufa katika Kijiji cha Maina. Mimi nilitoka mbio pahali nilikuwa nimeenda kusaidia kijana mwingine pia ambaye alikuwa amechomekewa na nyumba. Hapo nikasikia ya kwamba moto imetokea Maina na nikaweza kutuma gari la kuzima moto. Kabla haijafika, nilikuwa nimefika mapema na watu huko walikuwa wanajaribu kuzima moto kutumia ndoo za sufuria za maji. Kama mtataka tufanya kazi, tutafanya na mkitaka tulale tutalala kwa sababu nikiwa peke yangu sitaweza. Mheshimiwa Salim pia akiwa peke yake hataweza.

Kama vile Mheshimiwa Ndiritu amesema, tunafaa tuamke tuite Waziri. Juzi tulikuwa na Mheshimiwa Ndiritu na Mugweru hapa wakati nilikuwa nimeteuliwa. Tuliita Daktari Lenai na Bi. Mbiriri akiwa Waziri wa Elimu lakini wakaendelea kunyeta. Siku hiyo tuliwaita na tukawapeleka nyumbani kwa sababu kazi haikuwa inafanyika. Ni lazima Waziri aje atueleze ni nini ambayo inaendelea. Mimi nilikuwa nimeenda kuongea na huyo mtu wa Jua Kali na anatengeneza magari vizuri sana kwa bei nafuu.

Juzi huko karibu ploti ya Gavana huko Kinamba, ploti karibu thelathini zilishika moto. Hilo gari la kuzima moto lilikuwa karibu na huko ambako kulikuwa kunachomeka. Ilibidi

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watafute mbinu zote na ndipo mtu mwingine akapatiana gari kutoka Nyahururu ikakimbia hadi huko kwa Gavana kusaidia watu wa Kinamba. Ploti yake ni ya mawe lakini zile zilikuwa zinapakana ni za mbao.

Unajua kuna mambo ya mchezo. Bwana Spika, ningekuomba ya kwamba Mheshimiwa Ndiritu asikilize na awache kupiga makelele wakati ambapo naongea. Naomba tu unisaidie. Waheshimiwa wenzangu, tumepatiwa kazi na Wanjiku na kazi yetu ni ya uangalizi. Wiki ijayo, ninafaa niende nipange na huyo mtu Mbogo na tupate kuona gari ambalo ametengeneza. Bunge lote tunafaa Kwenda Nyahururu twende tukaone hilo gari la moto. Tunafaa kuona mahali pesa zetu zinaenda na kama hakuna pesa basi tupitishe bajeti ya dharura ili tununue magari matatu au manne.

Hatutakaa hapa pesa ikiwa imekaliwa na wananchi wanaendelea kuumia na kufa. Hatutaki zile za bei ghali kwa sababu haitishi pesa nyingi. Aliniambia twende hata kama tunataka magari tano, kwanza anatutengenezea magari matatu na hizo zingine tuendelee kulipa pole pole kama vile watu wa Nyandarua wanafanya. Kabla hatujafika kwa Gavana, wacha Waziri wa Utawala atueleze ni nini ambacho amekuwa akifanya tangu apewe hicho kiti. Hatutakubali moto iendelee kumaliza watu kwa vijiji. Hao watu hujenga nyumba za mbao na sio kupenda kwao. Hata sisi tulianza na nyumba za matope na Mungu akatutoa huko na kutupandisha cheo. Kwa hivyo naunga mjadala wa Mheshimiwa Salima na vile Mheshimiwa Ndiritu amesema.

Wajumbe wenzangu, nawaomba tafadhali tushikane pamoja. Wiki ijayo nitaenda kupanga na Mbogo ili tukienda tupate yenye ametengeneza. Kama Serikali ya Kaunti haitafanya, tuko na mamlaka ya kusimamisha kila kitu hadi hizo magari yanunuliwe. Watu wa kuzima moto wanafaa kuwa ni wale ambao wamesomea hiyo kazi na sio walevi. Wengine unakimbia kuwaita lakini unakuta wamelala na kulewa. Naomba tushikane Pamoja na tuangalie wale watu ambao walituleta hapa Bungeni kwa sababu siku moja tutatoka.

Hata kama hawatatuuliza, kuna Mungu mbinguni ambaye atatuuliza kuhusu kazi ambayo tulipewa. Atasema watu wangu waliendelea kufa tukiwa na nguvu. Sisi tuko na nguvu hata ya kusimamisha Kaunti nzima. Tunaweza kusema Kaunti nzima isimame mpaka tuone gari la moto Segera, Ngobit, Ol Moran na lile ambalo liko Nyahururu lisaidie pale kwa sababu lile ambalo liko Rumuruti wakati mwingine huenda Laikipia Kaskazini. Kwa hayo mengi na machache, asante sana. Mungu awabariki.

Speaker: Thank you, so much Hon. Wachuka. Hon. Members, I would like to bring to your attention just to remind you of our Standing Order No. 74 (2) which states as follows; *'A Member who begins a speech in any of the languages provided for under paragraph one, shall continue with the same language until conclusion of the Members speech.'* Hon. Members, I realized that we have some problems of mixing languages.

I would urge every Member to adhere to our Standing Orders and ensure that we use our speeches and debates in respect of our Standing Orders. I have realized that many Members do not differentiate between *Mheshimiwa* Spika and Mr. Speaker if you are in Kiswahili or English which are both allowable languages. The other one is Hon. Members, when we need to say; Waheshimiwa, for the whole house, Nyumba nzima. Kindly let us adhere to our Standing Orders.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to contribute towards this motion. It is as if this week Hon. Salima has heard my cry because there was a fire incident in my ward in Tigithi. I was very disappointed with the services that the County Government of Laikipia provided in fighting fire.

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Having had an incident in Matanya, a shopping centre in Tigithi Ward, the fire engine was dispatched from Nanyuki Town but on reaching Mirera, someone called and it was called back to the station. The fire engine had been dispatched as an emergency because there was a house on fire but after 25 minutes, it was called back to the station. The reason why, I was told that the fire engine could not be able to travel with speed on gravel road because there is a section from Mirera to Matanya that is a little bit dilapidated and it could break down.

What kind of machine do we have Mr. Speaker? Is it a fibre grass machine, a glass or a wooden machine? If at all it can break down because of travelling on gravel road, do we have a fire engine that can really be able to serve the Laikipians? Is there a condition that we have to tarmac the whole of Laikipia County so that we can be able to fight fire?

After a few hours, on social media, I saw a that there was a message that was written all over that the MCA called so that the fire engine could be dispatched but on reaching Mirera it as called back. There was also a story that there was fuel requisition of 100 litres of diesel but on reaching the fuel pump, the fire engine was filled up with only 26 litres. The discussion was; the fire engine could not reach Matanya because of fuel shortage. Is it that we do not have budget for fuel for the fire engine or is it that someone somewhere is syphoning funds from the same department?

So, the fire was not put off but lucky enough, the area residents managed to rescue the properties that were in the house but the house itself was burnt to ashes. If at all we could have waited for the fire engine from this county, then we are doomed. Because we will not be able to recue anyone in this county. If at all our areas that are outside this town do not have tarmac, it is as if we do not have passable roads.

Mr. Speaker, that is where I pass daily and even the President or his Deputy pass if they wanted to come to Matanya. That is where the MPs also pass and if at all we cannot have a fire engine that can reach Matanya to fight fire or rescue, then it seems that we do not have a functional department. Do we have a road worthy fire engine? If at all we do not have a road worthy engine, then as a county can we purchase one?

We are the people who implement the budget. I am the Budget Chair and we have a committee on budget in this Assembly and also a we have got funds allocated by the National Government. Can we be able to purchase a road worthy fire engine for fighting fire in the localities that do not have tarmac roads. Maybe we can hire or buy electronics if we cannot be able to use our roads.

If at all we cannot be able to use our roads, we can lease a helicopter or buy one if it comes to that. We have machines, we have roads and vehicles. We have been using those roads for years. Is it the negligence of the department or the employees in the department? We need to get to the bottom of this matter Mr. Speaker.

On the utilisation of funds Mr. Speaker, if at all we have a budget that have been set aside for that docket, then we need to scrutinize whether it is being spent well. This is a push and pull and when it comes to this, somebody might be hurt or some may be sacked. This is a department that deals with emergency fund. If at all we cannot be able to rescue people next to town in Umande and Thingithu Wards, how will Hon. Salim get help in Segera Ward.

How will the Honourable Member for Sosian benefit from those machines? How will the Honourable Member for Mukogodo East and Mukogodo West get services to the people? The person who is at the bottom of the pyramid of governance is the MCA. That is why every

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resident calls and the first person to respond is the MCA. If at all we cannot render services to our people, what will we be doing in this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, what are they doing in this government whereas we have funds that have been set aside to do the same job. I am disappointed with the services the department is rendering. When it comes to preparedness, we are prepared because the finances are there and they have been set aside to do the same work. If they cannot be able to render services to our people, this is then a doomed department.

We need to get to the bottom of this matter and align. If it is sacking members in the said department, then it has to be done. We have to streamline this. It has to be perfect because they are reaping benefits for the department and they are being paid to do this work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the chance to support this motion.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mwaniki. As I prepare to give the floor to Hon. Daniel Mugweru, I am seeing the Chairperson for Labour Committee might have dashed out. Taking cognizant of the points you have raised on the particular incident where the firetruck did not reach its destination and the matters that you have raised, I hope that the Chair, Labor Committee will be able to take note of this and have time to give us more details pertaining to actually what happened on that day. Hon. Daniel Mugweru, the floor is yours.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this chance. Hon. Speaker, this is one of the best motions that we have in this House because it pertains matters that affect our people, the people who brought us to this House. Hon. Speaker, there is a major challenge in this county, every time we are talking about firefighting services. It is really hurting that the County Government of Laikipia for many years, we have been having these challenges as said by Hon. Mwaniki.

Hon. Speaker, it is the high time and I wish Hon. Wachuka was here because I have realised today that she is gifted in marketing. She has marketed Mr. Mbogo passionately and most of her time have been used to market Mr. Mbogo. He should know that there is somebody who is marketing him and his business. The key thing about firefighting services, there are so many things that affect us and every department and any service.

One, in this County Government we need to think about the fire fighters who are young men. It is very unfortunate Hon. Speaker when most of our fire fighters are casuals in this government. Hon. Speaker, you really wonder how you entrust a casual to serve us as a fire fighter. Hon. Speaker, we need to think about those people who work there. Apart from saying they are drunkards, one thing that is clear is that most of them are casuals.

I said some other times here the ambulance drivers, the fire fighters and the doctors should be permanently employed. You cannot work efficiently thinking that tomorrow you might be sacked. You are calling someone at night when another person is on fire and the person who is called is still not sure whether tomorrow he will be reporting to work or not. Hon. Speaker, it is unfortunate.

The first thing we are supposed to think about is those people who are working in that department. Let them get permanent and pensionable jobs so that they may be comfortable doing their work. Hon. Speaker, our tankers who are not many have tanks of ten thousand litres and you do not expect a vehicle carrying ten thousand litres of water to go at a speed and it is expected to go all the way to Umande and Chumvi.

If is located in Nanyuki, that doesn't stop the people of Chumvi to have those incidences. If it is placed at Doldol, that doesn't stop fire to break in Sosian. If it is placed in

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Nyahururu, that doesn't mean that we can only have incidences of fire in Nyahururu town. Hon. Speaker, we need to think broad on this. If we are having a vehicle in Nanyuki that is carrying ten thousand litres, we should ask ourselves what if fire breaks in Chumvi, Naibor, Matanya and the furthest corner of Tigithi in Lamuria? What would happen Hon. Speaker.

So, Hon. Speaker, when we are saying that we need to modernise, we need to think about modern ways of fighting fire. We need to have a Landcruiser that can go at a speed of 100km per hour when it is carrying 2000 litres to 3000 litres. If a Landcruiser left here and goes to Matanya, it will go there carrying that amount of water and in fifteen minutes, it will be at Matanya. The lorry that is carrying 10,000 litres, in thirty minutes it will be in Matanya.

That Landcruiser would have assisted in a big way. Now the County Government of Laikipia, I being the representative of people we are seated here and someone is expecting to be assisted in Matanya. The lorry that is going there is going at a speed of 10 km per hour. That is why you find the community going mad at fire fighters. Those young men are innocent. They did their best but just because they took the vehicle that can only go at a speed of 10 to 20 km per hour they find that whatever was burning is done.

Hon. Speaker, the community will be mad at those people. I have just checked the social media as I was seated here and I have seen the people of Meru County in Timau posting something that the fire vehicle was stoned by the community. Maybe the vehicle came when they had already done their part. Maybe there was nothing to be saved in that area. So, the community will go mad about them.

We also need to protect the lives of those people who work. The way to protect them is by giving them a vehicle that will go at a higher speed as the one that goes at a lower speed comes later. Hon. Speaker, we need to advance and to go in the modern world. If the roads are bad, who is responsible of those roads. It is we who are supposed to make the roads passable. We need to come up with solutions. We cannot cry when the community is crying. We need to offer solutions to the problems of the people that we represent.

Hon. Speaker, this is a timely motion for not only discussing and approving but we should make a step. As one of the honourable Members have said, we need to ask the CEC because during the GEN-Z demonstrations and before for the last four or five months, I have been seeing in social media that Laikipia doesn't have a fire vehicle. They are claiming that we are using the one from Nyeri. What have they done in regards to that? We had a budget because this story of the firefighting services started in March.

The rains started in the month of May, we assumed that there will be no other season for the same. We had a budget in June, did they include such monies for the same? Did they propose to have one? Hon. Speaker, we need to ask the CEC those questions. Hon. Speaker, when you are given a docket, you are given that docket to run and you are supposed to run it promptly. The community doesn't know and they do not need to know whatever you are doing or what you do not have. What they expect is services.

Hon. Speaker, as one of the Members has said, we need to wake up. Whether it is the Chairperson, Labor Committee, the Chief Whip, the Majority Leader or whoever it is should call upon the CEC Administration to come and respond to those issues. We cannot sit down while our people are losing lives, property yet there is somebody employed and paid to offer those services. Hon. Speaker, I support and I hope that we will not just approve this motion. We shall take a step, in regard to the same. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mugweru. Members, the debate today is sensitive. We are taking note so that we may be able to take action. Hon. Members, allow me now to invite the mover of the motion to reply. Hon. Salim.

Hon. Salim Edung: Nashukuru sana Bwana Spika, kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Pia napongeza wajumbe wenzangu na yeyote amechangia huu mjadala. Mheshimiwa Spika, ni vizuri kunakili vitu ambavyo wajumbe wameongea. Katika jambo ambalo tumeongelea hapa, ni vizuri tuchukue hatua ingine kwa sababu tunaona ya kwamba kuna watu ambao wanalala katika kazi zao na kuna wananchi wanaumia.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ukipiga simu katika Idara ya Utawala, haitapokelewa. Ni vizuri kuandika nyaraka kwa idara ili wabunge waketi chini waulize maswali na tujue kama tulipofanya bajeti, kuna jambo limefanyika au la. Asante, Bwana Spika.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until later today Wednesday, 25th September, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.10 a.m.

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