

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 20th March, 2019

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 9:30 a.m.

The Deputy Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa) in the chair

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Josephine Lesilampa): Thank you Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2) (c), I hereby request for a statement from the Leader of Majority on the status of the vacancy of a County Executive position previously occupied by a deceased employee.

The position of Maralal Ward Administrator has been vacant since 2016 to date and this has strained service delivery to the people of Maralal Ward. Hon. Speaker Pursuant to County Governments Act 51(1) there is an establishment for each ward in a County to have a Ward Administrator whose functions include:-

1. Provision of qualifications and technical knowledge administrations and shall be competitive appointed by Public Service Board in accordance with the provision of this Act.
2. Ward Administrator shall coordinate, manage and supervise the general public in administrative functions of the ward units including:-
 - a) Developments of the policy.
 - b) Service delivery.
 - c) Develop activities to empower the community preface and maintenance of infrastructure & facilities of public services.
 - d) Exercise any function and power delegated by the County Public Service Board under section 86.

Hon. Speaker, in view of this, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on;

1. What plans, if any, the County Public Service Board has for Maralal Ward Administrator's vacant position.
2. The measure the County Government is taking in compensating the family.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you Hon. Josephine, in reference to the statement made by Hon. Josephine Lesilampa, the Office of the Majority Leader should guide us on when this statement should be responded to. I wish to request Hon. Leshoomo to give us a way forward.

MCA Lodokej Ward, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you hon. Speaker as you directed and now that the Leader of Majority is absent, we request your indulgence to redirect the question to another Committee so that the Statement can be responded to.

I also stand in Support of the Hon. Member that the position of the Maralal Ward Administrator has been vacant for a long time and that affects the service delivery to the public. This matter should be taken with urgency by the County Government hence to facilitate the position of Ward Administrator. The statement should be executed urgently for the sake of the public that the office is mandated to serve.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I also request that Members of the Committee on Labour and Social Welfare to take charge because employment falls under their mandate.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you, Hon. Members in reference to the statement from Hon. Josephine Lesilampa I direct the matter to Majority Leader. I want to believe that Majority Leader is not only one in the House; he/she has an assistant.

Before we think of re-directing the issue to a Committee could we have the Principle Assistant to the Majority Leader to respond if he/she is around?

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you Hon. Speaker, we had Hon. Letura as the Deputy Majority Leader who is also not in today.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): In my own view the statement from the Hon. Member is so weighty and seeks to be responded to immediately that is why am hesitant to re-address it unless otherwise. Hon. Lekwale what is your issue?

MCA Wamba East Ward, (Hon. Lucas Lekwale): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I just have an opinion although I am not a Member of the ruling party. I am of the opinion that we defer the Statement to a day or two since the Members concerned are not in the House.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you Hon. Lekwale for that opinion but we cannot defer the Statement simply because there is no relevant authority. We really need this Statement to be expedited urgently. Hon. Adamson what's your take on this?

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): We have our Clerks starting from the Director who is in charge on matters relating to the House maybe they can be directed to inform the Leader of Majority or his Deputy. It is now your prerogative if they should respond in a day, two or three.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you Hon. Adamson for that input. I think that's the way to go, I am of the opinion that it should actually refer to our Clerks to make a report to the Office of the Majority Leader so that we can have the response as early as next week on Wednesday 27th March, 2019 at 2:30 pm.

It is a matter that involves the public service delivery that needs to be acted upon. In reference to what Hon. Josephine stated, I think Maralal Ward is being denied its Constitutional right. Therefore, as directed, Clerks ensure that the Office of the Majority Leader is served with the information and we expect the response as directed.

Hon. Members the time being five minutes to ten o'clock and there being no other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Wednesday 20th March, 2019 at 2:30 pm.