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*The House met at the County Assembly Chamber,
Malindi Town, at 2:30 p.m.*

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

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

**STALLED CONSTRUCTION OF ECD CLASSROOMS
AT RARE, JILA AND MULUNGU WA MAWE IN GANZE WARD**

Hon. Chiriba: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I rise to give a Response to a Statement sought by hon. Benson Chengo representing Ganze Ward.

Mr. Speaker, the Statement was whether the County Executive Committee Member in charge of the Department of Education and ICT is aware that ECD classrooms at Rare, Jila and Mulungu wa Mawe in Ganze which were allocated funds in the financial year 2018/2019 Budget under the Ward Development Project have not started, making students learn under a tree shade.

If yes, what reasons attribute to the delay in implementation and measures the County Executive Committee Member is putting in place to ensure that the projects have started and completed?

Mr. Speaker, in view of the same Statement, reference is here made to your letter dated 27th August, 2019 requesting my indulgence on the matter concerning Rare, Mulungu wa Mawe and Jila ECD classroom in Ganze Ward. That the above projects were allocated funds in the financial year 2018/2019 under the Ward Development Funds but to date, the construction has not yet started and pupils are learning under a shade.

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The matter of concern is whether or not I am aware of the situation and the reasons leading to the delay in implementation of the project. If so, what measures am I putting in place to ensure that the projects are started and completed.

In response, I would wish to state that the above named projects are Ward Development Projects for the financial year 2018/2019 which were to be implemented by the Department of Education and ICT in the same financial year. All the projects had the same allocation of Kshs3.2 million each against an adopted estimate of Kshs4 million.

The Department wrote to the MCA through the Clerk of the County Assembly requesting them to top up the allocation for projects that had lower amounts. A top up of these projects was done in the Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2018/2019 and approved on December 2018; these projects had a total sum of Kshs4 million each. However, this time there was an executive command from the Head of State directing that all procurement should be done on E-procurement system with effect from January 2019.

Adopting E-procurement System required that; One, configuration for password for unsealers and scorers which was done on May 2019. Notably, this was close to the end of the financial year 2018/2019 and this posed a challenge of timelines.

Number two; all invited bidders for these projects did not meet the evaluation criteria hence failed. Consequently, the procurement had to be re-initiated but the year had come to a close resulting to non procurement of these said projects. As a way forward, the Department has listed these projects to be among those that will be considered during the first Supplementary Budget; this will enable their implementation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much. The Member for Ganze who had raised the Statement, what do you have to say about the Response that has been given?

Hon. Chengo: Mheshimiwa Spika, nataka nikubaliane na Waziri kile alichoandika lakini shida ni kwamba kumekuwa na hiyo hali ya kucheleweshwa kwa mambo sana kwa hiyo Idara ya Elimu. Ombi langu ni kwamba kuweze kufanywa marekebisho kwa hiyo Idara kwa sababu vitu vikienda pale vinachukua muda mrefu kufanyika na ambalo si jambo zuri kwa sababu mara nyingi umesema jambo fulani utalifanya na kwa sababu watu wanatarajia hilo jambo lifanyike na kila kukicha wakiona hakufanyiki kitu huwa mara nyengine hunaonekana kama mheshimiwa huna ambacho unafanya kule kwa wadi yako. Kwa hivyo, ombi langu ni kwamba angalau idara ile kasi wanayoenda wajaribu kurekebisha. Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Chiriba: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have just heard from the Mover of the Statement that to some extent he is convinced and contented with the Response that the CEC Member has brought to this hon. House.

Mr. Speaker, you will agree with me that in as much as this Statement is geared towards the mentioned projects in Ganze, the situation in the Department is cutting across because there are several cases from other wards that given an opportunity will have laid some Statements with the same concern.

It is just yesterday when I was again delivering some responses from the CEC Member and the language is almost the same. I do not know what actually the CEC Member looks at when he says that it is a Ward Development Project.

Mr. Speaker, I am convinced that whether it is a Ward Development Project or a project that emanates from the Executive, they equally need concern and that is the move to implement. We have heard of the so called E-procurement process that was introduced and we had several cases because some of the CEC Members had used that as an excuse.

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Mr. Speaker, being the Chairperson, I am still worried that this Department has a lot to do. If you go the Budget, you will see that it is ranked the second in allocation after the Department of Health. It is my worry if we will have these many excuses that the Department will be able to utilize the monies allocated fully. So, Mr. Speaker, in as much as the Member is contented, I believe in your direction that the CEC Member will be meeting with the Committee, some of these issues will still be pointed out. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you. I can see a request from the Member for Mwanamwinga.

Hon. Pascal: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity and in fact part of what I wanted to put across before this House is what the Chairperson Education Committee has just highlighted but then despite the fact that the hon. Member who brought about this Statement is satisfied with what the CEC Member has put across through this Response, the Education Department is a Department that we need to be very cautious about as a County Assembly or as hon. Members...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): There is an intervention from the Member for Tezo.

Hon. Mumba: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to seek your guidance; if you look at the mood of the House there is mass exodus from the Chamber and it is very detrimental to the conduct of business in this House. So kindly I seek your guidance on that matter.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much for raising that concern but the fact that we still have quorum we are in a position to transact business. I would wish Members to look at the business of the House. We have a very important item on Order number nine which is the First Reading of the Kilifi County Finance Bill, 2019 and if you deny quorum then it means we are not going to do it today. That will have its implications that may not be very good for the County. There are very few people who have risen to speak so kindly can we give that opportunity so that we come to the close of business and make sure that we do the Finance Bill?

Hon. Pascal: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for protecting me. We are the oversight arm of the County Government and there is a lot that we need to do to ensure that this Department raises to its feet, to match its functions. The issues of procurement have been a nightmare to this County. There are so many projects in the Department of Education that have not been implemented and it is good that the hon. Member has brought about this Motion because it is a problem that cuts across the entire county.

I want to kindly appeal to the implementation Committee under the leadership of my good friend here that there is still a long way to go because it is like this Department has totally failed. If you look at the year this project was meant to be implemented, I think the project should have now been completed...

(Some hon. Members withdrew from the Chamber)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Kindly, I said this is a matter which is of great importance to this county; we have Order number 9 which is the Kilifi County Finance Bill, 2019 First Reading, I would kindly wish Members to stay and the whips; this is government business we are transacting and those who are leaving are Members from the government side. They are denying quorum to this very important business and I said we do not have anybody who has made a request to contribute apart from the member for Mwanamwinga. It was hon.

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Kiraga and he has since withdrawn so kindly accord him the ten minutes so that we are through with this business.

Hon. Pascal: Thank you Mr. Speaker. What I wanted to put across is that we are tired of getting stories every time on matters project implementation. Therefore I call upon the Implementation Committee to be very firm on this Department so that the people of Kilifi can get the taste of their money. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much hon. Member. Yesterday we had similar issues and there is a position that we took yesterday and because it is the same item in the Education Department, I would just wish to say that because there is an issue of an Executive Order having been given by the Head of State, it cuts across all the Departments. Why is it that we are not getting the same stories from the Roads Department, Health Department or the other Departments but we are getting these challenges from the Education Department then it means there is an issue there?

Therefore for this one I will also direct that it is captured through the meeting that is going to be convened by the Chairperson with the CEC Education and the CEC Roads and Public Works so that the same is addressed based on the concerns that have been raised by the Members of this hon. House. We have 14 days for the Committee to transact business.

STALLED CONSTRUCTION OF GANZE MARKET

Next! Is the Chairperson Trade, Tourism and Cooperative Development Committee present? The Vice-Chairperson? Then because the Chairperson is not available and the Response is available, this business will go back to the House Business Committee for consideration and allocation of time so that we may also be able to handle it.

(Statement deferred)

BILL

(First Reading)

THE KILIFI COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2019

(Order for First Reading read – Read the First Time and ordered to the relevant Departmental Committee)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much hon. Members we have the First Reading of the Kilifi County Finance Bill, 2019 I now commit it to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations for consideration and pursuant to the Standing Orders of the County Assembly of Kilifi.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business on the Order Paper, this House stands adjourned until Monday at 2:30 p.m. next week. Thank you very much.

The House rose at 2.40 p.m.