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[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

INCOMPLETE MWAWESA CATTLE DIP PROJECT

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would like to respond to a Statement sought by hon. (Ms.) Carol Kalume from the Department of Agriculture. The Statement reads; Mwawesa cattle dip in Mwawesa ward:-

Whether the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in Charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries is aware that Mwawesa cattle dip, a project for the financial year 2014/2015, is yet to be completed.

If yes, why has the project not been completed five years down the line; who was the contractor of the project and how much money has he been paid to date? What action is the CECM taking to ensure completion of the project so as to benefit the great people of Mwawesa?

The Response; the above subject matter refers. Your letter dated 18th March, 2020 reference number CAKIDP/AGR/4/NOL I/25 was received and its contents well noted. Kindly find the attached Response from the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

There is only one cattle dip in Mwawesa Ward rehabilitated in the financial year 2014/2015. The dip is Bwagamoyo Cattle Dip and not Mwawesa Cattle Dip. The dip was rehabilitated at a cost of about Kshs 960, 944 by M/S Arabuko General Traders. The trader was

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paid all the money. After its rehabilitation, the dip was put to use by the public. Mr. Justine Chivila, mobile phone number 0727655474, was the secretary to the dip committee and oversaw the dip's operations.

The dip also served as and is still being used as an animal vaccination site during vaccination campaigns. Over time, due to drought which led to water shortage, encroachment of the dip by farms hence leading to inaccessibility of the dip by livestock and general management challenges by the Dip Committee, the dip stopped dipping operations but still remains a vaccination site. Vaccinations campaigns are normally done during dry seasons when roads are passable and farms are not planted.

These are the challenges being addressed to enable the dip to start operation. The local leadership should also implore the community to leave access routes to the dip and participate actively in its management. Attached below are photos for the Bwagamoyo Cattle Dip. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you. This Statement was raised by the Member for Mwawesa who is present in the House. We want to hear from hon. (Ms.) Carol whether she is satisfied with the Response that has been given. Kindly make your request.

Hon. (Ms.) Carol: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to respond on the Response that has been brought by the CECM. I am not satisfied at all with the Response. Number one, it being the only cattle dip whether it is in Bwagamoyo or Mwawesa, it is still the only cattle dip in Mwawesa. As we can all see here, this cattle dip was for the financial year 2014/2015 and this cattle dip has never been operational.

In the second paragraph, they have indicated clearly that this is a Mr. Justin Chivila and a mobile number has been given that he has been the dip committee member as a secretary and who oversaw the dip operations.

Mr. Speaker, I managed to talk to the said Mr. Chivila and he said that the dip has never been operational even after such lump sum of money, Kshs 960, 000 was used only for renovation for a cattle dip that has never been used and they go ahead and say the dip is still being used as an animal vaccination site. I do not even know how to put this in the exact words of the people of Mwawesa but they are playing with the future of the livestock or the rehabilitation of this cattle dip because if it has never been used, how can one say that it has always been used for animal vaccination during vaccination campaigns?

They further go ahead and say that there has been encroachment of the dip by farms hence leading to inaccessibility of the dip by the livestock and general management challenges. Mr. Speaker, there is no accessibility for obvious reasons. This is because the dip is not functional. If it is just there but not functioning, definitely there will be encroachment; grass will grow, and there will be a forest. These are some of those obvious reasons why the dip cannot be accessed and it is because it is not operational. They also say that these are the challenges being addressed to enable the dip to start operations. Since 2014/2015, the Department is still in the process of addressing the challenges to make sure the dip is operational.

Mr. Speaker, we can all see that there is something very wrong happening. They further said that the local leadership should also implore the community to leave access routes, but why should there be a route to a dip that is not accessible? Finally, according to the Response here they are saying that they have attached photos. I have not seen any photos in this Response. I kindly request if the Committee would avail time to go to the site and see for themselves. Mr. Speaker, the Response given by the CECM is unsatisfactory. Thank you.

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The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much hon. Member. There is a request from hon. Mwarandu. Kindly proceed.

Hon. Mwarandu: Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia fursa hii. Pia nami nataka niungane na dadangu hapa mheshimiwa wa Mwawesa kwa ule uchungu ambao anausikia moyoni. Inauma sana na hii ndio maana wengine wetu tukiwa katika hili Bunge tukisema kwamba tukiweka msimamo ni kwa sababu ya yale madhila ambayo yanatokea upande ule wa *Executive*. Mheshimiwa Spika, kwanza kabisa tuanze na kufafanua majibu haya ambayo yanatoka kule.

Majibu yote ambayo yanatoka huko huwa yanatiwa sahihi na ukiangalia pale mwisho kwa majibu haya ni kwamba hata sahihi ya mwenye alijibu haikuwekwa. Hiyo ina maana kwamba hii *Response* imetoka pahali pengine popote ila si kwa mkuu wa Idara ama Waziri. Mheshimiwa Spika, mradi huu ni mradi wa Kaunti na kulingana na mtu ambaye amejibu ukiangalia ile aya ya pili ni kwamba ufunguzi ulifunguliwa na raia wa kawaida bila kushauriana na kiongozi wa Wadi.

Tunaelekea wapi mheshimiwa Spika kama ufunguzi wa miradi ya Kaunti itafunguliwa na raia wa kawaida? Mimi sijaridhika kama vile ambavyo mheshimiwa hajaridhika na nawasihi waheshimiwa wenzangu kwamba ni wakati sasa wa kujifunga vibwebwe na kuhakikisha kwamba watu wanawajibika. Asante mheshimiwa Spika.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you hon. Member. There is a request from hon. Dickson Shaban.

Hon. Shaban: Asante mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi pia nataka niunge mkono mheshimiwa Carol Maku Kalume ambaye ni mheshimiwa wa kwanza mwanamke kule Mwawesa. Mheshimiwa Spika na pia niseme, hata yule ambaye amesoma *Response* hii wakati mwengine pia asome mapema ajue ni kitu gani anasoma kwa sababu ametuambia pale chini kwamba “*attached below are the photos of the dip*” na mheshimiwa Spika, hizo picha pia hakuna. Sasa wakati mwengine tunashangaa *Response* inakuja nusu nusu. Nimetafuta picha, nimekosa. Wakati mwengine hata msomaji pia ni lazima aulize kabla ya kusoma na akimaliza atuambie kwamba ndio imeandikwa kwamba picha ziko hapa lakini kusema kweli hizo picha pia haziko ndio tuwe na ufahamu zaidi. Asante mheshimiwa Spika.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much hon. Member. The Member for Garashi.

Hon. Ziro: Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi pia nataka niungane na dadangu kwa yale ambayo ameyazungumza hapa. Ni uchungu mheshimiwa Spika ukiangalia kwamba katika nakala hii ambayo imesomwa ndani ya Bunge hili ile sahihi ambayo imewekwa pale tayari sio ya yule mhusika ambaye anasemekana amefanya uchunguzi huu na kuileta ndani ya Bunge hili. Hii ni kuonyesha kwamba hawachukulii jambo hili kwa uzito. Ikiwa hili ni jambo ambalo linahusisha wananchi wote wa Kilifi lakini kwao wao wamelichukulia kama ambaye ni jambo la mzaha.

Kwa hivyo, ni ombi langu kwamba kuwe na hatua ambayo itachukuliwa ya kuweza kumfanya huyu Waziri aje atueleze; je, ni kweli nakala hii ilitoka kwake ama ilitoka mahali kwengine? Na ikiwa ilitoka mahali kwengine, kwa nini imefikishwa katika Bunge hili? Hii ni kuonyesha kwamba yeye anadanganya ndani ya Bunge hili na nafikiri tuko na sheria za kufuatwa wakati mtu amefanya mambo kama haya. Kwa hivyo mheshimiwa Spika, mimi naungana na dadangu mheshimiwa Carol ili tuweze kuujua ukweli uko wapi juu ya jambo hili. Asante.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much. Hon. (Ms.) Mary Maneno.

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Hon. (Ms.) Maneno: Asante sana Bw. Spika. Nami pia nimesimama kuungana na mheshimiwa wa Mwawesa Carol Maku. Bw. Spika, ukiangalia nakala hii ama majibu haya hakika hayaridhishi. Tumepata kuona kuwa ngo'mbe wamekuwa wakigawanywa kwa kila wadi na ikiwa mtindo ni huu, *dip* haziwezi kufanya kazi, wale ng'ombe wana faida gani kwa wananchi wetu? Ni lazima miradi ya *Executive* iwe na faida kwa wananchi wetu. Hatuwezi pokea majibu ambayo hayana uzito na ambayo hayako sahihi. Hawa ni wananchi wa Mwawesa na ukitaja Mwawesa basi umetaja Rabai nzima. Kwa hivyo, ombi langu Bw. Spika, majibu haya yarudishwe kwa Kamati ya Kilimo na wahakikishe wamepeleleza na wamefanya uchunguzi ndani ya Mwawesa. Asante.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much. Let us hear from hon. Pascal Jacob Thuva. What is your Point of Order?

Hon. Pascal: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to get some clarity on what the Member has just spoken. She said there are cows distributed in all wards and probably in my ward, I have not had any cow being brought. Therefore, can she clarify that please?

Hon. (Ms.) Maneno: Asante sana Bw. Spika. Baadhi ya wadi kama wewe kwako hakuna, kuna mwenzako wana ng'ombe na nina ushahidi wa Ganda *Ward* kwa sababu nina shamba huko Ganda-Mere. Asante.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much. Hon. Thomas Mumba Chengo.

Hon. Mumba: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, let me acknowledge that I am a Member to the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee and being a Member does not mean that I should close my eyes when something is not right. I did not have an opportunity to get the Response in advance but today when the Order Paper was submitted at my desk, I had the privilege to go through the Response and actually to my surprise, it is the usual Response that we usually get in this House which has no head or tail because of the manner in which the Executive take the matters from this House lightly.

Actually, Mr. Speaker, I once said before this House that we need to look into these Responses that we get from the Executive and I was very bitter that day but because nothing has been taken serious to date that is why we still get such kinds of responses. I am ashamed to be a Member of the Agriculture Committee if this is what we can bring before this House as a Response. I am not pleased and if I am not pleased Mr. Speaker; it means there is something wrong somewhere. We cannot keep on complaining as Members of this hon. House that there is something going amiss from the Executive wing and we are not in a position to address that. Let it not be a habit that somebody can just sit in his or her office, draft a Response and bring it to this House. No! This is not a love letter you are taking to your lover; this is an official document and we require everyone to be serious whenever he is doing his or her task. The Committee should set aside some time to go and visit the site and even come up with a Report.

I think the Member was also lenient enough despite the dissatisfaction from the Response, she went ahead to ask the Committee to go on the ground and see for ourselves rather than reading a Report whereby you cannot even defend that same Response you are reading because now if somebody can pinpoint that there are no photos, it can be meant that the message is not correct before this House. This is very shameful. Mr. Speaker, I pledge for you to give a very strong directive on this matter so that this thing can come to an end.

Hon. (Ms.) Koki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to echo the sentiments of my colleagues about the Response from the Executive. To be honest, this Response was not even

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done by the CECM or even the Chief Officers. I think this was done by the junior staff because whatever has been written here is not responding to what the Statement was talking about. If Kshs 960, 944 was paid to renovate the dip, then why was it not done? Why was it paid? It was paid to have site for vaccination?

(Hon. Kiraga stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Kiraga: Mr. Speaker, I am very worried. Some of us are flouting the Covid-19 regulations. Can you please instruct the Serjeant-at-Arms to supply two masks? I am seeing...

(Hon. Kiraga spoke off record)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Proceed.

Hon. (Ms.) Koki: Okay, if this amount of money was paid to a contractor to do the renovation of the dip, only for each to be used as a vast vaccination centre or something, this is very wrong. I urge this House under your leadership, Mr. Speaker, Sir, that we take this Response as an example to other responses that we will be getting from the Executive...

(Hon. (Ms.) Koki spoke off record)

...then we will not be doing justice to the people of Kilifi. So I started to say that I am also not satisfied as the Member who had done the Statement. Thank you so much.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you. Hon. Matsaki.

Hon. Matsaki: Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi nataka niunge mkono maneno ya mheshimiwa Carol kuwa hakuridhika. Kusema kweli, kuna mambo mengi ambayo yanaendelea lakini unayaona vile yanavyokuja si sawa. Mradi kama huu kawaida kabla na baada, pengine ulianza na mheshimiwa Carol hakuwa lakini kama mradi amekamilika ni kawaida mheshimiwa anayehusika na wadi ile kuwa pale na watu wake kuonyesha kwamba mradi umekamilika na ameridhika na mradi ule. Mimi nataka tu nirudi nyuma kidogo kwa sababu hii ni kazi pia katika hizi Kamati zetu zinatakikana kufanya.

Mbali na kuwa hii pesa zilitumika au walitumia hizi pesa kulipa mwanakandarasi, ukweli ile *oversight* tunaanzia hapo kwa pesa pia. Pesa zimetumika na kazi haijafanywa wala mradi haukumalizika, vitu kama vile. Lile ombi ambalo nataka kuliomba katika Bunge hili hasa katika mradi huu ni kwamba ninajua kuwa ni jukumu lako Bw. Spika lakini hii Kamati yenyewe ya Ukulima kama kutakuwa na uwezekano iende kabisa nyanjani iangalie ili kwamba waone yule *Chief Officer* na Waziri mhusika wanafanya kazi gani katika ofisi ile kwa sababu wanapoenda nyanjani watajua ukweli wa mradi huu.

Na sikuona tu pengine mradi haujafunguliwa; haujaanza kabisa kama mheshimiwa alivyosema. Lakini tuone pia pesa zile ambazo zinasemekana zililipwa, je zinashikana sawa sawa na ule mradi? Kwa hivyo, mimi Bw. Spika nikukuomba wapangiwe waende waangalie na kama haujafunguliwa kama anavyodai mheshimiwa Carol na hizi pesa zinasemekana zilitumika pia waangalie wachunguze hizi pesa zinastahili kuwa pesa hizi na mradi kama huu. Kwa sababu tunachukuliwa sisi kimchezo; tunapitisha vitu hapa halafu baadaye vile ambavyo tunapitisha sivyo ambavyo tunaviona katika nyanja zetu. Kwa hayo machache, nafikiri pia Mungu awasaidie pia nyinyi.

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The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Serjeants, can we have water supplied in the House? There is no water. Thank you very much. Hon. Mae.

Hon. Mae: Asante mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi kwanza niungane na dadangu mheshimiwa Carol ambaye pia ndio kiongozi wetu wa kina mama kule eneo Bunge la Rabai kupinga majibu haya. Wizara hii ya Kilimo ukiangalia maswala ya dipu kuanzia Chasimba huku juu kwenda mpaka Rabai, unapata kuna vibao vimewekwa barabarani dipu zimekamilika, lakini ukiingia ndani kwenda kuangalia hali halisi yenyewe ni jambo la kusikitisha. Sasa labda tuwe na njia mbadala ambayo tutazamia swala hili Bw. Spika ama sivyo tutamaliza miaka yetu mitano na turudi kule nyanjani zile dipu zikiwa ziko vile vile. Kwa hivyo, hili tusilibebe kama swala la Mwawesa peke yake tujue ni swala ambalo linaumiza wadi nyingi sana ambazo ziko na hizo dipu kwa sababu zote hazifanyi kazi. Kila ukiuliza utapata majibu ni kama haya tu ya kufanana. Kwa hivyo, mimi langu ni kuomba Bunge hili kupitia Kamati husika swala hili tuweze kulipigia mbizi. Asante.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you. Hon. Mwambire, you have made a request but because you are the one who read the Response you are coming last to make your remarks. Kindly be patient. Hon. Victor Gogo.

Hon. Gogo: Asante mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi pia ni mwanakamati wa hii Kamati ambayo Waziri huyu alileta haya majibu. Sitaki kupoteza wakati kwa sababu mheshimiwa mwenzangu ambaye ni mwanakamati wa Kamati hii yale ningeongea ameshayaongea yote. Langu ni kumuunga mkono mheshimiwa wa Mwawesa kwa sababu haya majibu ni kweli. Sisi wanakamati wenyewe haturidhishwi na majibu haya; mimi binafsi hata sijui hii dipu iko upande gani na sijui majibu haya ambayo yamejibiwa na ile dipu ambayo tumeelezewa na mheshimiwa wa Mwawesa lakini kwa sababu amepinga siwezi kwenda kinyume na yeye kwa sababu yeye mwenyewe anatoka mahali pale. Ningeomba tu ya kwamba nisisitize mheshimiwa Spika uruhusu Kamati iende kule na tunaahidi Bunge hili kwamba tutafanya kazi ya kuwajibika na kuona kwamba wananchi wa Mwawesa wanapata haki yao. Asante.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you. The Member for Mwanamwinga.

Hon. Pascal: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this noble opportunity you have given me to actually stand with the Member for Mwawesa and the people for that matter. Mr. Speaker, the Statement was based on Mwawesa dip but the problem cuts across the entire county.

Mr. Speaker, the county Government found it very appropriate to have these dips and that is why they were installed in all the areas where animals or cattle rearing was prominent and this is because that government was cautious enough to ensure that the economy of those areas would do very well to sustain the people then.

It is very ambiguous today that the County Government that is meant to uphold the economic activities of its own people has actually lagged behind and probably left everything on its knees. Most of the villages of Kilifi, you will find out that there is what we call cattle rearing and if as a government, we do not take prompt measures to ensure that the animals that we keep are in good health then it is to say we do not want our people to prosper economically.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I stand with people of Mwawesa and besides having this money being paid without the proper assessment of the work, I think we need to go ahead and ensure that the very person who paid without proper works is liable for that mistake.

This is how money has been lost; money has gone into wrong hands because of rampant officers who are meant to protect the resources of this county. Mr. Speaker, we found out that there was a plan to revive all these dips but if you try to go and find out what was done in all the

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dips then you will find out that it is only money that was spent on projects that did not even kick off.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I want to actually join my friends to ensure that we get proper answers for all the dips. Mwawesa is one of the examples of many dips that need to be corrected, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much. I support hon. Carol of Mwawesa.

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. Let me also take this opportunity to stand with the hon. Member for Mwawesa. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Agriculture has got three divisions that is; the Crop production division, the Livestock division and the Fisheries division. If you look at appropriations of monies to these divisions, the livestock division is not being talked of so much. I also wish to concur with hon. Cantona Mae when he said that most of these dips in most of the wards do not offer the services for which they were intended to.

Mr. Speaker, as I speak I have a cattle dip by the name Fundisa cattle dip which was also renovated in the financial year 2015/ 2016 and up to date it has not offered any services and that also prompted me to give out a Statement which I am yet to get a Response from the Executive. Mr. Speaker, if you are nearing Sabaki Bridge on your left there is a sign board with the name Sabaki Cattle Dip; that is also a cattle dip which has not provided any services since it was rehabilitated because that was also a rehabilitated project, Mr. Speaker.

Out of all those problems we are facing as far as cattle dips are concerned, we are getting a Response from the Executive in a casual manner. Our Standing Orders are fetched from various regulations one of them being the County Governments Act, 2012 and more so from the Constitution. Mr. Speaker, the Executive is violating Standing Order No. 87 and you see when you are giving certain evidence, documentary evidence is very important and how sure are we that Ms. Arabuko was the Contractor? Is there any document to show that this was the contractor? How sure are we that this was the contract sum of Kshs 960, 944? How sure are we? Are there any documents to support this?

We have been told of photographs; I do not know whether these photographs were for the activity which is being alleged to be taking place and the vaccination campaigns. I think these were some of the documentary evidences we are supposed to be served but we cannot just have a mere paper coming to this House as a matter of Response without any tangible documentation. I therefore say the Response and whoever gave out this Response, which I believe should be a CECM and for that case as it has been highlighted by hon. Mwarandu, that there are no signatures to confirm that this document is from the CECM. I think we should be tired of such responses Mr. Speaker. Again, generally the Department of Agriculture...

(Hon. Mumba stood in his place)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): There is an intervention from hon. Chengo (Mumba). Hon. Chengo (Mumba), please.

Hon. Mumba: Thank you Mr. Speaker and I wish to appreciate the Member on the Floor that he acknowledges the importance of documentation today...

(Hon. Mumba spoke off record)

...everything that comes before this House Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Hon. Kiraga: I am not taking the sentiments of the hon. Member whom I will respect lightly. What are these documents I am talking about? We are talking of the financial year 2014/2015. I was expecting an extract of that Budget here, Mr. Speaker. Those are some of the documents I am referring to but how can we take this Response without anything to refer to? I was thinking the Executive could have highlighted probably extracts of that budget and it would now be possible to at least trace if this was a contract. That was the document I was referring to. It is very important to have documents in most of these responses.

(An hon. Member spoke off record)

I know what the Member is referring to but we had documents. They were tangible documents in that debate and therefore I hope he should be ruled out. Mr. Speaker, I was saying if you look at the trend of the Department as a whole, the Department has not shown commitment to address food security in this county.

Mr. Speaker, can we specifically touch or mention a project, a mega project and this is the Second Assembly in the Department of Agriculture since devolution came into place? The answer is none. I therefore say we have different monkeys, but within the same forests. Thank you very much.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Is it that the forest is different but the monkeys are the same or if the forest is the same but the monkeys are different? I don't know... food for thought.

Hon. Kiraga: Mr. Speaker, probably if you allow me, I can substantiate.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): I think Members have been able to get your contribution.

Hon. Kiraga: Yes exactly. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): In terms of priority, Majority Whip.

Hon. Mwayaa: Asante mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Wacha niungane na mheshimiwa Carol Maku Kalume kwa majibu ambayo yametolewa na Waziri ambayo si sahihi. Maswali ambayo yanatolewa na Bunge hili yaweze kuheshimika na mawaziri wetu. Kilimo cha ufugaji ni uti wa mgongo wa wodi zingine.

Kule Kayafungo tumetegemea sana ufugaji na ikiwa wizara hii ambayo tunaitegemea iweze kutoa majibu sahihi ili watu waweze kusonga mbele na ufugaji inatoa majibu ambayo si sahihi katika Bunge hili, itakuwa inaturegesha nyuma. Kule kwangu kuna dipu ama joshu nyingi ambazo hazifanyi kazi na kama majibu watatoa ambayo hao wenyewe hawana hakika picha hazionekani na wanasema wameunganisha picha katika Ripoti yao, Mheshimiwa Spika, hatutakubali kamwe. Wacha warudi na watengeze Ripoti ambayo ni ya sahihi kwa sababu katika hiyo Wizara ya Kilimo tumeitegemea pakubwa.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you, the Chairperson PIC/PAC.

Hon. Baya: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I take this opportunity in joining my hon. Member for Mwawesa on disagreeing with this Response. The way you see the Response is one of the signs that you have a problem in this Department of Agriculture and Livestock. This Response does not meet the standards of this honourable House and I am worried whether the Chairperson of this Committee has also gone through this Statement. Otherwise it could not have found its way into this House.

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Just to add on this, we have a problem in this Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries since I am also a victim. As we are talking, there is equipment which arrived in this Department a very long time ago since January. They are still in the stores with unnecessary reasons and the residents of this county are awaiting that equipment so that they can be used in this pandemic period which can help them as a source of income or food. I agree with the hon. Member that we are not satisfied with this Response and further action should be taken so that we can get a better Response than this one. With those few remarks, thank you so much.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Hon. Mwambire.

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you so much Mr. Speaker for giving me another chance to contribute on this Statement which is on the Floor. First and foremost, I would like to acknowledge to hon. Members that the Response is tabulated in two papers; one of the papers bears the logo of the county and has all the details and the Response is official. So I want to disagree with the Members who have said their response is not official...

(Hon. Mwarandu stood in his place)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Yes there is an intervention from your neighbour hon. Mwarandu.

Hon. Mwarandu: Actually it is a Point of Information. It is not truly a Point of Order.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Do you wish to be informed hon. Mwambire?

Hon. Mwambire: No Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): He does not wish to be informed.

Hon. Mwarandu: Mr. Speaker. I am standing on a Point of Order now.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Okay, take your seat hon. Mwambire. hon. Mwarandu proceed.

Hon. Mwarandu: The hon. Member cannot purport to say that this Response is official. A Response can be compared to an Oath and you have to sign an Oath. That is why I have said that this Response has not been signed. It cannot be taken as a Response as such because the person who is responding to the Statement has not even appended his or her signature on the Response. So, it is vague Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Hon. Mwambire, what Members are trying to say is that a Response should not, because that is the main Business that was sought from the Members and it should not have come as an attachment. That should have come as the official business from the CECM and then the attachments would be the photographs, the annexure from the budget and the other items. The way it is, I think the Members are right that there is a problem with this Response that has been given. We have another intervention from Mwamutsi.

Hon. Mwamutsi: Mr. Speaker, I am not Mwamutsi I am hon. Mwamutsi.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Is it a point of Order or Information?

Hon. Mwamutsi: It was a Point of Order. A Response from the Executive which has not been signed should not even be on the Floor of the House. I think we are setting a bad precedence, Mr. Speaker that we can receive an unsigned document and then they become official documents that the HANSARD can record. Thank you.

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me another chance. I was trying to tell my hon. Members that this document is official because the first page is signed by the Speaker if I am not mistaken that ...

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(Hon. (Ms.) Sidi stood on a Point of Information)

Hon. (Ms.) Sidi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am standing on a Point of information...

(Hon. (Ms.) Sidi spoke off record)

Hon. Gogo: Mheshimiwa Spika, ningeomba utupatie mwelekeo na uambatane na hii barua kwa sababu tukiendelea kujadili hii barua tutafungua mlango ama mwanya ndani ya Bunge hili kuingia majibu ambayo hayako kisawasawa. Naomba tu ikiwa tumekubaliana hii barua haina sahihi tuachane na huo mjadala tafadhali mheshimiwa Spika.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Let me give directions before we get the final remarks from the Member for Bamba, hon. Mwambire. On the issue whether the document is official or not official, I will request that, that matter is deferred and a ruling is given in the next sitting of this Assembly as required by the Standing Orders of our County Assembly. We are going to look into the item and give a ruling on the same in the next sitting. Going forward, let us have the final remarks from the Member and then we conclude the matter.

Hon. Mbura: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to concur with my fellow hon. Member for Mwawesa Ward that there is laxity in the Department in terms of these cattle dips. The cattle dips as you understand are projects which were carried all over the wards in the financial year 2014/2015 and it is to my surprise that the cattle dips are not operational.

Being a Member of this Committee, we tasked the Department to see that the cattle dips become operational but whenever these Statements are raised, the Department always complains of water and we know very well that in some parts of the wards, these dips were built near water pipelines including the only dip in my ward.

Another observation is that as the County Government marries the National Government, we expect the Ward Administrators to spearhead and see that all the projects under the wards which have been initiated by the County Government are running but it is to our surprise that there are no interventions at all. My fellow MCAs will agree with me that we very much ask about the running of some of the projects especially in this Department; there are projects of irrigation, there are projects of these cattle dips and many other projects which are not very stable.

I also concur with the hon. Member and Chairperson for Finance that there is no project under the Department which can be pinpointed but I want to assure members that we had a meeting over that and this final Budget ...

(Hon. Ndago stood on a Point of Order)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): There is an intervention from hon. Ndago. Kindly restrict yourselves from interventions during submissions based on Responses; maybe it is wise that way. Yes, hon. Ndago.

Hon. Ndago: Asante mheshimiwa Spika. Nilikuwa naomba kujuzwa kama mheshimiwa Kiraga ndio *Chairperson wa Finance* kulingana na mheshimiwa Mwambire alivyozungumza maanake nimepata kutofahamu kidogo...

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Hon. Mwambire: Hon Ndago, it was a slip of the tongue, but it was Chairperson for Budget. So, I want to conclude my submission. The letter is official but the one who signed the letter signed on behalf of the CECM and I really respect this House and the leadership of this House that this Statement was forwarded because it had all the necessary requirements. For that matter, I rest my case and I support the hon. Member of Mwawesa Ward. Thank you very much.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you, hon. Members. I had started by saying on the issue of whether the Response given is official and I said a ruling is going to be made in the next sitting of this House. Kindly, I want to request that we be patience for the ruling that is going to be made. Maybe it is going to form part of the business of next week. Then the Response is not satisfactory and has been rejected by the Member for Mwawesa and even the other Members who have contributed have also taken that direction.

I now direct that the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson and the Committee on Agriculture takes up the matter and in a period of 14 days from today, let them visit the site and in their visit they must make sure that the area MCA is informed and is in the entourage. They should also invite the CECM to be able to share the various concerns that have been raised by Members and a Report is tabled before this Assembly within the 14 days period.

In that regard, I expect that the Chairperson and Committee will take up the matter seriously as it has been alleged that some responses that have been rejected previously have not been able to be taken seriously by the respective Committees. It is again affecting the business of this County Assembly and the oversight role that we have as an Assembly. So kindly, that is the direction that we should be taking. Next Order!

BUDGET ALLOCATION TO CONSTRUCT A MAKESHIFT BRIDGE
AT TUNZANANI-MUHOMUKULU

Hon. Gogo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I Rise to make a Statement on behalf of my people of Mtepeni to the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Roads, Transport and Public Works through the Chairperson; Committee Roads, Transport and Public Works:-

Whether the CECM in charge of Roads, Transport and Public Works is aware that Majengo Town-Kambe-Ribe road requires a makeshift bridge at Tunzanani-Muhomukulu.

Whether the CECM if further aware that lack of this crucial makeshift bridge has led to lose of lives during the rainy season to people crossing the river (Muhomukulu) especially children crossing to access education at Tunzanani Primary School and patients looking for health services at Tunzanani health centre.

If yes, what action is the CECM taking to ensure that there is a budget allocation to construct a makeshift bridge at the said area in the coming financial year 2020/2021?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much hon. Member for the Statement.

ADJOURNMENT

In the absence of any other business on the Order Paper, the House stands adjourned. Thank you.

The House rose at 10.45 a.m.

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