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**MANDERA COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**THE HANSARD**

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*The House met in the Assembly Chambers  
County Assembly Buildings at 2:33 pm*

[Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farrah Abdi) in the Chair]

**PRAYER**

**PAPER LAID**

COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER 2021/2022

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Leader of Minority!

**Hon. Abdi Jimale** (Guba): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the County Assembly today, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021 at 2:30 pm;

1. The County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2021/2022.

Thank you.

*(Hon. Jimale laid the document on the Table and committed  
to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations)*

**STATEMENTS**

STATUS OF FLOODLIGHTS IN MANDERA

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Kulow Alio!

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. There are 18 floodlights in Mandera handed over to the Municipality by the department of Water, Environment and Natural Resource Committee one year ago. The floodlights were meant to provide lights to residents and boost security. Currently all the 18 floodlights are non-functional.

Pursuant to the provision of the Standing Order No. 44 (2) (c), I wish to seek statement from the chairperson of Lands, Housing and Physical Planning Committee on;

1. Whether the department is aware that the floodlights in Mandera are non-functional for the last one year?

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2. If yes, why are these floodlights not functional?
3. What plans the department has put in place to repair the said floodlights?

I want to put it in the right perspective because the Clerk's Office misdirected my question to the wrong department. My question is to go to the Chairperson for Lands, Housing and Physical Planning Committee. When Mandera became Municipality, the Department of Water transferred that function to the Municipality, and Municipality comes under the CEC for Urban Development. My question is directed to the Department of Lands, Housing and Physical Planning Committee.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Does Rhamu has Municipality?

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): This is for Mandera and not for Rhamu.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Ok.

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): Because I said there are 18 floodlights which were put in different strategic places in Mandera Municipality. And one year down the line all those floodlights which were supposed to provide security and lightening to the residents of Mandera are non-functional. We do not know why. My question is directed to Lands, Housing and Physical Planning Committee under Municipality.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Chair for lands, Housing and Physical Planning Committee.

**Hon. Halima Billow** (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I kindly request to be given three (3) weeks because there is a petition before the committee and we will be handling it in the next two weeks. Kindly, I request to be given three (3) weeks.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): I understand there are a lot of businesses before this committee. I therefore give them three (3) weeks to respond.

Next statement is for Honorable Mohamed Rashid.

#### OUTBREAK OF KALA AZAR IN KUTULO

**Hon. Mohamed Rashid** (Kutulo): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Article 43(1) (a) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 states that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health which includes the right to health care services;

Currently, there are reported cases of black fever (Kala Azar) outbreak early last year 2020 in Kutulo Sub-County. The affected people are mostly children under the age of five (5) years. More than 5 deaths have been reported as a result of this disease.

The Kala Azar disease is believed to be severely affecting the pastoralist communities in Kutulo Sub-County with the prone areas being Bulla Matane, Bulla Machine and Bulla Agarsu and currently all the patients are undergoing treatment at Wajir Referral Hospital.

Pursuant to the provision of the Standing Order No. 44 (2)(c), I wish to seek statement from the Chairperson of Health Services Committee on;

1. Whether the department is aware of the reported death of children under the age of 5 years in Kutulo town and its areas for the last one year due to the outbreak of Kala Azar.
2. Why the department has not conducted routine early treatment of patients in Kutulo Sub-County for the last one year?

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3. Any plan put in place by the department to equip Kutulo Sub-County Hospital laboratory to ease the suffering of the population who are currently travelling miles seeking for medication in Wajir County?
4. What measures has the department put in place to stop more deaths and avert the spread of this killer disease to other parts of this county?

This is a matter of concern. As we are speaking, almost 25 patients have been referred to Wajir Referred Hospital and most of them are vulnerable. The treatment of this disease takes almost three to four weeks. Under the situation of this drought, my people cannot afford to stay for some time in that county. I request you to give this matter the urgency it deserves so that the department responds the soonest possible.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Chair for Health Services Committee! Vice-Chair! Any Member of this Committee! Hon. Kulow Alio!

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): We promise to provide the House with a response within two (2) weeks.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Ok. Two weeks is ok. We go to the next statement by Hon. Abdinoor Rafat.

#### THE STATUS OF WATER TRUCKING IN THE COUNTY

**Hon. Abdinoor Rafat** (Khalalio): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. The situation of water crisis is alarming in the county. Recently, His Excellency the Governor of Mandera County took up the initiative to launch water trucking to ease the water crisis in the county.

Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 44(2) (c), I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson of Water, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources on the following;

1. How many trucks have been contracted for water trucking in the county and breakdown of each in the Sub-Counties?
2. Whether there is a person (s) on the ground in each Sub-County to ensure water trucking services reach the right destination?
3. What are the terms of agreement reached with water truck owners concerning the number of litres supplied against the value per litre?
4. How tangible is the programme of water trucking as compared to drilling of boreholes and maintenance of water system?

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Chair for Water, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee; Hon. Ibrahim Wariyo.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir-Fatuma): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I will request to be given three weeks' time because when we receive communication from the Executive then the committee needs to deliberate and see whether it is actually admissible to the House. I request that in three weeks' time we will get a feedback on this matter.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): There is a lot of crisis of water. If there is no much business before the committee then why don't you take two weeks to respond?

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir-Fatuma): I happened to be one of the Chairs who promised to provide information to the House in a week's time. But you know this is the information that we are requesting to give; what if I do not want to be seen lying to the House. Some Members are trying to challenge that you are giving short duration and you are unable to deliver. I even request that even three weeks is small because we require information. We need to go back to them. It is better if we agree with what they say in three weeks then we will present to the House.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): If you get the information within a week?

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir-Fatuma): I did not say a maximum of three weeks. We will try to look for this information for a minimum of three weeks. If it is available, then we will bring it to the House in three weeks' time.

**Hon. Abdiaziz Dakat** (Arabia): I want to tell Honorable Ibrahim Wariyo that the statement raised by Hon. Abdinoor Rafat is a very serious statement and water is life. Water trucking was launched by the Governor and it is something that is in the office of the CEC. I think you can respond within one week.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir-Fatuma): I think the Member who is moving this statement is the Member for Khalalio. However, this is important to the entire county. We can only go in line with the procedure. And if the information is available within three weeks then we will inform the House.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Ok. We will allow you to take three weeks but deal with this statement as a matter of urgency. Please if you get the response within a week or two, bring it because it is a matter of urgency.

We go to the next statement by Honorable Kulow Alio of Rhamu.

#### NONFUNCTIONAL STATES OF RHAMU STREETLIGHTS

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): The statement I am about to ask has come to the floor of this House twice before and the department has promised to do something about the statement but nothing happened since then. This is the way the statement goes.

Rhamu street lights have been non-functional for close to 3-4 years now. Similar statement was raised before with the department on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2019. The department has a response to the statement which was tabled before the House on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 and promised to repair the said street lights.

Pursuant to the provision of the Standing Order No. 44(2) (c), I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson of Water, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee on;

1. Why the department has not acted on its prior promise to the residents of Rhamu to repair the street lights?
2. What measures has the department put in place to undertake urgent assessment of the street lights system in Rhamu and fix the problem once and for all?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I asked this statement before and these street lights were installed and six months down the line all of them are grounded. I raised the statement on the floor of this House. My people are suffering because of the security situation in Mandera county the whole street of Rhamu is not lit. It is dark at night and therefore the people who are supposed to do

some kind of business of selling milk, vegetables no longer do their business and the kiosk owners are suffering.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I do not why the county should invest huge amount of money for the same public resources to get wasted after six months. Those street lights are no longer helping the people of Rhamu. I kindly request the chairperson of water my good friend, the Member for Shimbir Fatuma to give me a comprehensive answer on the floor of this House on why my people are suffering and yet they pay taxes like any other citizen in this county.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Chair for water.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I thank the honorable gentleman representing Rhamu ward for coming up with this good statement that seeks to improve the lives of his electorate. I thank him again and I want to say if this statement has happened to be in this House for the second time now we will treat this matter with the urgency required. I believe the committee is giving focus on the department of environment, energy and natural resources. I want to tell the House that for almost one month we are trying to make business for that department and in that regard I want to promise the member for Rhamu that as soon as possible, in three weeks' time not only coming up with the information we will task the department to have a look on this matter.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Point of order Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Yes, what is your point of order?

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): I want to ask the honorable member representing Shimbir Fatuma and the chair for water why is it that all his responses take three weeks? Why not four weeks or even a week? For all the statements he is seeking for a maximum of three weeks. Maybe if he can request for four weeks, it is okay. Can you give direction to the chairman?

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Wariyo, what do you want to say?

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I also want to thank the member for Lagsure for asking me why I am requesting for three weeks. I think that is best known to the committee and it is being driven by the business before the committee. That is why today I am trying to put a new schedule as the spokesman of the committee. Three weeks is a new schedule.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Kulow!

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I applaud the chair for water. You know the chair for water, when he is normally on the floor of the House he talks very eloquently, he promises big and acts very small. I am satisfied with the three weeks from the chair for water who speaks tough on the floor of the House. When the day comes, we might not find anything on the floor of this House.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Point of information Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): What is your point of information honorable Robow?

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to plead with the chair for public service, we understand the responsibility of department of water during this time of crisis. I think the department is too busy. I concur with my chairman but the only thing that we are requesting because I understand the whole county is focused on the crisis of water now the

three weeks the chairman of water is asking for might become a precedent in this House. This trend should not happen. We can have even 2, 1 or even four weeks

Thank you.

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I was just on the floor. Why he is taking three weeks is because last week we took him to task for giving false information to the House. So, this time round he has to act very carefully.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable member!

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Mr. Deputy Speaker is my chairman in order when he is saying the chair for water is giving false information.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable members!

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Mr. Deputy Speaker is my chairman in order saying that the chair for water is giving false information and yet the chair for water is a conveyor belt of the department and the assembly.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Robow, are you speaking on behalf of the chair of water? What is your point of order honorable Abass?

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am a bit disturbed. Hon. Robow raised a point of order why the chairman of water is taking three weeks and when honorable Kulow raised the same he abruptly changed. Whatever you say---

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): I withdraw what is said.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Now honorable members---

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Point of order Mr. Deputy Speaker. Is honorable Kulow in order to discuss my personality when he asked a general thing concerning his ward? He actually said the Chair for water speaks strongly here but at the end does nothing. That is character. It is not right, there is media and this is a House of debate. How can this member debate my personality? Is he in order because I can discuss his personality better than any other person?

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Hon. Abass, what do you want to say? Before we go to the next person, let us give chance to honorable Abass.

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, honorable Kulow is in order. It is in our archive that honorable Wariyo failed to provide information last week which he promised the previous week. That is in our archives.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable members!

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): I want to give some clarifications Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): What clarification?

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): I want to do some clarifications. The honorable chairman for public service is in order. The only place where he went out of order is when he is said the chairman for water lied to the House. He has to withdraw that one. However, the chairman for water is the person tasked with the responsibility. This is why information was directed to him but the chairman for public service should not say that he is lying because information that he is bringing to the House is the information that he received from the department.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Yussuf what do you want to say?

**Hon. Yussuf Maalim Dakane** (Alungu Gof): Mr. Deputy Speaker, if the originator of the statement is comfortable with three weeks, I do not see any reason as to why the members are discussing his statement because today is not a day to discuss statements. This is a new statement.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): So, you are defending your chair? Order honorable members! I think last week I was on this chair when this statement of water was being discussed and the response was ready. It was at the clerk's office but it did not reach the committee. It is our prayer that today it will be ready. Feedback was not coming from the committee side. There were some technical issues. You saying that he give wrong information to the House is an offence and in accordance with Standing Order No. 106, it is not allowed.

Honorable chair for water, are you getting what I am saying? It is not allowed to give misleading information. I therefore give chance to the committee on water to do their things in three weeks as they said.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is not fair for the Member elected from Rhamu to always say that Hon. Wariyo is lying on the floor of the House and he is on Hansard. He should withdraw or substantiate I have not intimidated him the way he is intimidating me on the floor of the House. Why are you watching that Mr. Deputy Speaker? This is a House of debate.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Wariyo, I think when the Speaker is speaking you should be silent. I protected you and defended your committee. I said the failure is not coming from your committee. I think we can go the next statement. Hon. Member for Khalalio!

**Hon. Abdinoor Dakane** (Khalalio): Mr. Deputy Speaker, before I come to the real part of the statement, we understand matatus all the way from Banisa, Takaba, Burduras all those areas coming all the way to Mandera these days use the route of Khalalio Hareri-Qumbiso roads but unfortunately these land cruisers which are ferrying people all the way to Takaba and Dandu are not comfortable on our Roads. They are causing problems to those vehicles; tires are getting worn out very quickly and those drivers drive on a very high speed to avoid corrugation putting the lives of the people at risk.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, for us to make sure that we help the owners of this matatus, we need these roads to be in good condition.

Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 44(2) (c) I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson of Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee on; -

1. Whether the department is aware of the deplorable road situation of Khalalio-Aresa-Hareri-Qumbiso and Rhamu-Hareri-Sala route?
2. What necessary measures that the department has put in place for the repair of the said roads before the long rains?

Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Chair for works, honorable Abdiaziz.

**Hon. Abdiaziz Dakat** (Arabia): Mr. Deputy Speaker, we will respond after three weeks.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable members! I think this one the department will not rough time. The question that honorable Rafat asked, particularly the second question, in the budget that we passed last time there was some budgetary allocation for that. Hon. Abdiaziz, I will your committee two weeks to bring the response. We go to the next statement.

**Hon. Abdiaziz Dakat** (Arabia): Mr. Deputy Speaker, before you rule you know these are technical questions. When you take this statement to the department, the department must go and assess the roads. We need an assessment report from the ground. That is when now we can report to the House and also we have a Bill pending with the committee.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Adan, what do you want to say?

**Hon. Adan Maalim** (Elwak North): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I was just going through this statement. I am not a member of the committee but from my understanding Qumbiso-Rhamu road is under the national government KENHA program; it is not under county government.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): For correction there is another road that is passing through Khalalio-Aresa-Hareri which is not the main road. I think within two weeks the committee can respond to this one. We go to the next statement by the Member representing Alungu ward.

**Hon. Yusuf Dakane** (Alungu): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of the Standing Order No. 44 (2) (c), I wish to seek a statement from the chairperson of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee on:

1. Whether the department is aware of a mysterious disease that has caused death of camels and goats in Alungu Ward? If yes, whether any investigation was done to determine the said disease.
2. What measures has the department put in place to address the situation and stop more death and avert the spread of this killer disease to other parts of the county?
3. Provide a detailed report on the next course of action to cushion the pastoralists from impending crisis of mass death of livestock.

Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Chair for Livestock and Agriculture! Hon. Bashir!

**Hon. Bashir Ibrahim** (Kiliwehiri): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. We have a similar statement last week from the honorable member representing Guticha and we are responding to that statement next week. Meanwhile I would like to urge my colleague member representing Alungu that there is an outbreak of livestock disease in Mandera County; rift valley fever. The county livestock officer has already issued quarantine. While we take two weeks to respond to the statement, he should cushion his people not to use milk and meat of the affected animals. But we are going to respond in two weeks' time.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Okay before you sit honorable chair, it is true that there is an outbreak of animal disease across the county. It has been reported in almost every ward. Why can't you compile the two statements and bring it next week if the disease is similar.

**Hon. Bashir Ibrahim** (Kiliwehiri): Now the statement for honorable Guticha is ready and it will be in the House this afternoon from the way I am getting information. So, it cannot be combined but I have already told him over the weekend to go to Alungu and cushion his community over that or make a call.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): So, you want to take two weeks?

**Hon. Bashir Ibrahim** (Kiliwehiri): We will take two weeks to bring another response.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Fine. Hon. Yusuf!

**Hon. Yussuf Maalim Dakane** (Alungu Gof): Mr. Deputy Speaker, first and foremost, it is not the honorable Member for Kiliwehiri to---



**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): He is representing Kiliwehiri.

**Hon. Yussuf Dakane** (Alungu Gof): It is not the Member to tell me when I will visit my ward. Therefore, this is an urgent matter; animals are dying, two weeks is very long. Let him take one week to respond to this statement.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): I think the department may take samples to the lab and one week may not be very convenient. We will give them two weeks but if they can get the response in a week's time, let them bring it together with that one of honorable Member representing Guticha. Hon. Bashir, are you getting what I am saying? I said you will take two weeks but before that engage the department and if you get the responses and the diseases are similar, let us get the response with that one of honorable Mohamed Ibrahim.

**Hon. Bashir Ibrahim** (Kiliwehiri): We will try but I have already told him that if that one comes earlier, it might not be possible because the Chief Officer told me that she will bring the response today. So, it will not be possible to combine. He is asking now, the committee has to sit and take this thing to the department. So, we are going to sit on Friday and it will go there on Monday. So, it is not possible to combine the two statements. That is why I told him we are going to take two weeks to provide the response.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Fine two weeks is fair. We go to statements to be responded to. The first one is the statement raised by honorable Member representing Dandu ward to the Committee on Water. Hon. Chair for water! Hon. Wariyo!

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I think this response is here by mistake. We have deferred the response to the statement by the Member for Dandu to the department. We have deliberated as a committee and we found it not sufficient. Why it is here is because the said CEC responded to both statements on the same paper. But we have deferred one and accepted one.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Which one is here?

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): I think the one I am responding to is the one raised by the Member for Dandu. We have deferred that and I do not think we can discuss it today because we found that it is not sufficiently answered and deferred it to the department.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): So, if the committee resolved that it is not sufficient to the House then how did it find itself on the floor of the House? Hon. Members, I think there is another response attached to this one. Hon. Chair for Water, the House still needs to be convinced why the committee resolved the response as insufficient because last week I was chairing the session and it raised debate as to why it has taken long to be responded to.

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Mr. Deputy Speaker, the statement has not taken long as you have said. I think the Standing Order is clear. We need to deliberate as a committee and when we agree with the department then we will allow it to be taken to the floor of the House. So, I do not know what other explanation I will give because we have resolved as a committee and this is not the decision of the chair alone. The Standing Order is very clear that the committee needs to deliberate on the response before tabling in the House. I think this is the second week. If somebody is alluding that we have taken long, we have not taken long and if you see that we can discuss it here and maybe by pass the resolution of the committee, the decision is with you still but that is what we have resolved as a committee.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Kulow!

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. If I got it right, I need to be corrected. There are two questions which need responses from the chair for water. One he said it has been deferred to the department because it was insufficient but the other one I believe it is before the House. So, can you respond to the one which is rightly before the House so that we wait for the other one although he promised to give the response in one week and now the second week has elapsed and there is no response? We will still wait. We cannot get tired. So, let him present the response for the honorable Member for Takaba.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Chair for Water, do you think it will be possible next week?

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): We have deferred the response for the Member for Dandu to the department. I am not sure when we will receive it. We have given them two weeks to respond and this is another authority.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): You mean two weeks from today?

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Yes. That is the resolution of the committee. We resolve in that they respond in two weeks' time because there are so many activities that we are requesting them to furnish the committee. So, this one, we have deferred it to the department and hopefully, I also want to seek your indulgence in two weeks' time if we get information and if the committee agrees with the response, we will deliver it to the House.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): I think the statement is for the House maybe Members can decide.

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. As much as I respect the decision of the committee to have found that the response is insufficient, this is a very sensitive issue. Last time you remember a Member of the committee, by then the chair was away, promised to take only one week to respond to this matter. Now almost three weeks are elapsing. I do not know how it has come to the table of the House. As you said the information is already here. It has been leaked. It is not a secret. This is the answer and this is the stand of the department. They do not want to respond to this matter. They have completely neglected and they will not respond anymore. I request you to direct this matter to an Ad Hoc Committee to go and investigate up to that village of Arges Awara and bring the response to this House. I am not satisfied with this issue. The CEC for water is incompetent. What is this now? Just go through and look at that answer. They are saying that there are no goats that died. I am not satisfied with this information

**Hon. Adan Maalim Mohamed** (El-wak North): Point of Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): What is your point of order honorable Adan?

**Hon. Adan Maalim Mohamed** (El-wak North): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I think the chair has rightly put that this committee has requested for one week and they have responded to the statement but again the same chairperson is saying that he has given the department another two weeks. Between the committee and the House, I think the House supersedes. The chair could have requested this House for an extension of time instead of giving the department two weeks to respond to this statement. Is it in order for the chair to give the department another two weeks without coming to this House and reporting back and requesting for an extension of time? I need clarification.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Abass!

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): In this House we had a trend that when a response is given to a committee, they deliberate on it and if they find it satisfactory they bring it to the House, if they find it unsatisfactory they defer and that was orderly put by the chair. Is it in order for honorable Member for Dandu and the chair for water to tell us that this response found itself here by mistake because it was attached to the response of honorable Bishar? So, we are assuming that we are not discussing the response of honorable Dandu as per this letter. I was expecting his view that he could have talked about why they have delayed, why they have deferred on those bases but not what is written here. So, him talking about incompetence and any other thing, I find it not in order.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Hindia!

**Hon. Hindia Hussein** (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. About the issue of department of water, I think people are going personal. People are directed somewhere else but between House and the department there is a Committee on Water. The committee sat, found it insufficient and they sent it back to the department. Whichever of the ten sectorial committee can decide for us whenever they have sittings so that we get satisfactory answer. I think this attack on the chair for water and the department of water is redirected somewhere. What we want is only the response to the statement and not attacking one another here. I think the chair is in order. Kindly, give us direction.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Robow!

**Hon. Robow Mohammed** (Lagsure): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want you to give us direction. The statement sought by the Member for Dandu regarding the death of---

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): Point of order Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): What is your point of order?

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I was a good student of English and when honorable Robow is saying I want you to give us direction, I see that as a command. He could have said I would like. So, is honorable Robow in order to command you Mr. Deputy Speaker?

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Member! I think this is honorable House. We are here to debate. It is not grammar school.

**Hon. Robow Mohammed** (Lagsure): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker for protecting me from my friend honorable Abass. What he is not aware is that I was in this House before him and I am aware the language that we use when addressing the chair. May be I agree with him he is in the learning curve.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am requesting you to give direction. The reason is that the department of water has given a response. However, in my opinion, according to the statement asked by the Member for Alungu and responded by the chairman of Agriculture, there is an outbreak of Livestock disease. Therefore, in my opinion can maybe the issue before the House be directed both to the department Agriculture and Livestock and water because the animals might have died not because of water but disease.

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): Point of order Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Yes, what is your point of order?

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): Mr. Deputy Speaker, is the Member for Lagsure in order to mislead the Members of this House? He is trying to explain that the cause of the death of goats in Dandu is not the borehole but is the outbreak of the disease. He is not aware of the goings in my ward. I am the one representing the people of greater Dandu and I know the problems of my people more than him. He is even a foreigner there. I was there for ten years.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Member!

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): This guy is even a political prostitute.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Member! Order honorable Member representing Dandu! Stand up and withdraw that statement and give an apology to honorable Robow.

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): Mr. Deputy Speaker, we know that he represented three wards

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): I told you to withdraw and give apology.

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): Kamakunji, Bula Mpya in Mandera and currently Lagsure. Someone from somewhere---

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Hon. Abass, get back to your seat. Hon. Alinur, please withdraw.

**Hon. Alinur Hassan** (Dandu): He cannot try to pretend that he knows the problem of my ward more than me. The people of Dandu sent me to this House and I understand the problem of my people than him. Why does he come and say the deaths of the goats---

**Hon. Mohamed Rashid** (Kutulo): Point of information Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Members! Order honorable Mohamed! I will give you. Hon. Alinur, I know you are the senior Member in this House and you should understand that the statement belongs to the House. It is no longer yours. It is good that you have withdrawn and apologized. Before we give a ruling on that, let me allow honorable Teno and honorable Mohamed to say something.

**Hon. Abdinoor Diisow** (El-wak South): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I think this statement is well put. Actually what the House is discussing as said by the chairman is in the House by mistake. It is not supposed to be with us today and I do not know why we are debating on this. The able chair has already said that he would be furnishing this House in three weeks' time. So, I do not see the reason as to why we are debating a shell which has no content.

Having said that, we also acknowledge the drought which is ravaging and from the order paper of today we are seen numerous statements both new and the ones which needs to be responded to directed to the ministry of water and as rightly put by honorable Robow, we know it is very over whelming. We want to acknowledge that this is the House where we were elected or nominated to represent the public and we are a live to the ravaging drought. Today there was unsubstantiated report that there was death in Elwak caused by this drought. It is very dehumanizing as leaders of this county. We were here in this House, sipping this cold water, enjoying this AC and the population we were representing outside are exposed to this drought. If somebody dies in Elwak the second biggest town of this county after Mandera, the second municipality, what do you expect of the mass living in pre-urban centre and those living in bushes? We have actually seen the Governor launching relief food recently. We are discussing drought and that is the effect of drought and it is a current affair. Mr. Deputy Speaker, give direction.

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**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Members! Hon. Teno, you will have the floor. Hon. Kula, I think he has mentioned the death of somebody in Elwak and it is a very serious issue.

**Hon. Abdinoor Diisow** (El-wak South): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I think this is the House that is supposed to stand with the public whenever such matters arise. I expected the Members to feel the pain for the public. It is the same drought that we are talking about that is ravaging the population and it has caused death. Actually I will be coming with a statement In Shaa Allah next Wednesday directed to the ministry of Finance and department of Special Program. In the meantime, this is our House and we need to raise any current affair that comes up for the ears of the Hon. Members.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Thank you, very much. Hon. Mohamed!

**Hon. Mohamed Rashid** (Kutulo): Thank you, Hon. Chair. I just want to concur regarding the statement of Hon. Member for Alungu.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon.?

**Hon. Mohamed Rashid** (Kutulo): Sorry Hon. Member for Dandu.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Let us only discuss the duration; one week or two weeks?

**Hon. Mohamed Rashid** (Kutulo): Mr. Deputy Speaker, with your leave Hon. Robow raised very important information to the House to which I concur. Even if we refer this statement to water, this statement is supposed to be tested by the ministry of livestock. Now even if we address it to water, laboratory test must be done through the ministry of livestock. So, even if now we write to the water they cannot substantiate what killed those goats. So, with your leave can you just give direction about this issue? Let the ministry of water and livestock collaborate with that one of water so that we can get the answers.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! It is just information. Hon. Hussein!

**Hon. Hussein Adan** (Takaba South): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Members! I think we are not discussing the statement itself. What we are discussing is the time that Hon. Chair for water said he will take.

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): Point of information Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): What is your information Hon. Yakub?

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I am Member of the Committee on Water and I am privy to some information. That well that killed many goats in Dandu, there is a problem. After the initial death of those goats, I do not know whether the Hon. Member is aware and I am very sure he must be aware, another bunch of goats have also been killed last week.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Killed by?

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): The same well. Order! Let me give the information first.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Please, let him finish I will give you Hon. Robow.

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): I am also on point of information.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): He also on point of information.

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**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): Mr. Deputy Speaker, camels are also using the same well with no problem; cows are using the same well with no problem and human beings are using the same well with no problem. The major problem is now goats. This is very peculiar and it is for the House and the Speaker to know so that you give out the right direction. Mean time---

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Hon. Hussein, you have the floor. Hon. Yakub, get back to your seat. We have heard you.

**Hon. Hussein Adan** (Takaba South): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. This statement was not responded to because it has been returned by the committee. The chairman is saying that it was insufficient and it was returned to the Executive to respond back. So, this issue is not with us today. I think the statement that is supposed to be responded to is the next statement of Hon. Member for Takaba.

Secondly, the Hon. Member for Dandu is saying the CEC is incompetent. That CEC is very competent. I can say that the CEC is in office today even today. Right now I am from his office.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Fine, that is not what we are discussing today. Order! Hon. Robow is on the floor. Please get back to your seat Hon. Chair. I know you have the next statement you will read it.

**Hon. Robow Mohamed** (Lagsure): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I need your indulgence. If the issue before the House is the issue of water, you have already given the direction and the chairman said that he should be given two weeks but I have also talked about livestock diseases within the county. Therefore, what I am requesting you to give direction on is on the issue before the House. The department of water through the chair should give a response or this is a cross cutting issue between the livestock and water and a joint committee to come with report. Give direction.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Members, first and foremost, I think this business is not before the House. I just gave you that chance to contribute because you are Hon. Members and you have all the right to say what you believe and I have given you that opportunity. As the Hon. Chair for water said, the committee resolved to get the response within two weeks. I think there are a lot of things that should be done including inviting the CEC before the committee. The issue is not only the exchange of papers. If there are issues that require clarifications, he should be invited and even other Members that are interested to hear from him can attend that committee siting.

I therefore direct the committee to take two weeks and bring the response within the two weeks. We go to the next statement raised by Hon. Member representing Gither ward directed to the chairperson of Education, Sport and Culture. Hon. Yakub!

**Hon. Yakub Hassan** (Derkhale): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. We are supposed to be responding to this Assembly today but the department of education has written back to the committee asking for two more weeks. The committee has discussed the same and after consulting the office of the clerk, we have decided to give them one more week till Friday this week so that they give us the necessary information and we are appealing that you give us another one more week for us to bring a proper response next Wednesday.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Ahmed!

**Hon. Ahmed Rashid** (Gither): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. It has become a trend for the statements that are sought on the floor of this House that they have not elicited a lot of seriousness just like in the other session because we have seen a situation when a matter is raised on the floor of this House that requires a very urgent response and urgent solution, either the committee or the department concerned drags their feet until when you get this response on the floor of this House, the matter becomes very obsolete. As much as what the Hon. Chair has raised is genuine, I think that from the trend that I am hearing on the floor of this House, I know it is the matter that you have already ruled but people are asking for three weeks. I am sure they are going to drag their feet until when we are going to close this House. Definitely, I will wait for your direction but unfortunately, I will not be here to receive this very important response that is very critical to the people who elected me and who require this bursary and the schools are closing. But in my absence, I request Hon. Kulow Alio Guyow of Rhamu to stand in for me because I will not be here to get that response.

Thank you, very much.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): So, as you are coming back Hon. Kula will represent the people of Gither.

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): I will represent the people of Gither in the House while the Hon. Member is away.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Okay there is no problem. We go to the last statement raised by Hon. Member representing Takaba to water. Hon. Chair for water!

**Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo** (Shimbir Fatuma): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. We have received a response. We have deliberated as a committee and we find it satisfactory to give it to the House today.

The Member for Takaba has asked the department whether the department is aware of the closed inlet of Har Sigenge, Har Tubadi and Har Garale in Takaba ward. I wanted the Member to be here but unfortunately, the Member who sought this information is not around today.

The department said yes the department is aware that the inlet of the pans at Takaba has been closed for a long time now. The inlets were closed to divert the water so that they could be desilted.

The Member also asked any plan the department has put in place in desilting and expanding of the said dams and opening of the said inlets. The department said yes. Efforts are now underway to have all the three water pans desilted. Already the contractor is on the site to commence earth pan desilting work so that this can be completed before onset of the long rains.

The third information that the Member required is there any plan the department has to improve and expand water piping system in Takaba town. The department have said yes again. For the past successive financial year the department has invested in pipeline extension within the ward and engaging other development actors such as NGOs and National Government by presenting draft proposal for their consideration.

The fourth information that the Member required is any plan by the department to undertake hydrological survey and drilling of the borehole for Duse Bima, Ardhalo and Alo Kona in Takaba ward. The department said extensive hydrological surveys are presently on going county wide including the areas mentioned above.

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The Member has also sought to know the department aware of the two grounded county government water buzzers based in Takaba for the last one year and if yes any plan by the department to repair the said water buzzers. The department said yes they are aware of the water buzzers. The department is in the process of repairing the said water buzzers but in the meantime, the department has hired three water buzzers to fill in the gap created by these water buzzers that has been grounded. I think we find it sufficiently answered and we said that is the response. I just wanted to add some remarks on this.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, there is something that I do not understand. Members with disability are really aggrieved with remarks by the department of water.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Hon. Wariyo! These are Hon. Members and they have all the right to contribute to the business before the House and actually they represent a very special group that is very vulnerable in the society. Hon. Abass!

**Hon. Abass Abdille** (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am very happy that the only people who can challenge Hon. Wariyo are persons with disability. I am very contented with that. I have an issue with this response given to Hon. Bishar which the chair for water read now. Mr. Deputy Speaker is this response admissible to this House because at the end of the response, there is a place written thank you signed by Ahmed Adan for County Executive Committee member. Who is Ahmed Adan in the department of water? We do not know the position of that person, is this document admissible to the House? I need your indulgence.

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Kula!

**Hon. Kulow Alio** (Rhamu): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. The document is admissible. Ahmed is an engineer of water and as a Member of Tanga Tanga. I represent the Hon. Member for Takaba and I find the response is adequate and accepted on the floor of the House.

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): The question asked by Hon. Abass, Ahmed is the director for water and he signed on behalf of the CEC. Now what we are discussing is not who is Ahmed, what we want to know is whether it is sufficient or not. The good thing is we know who Ahmed is. We go to the next statement. Order! Order! Hon. Wariyo, get back to your seat. Next order!

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Members, the House stands adjourned until next week Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 9 am.