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[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow) in the Chair]

PRAYER

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Sargent-at-arm-ring, the bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rang)

(Quorum obtained)

(Orders read)

STATEMENTS

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Minority Leader!

THIRD WAVE OF COVID-19

Hon. Jimale Abdi (Guba): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I rise to give a very short statement in regards to Corona Virus. We all know that the third wave of the virus is with us and it is more deadly than the two previous waves. We have to follow the protocols as required by the ministry of health and I have noted that some of our honorable members do not put on mask properly. A very good example is the Majority Whip. If you look at the way he puts on his mask, it is not properly placed. It is down the nose and you see it has like three holes. We need to take these things seriously. It is not a laughing matter. It is a very serious thing and actually the symptoms are totally different than before and the current wave kills faster than the two preceding ones. It is a reality. Previously we use to say so and so has the virus. But now we have relative who got the virus; we have seen it kill very many relatives and others are fighting for their lives in hospitals. It is a reality and also some of our members got sick. We do not know

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whether they are positive or not. We need to take the protocols given by the ministry of health very seriously. I think they are some members who were positive and we know that very well. Like Hon. Alinoor Derow is now okay and we pray for those who are sick. We pray for the entire country and specifically we pray for those who are coming from Mandera County and specifically those from the assembly if they are there.

I urge the honorable members, despite the fact that there are corona protocols, let us also observe the businesses of the House. I have seen sometimes there are problems of quorum in specific committees while members are here. Let us take our business seriously and observe protocols of the ministry of health.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Members, let us follow the guidelines. Hon. Yakub, what is it?

Hon. Yakub Hassan (Derkhale): Madam Temporary Speaker, it is true that we have to follow the protocols. It is important because this is part of the statement and it is something which is usually affecting the county and the country. It is not about distribution of masks to the honorable members, it is how we will wear the masks. If you look very carefully, most of the members even do not know how to wear a mask. We have to wear above the nose and under the mouth up to our chin. We actually did training on this because some honorable members are doing the opposite. I do not know whether I can demonstrate but under the nose and above the mouth. Ideally meaning exposing the nose and then exposing their mouth and a good example is the Majority Whip, Hon. Adan.

Hon. Adan Maalim Abdullahi (Township): Madam Temporary Speaker, point of order.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): You are out of order Hon. Yakub. Hon. Members, let us be in order. Hon. Adan, order!

Hon. Adan Maalim Abdullahi (Township): Madam Temporary Speaker, some Members who are de-schooled and illiterate are discussing us.

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): On a point of order. Madam Temporary Speaker, the Majority Whip has used unparliamentary word. He called Hon. Members illiterate. That is very sad. These are competent Members brought to this House by the people of Mandera. He must withdraw and apologize.

Hon. Adan Maalim Abdullahi (Township): Madam Temporary Speaker, what I mean by illiterate is that you are not learned. I am allowed when I am doing this (*demonstrating lowering of the mask*). Madam Temporary Speaker, protect me. What I mean by illiteracy---

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Order!

Hon. Adan Maalim Abdullahi (Township): There is no order Madam Temporary Speaker. I thought when I am talking I am allowed to do this (*gesturing the removal of mask*). Even in the National Assembly they are allowed to do this. What I mean by illiteracy is if you are not learned in a certain field, in covid guidelines we are told to protect the three.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Do we have an illiterate Hon. Member in the House?

Hon. Adan Maalim Abdullahi (Township): Hon. Yakub is one of them.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): You are out of order Hon. Member.

Hon. Adan Maalim Abdullahi (Township): I apologize and withdraw.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Okay let us continue.

Hon. Jimale Abdi (Guba): Madam Temporary Speaker, allow me to say one thing.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): I have given you the opportunity.

Hon. Jimale Abdi (Guba): I just want to apologize. I am the one who mentioned the name of the Majority Whip and I am sorry if you are affected in any way.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Proceed and please do not misuse this opportunity that we have given to the Minority Leader because we have so many statements and the time we have is limited. Kindly, proceed.

Hon. Kulow Alio (Rhamu): Madam Temporary Speaker, the Covid-19 third wave is on the rise. I want to suggest that as honorable members we need to be provided with N-95 masks. The type of mask that we are wearing is not protecting us enough because the medical professions are now advising people to wear two masks instead of one. Therefore, for us to be safe and we have had cases of positive Covid-19 in this House. We need to be provided with N-95 masks for all the honorable members in this House. That is my request and I give advice as a medical professional.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): I have heard you. Hon. Chair for water, kindly, respond to the first statement.

Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo (Shimbir Fatuma): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I am responding to the statement raised by the honorable gentleman representing Khalalio ward and if you allow me I can read both for the Member for Rhamu and Member for Khalalio.

Reference to your letter ref No, MCA on issue raised by honorable Abdinoor Dakane Rafat MCA Khalalio ward and honorable Kulow Alio Guyo member for Rhamu. Responses to the statement raised by honorable Abdinoor Dakane, he was asking how many trucks were contracted for water trucking in the county and breakdown of each in the sub county. The executive member said 27 water boozers were hired to supplement the seven government owned water boozers. During the launch the 17 available another 10 were added after the situation was reviewed. Still the drought situation is being reviewed on daily basis. Per sub county Mandera has 3 water boozers, Lafey 3, Mandera south 4, Mandera west 7, Kutulo 3, Mandera north 4 and Banisa 4.

He also asked whether there is a person on the ground in each sub county to ensure water trucking reach the rightful destination. The department said they have qualified sub county water officers in each sub county in addition to ward water officers that were coordinating the program.

The third question he wanted to know is the term agreement reached with the water truck owners concerning the number of liters supplied against the value per liter. The County Executive Committee Member for water said each water boozers supplies three trips per day and the trucks are hired on per day basis and not per trip.

The fourth question is how tangible is the program of water trucking as compared to drilling of borehole and maintenance of water system. Water trucking is normally very expensive and is normally used as the last resort and therefore where there is no any other source of water we have no any other option but to hire. However, the best situation is always a permanent solution that is drilling of boreholes of which Mandera county has so far successfully drilled forty-two boreholes only this financial year.

That is the response that we brought from the department. If you allow me to continue because the one of honorable Kulow I can only see there are three lines.

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Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Proceed.

Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo (Shimbir Fatuma): Honorable Kulow said why the department has not acted on its prior promise to the residents of Rhamu to repair the streetlights. The guy in charge of the water department said the streetlights in Rhamu were not repaired since funds were not allocated.

Number two what measures has the department put in place to undertake urgent assessment of the streetlight system in Rhamu and fix the problem once and for all. The guy in charge of the department said the department has assessed all the street lights in Rhamu and we expect funds to be allocated in the coming financial year 2021/2022 for rehabilitation of the same. I want to tell the House this is from the department and for members who have moved to know this information they are at liberty to say yes or no.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Kulow!

Hon. Kulow Alio (Rhamu): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I want to say this. I see my response as belittling the office of the member for Rhamu. I am wondering whether the department has shortages of papers in their office. Look at their response and why should they combine my response and the response for the member for Khalalio. I asked this question independently and I should be given response independently.

I wonder whether the committee has even written to the department of water because there is no reference for my letter. If the committee has written one letter only combining the one for Khalalio and then the one for Rhamu it is a big mistake because I do not see any reference of the committee's letter to the department because they have not quoted it.

I asked this statement because the people of Rhamu are suffering and I stated this two weeks ago on the floor of this House. If you look at the response they gave the department on 10th July, 2019 and since that time all the streetlights are grounded. The department gave us a response. I challenged it on the floor of the House. They have promised that financial year they are going to put it in the budget so that at least the streetlights are going to be repaired. I wonder whether the chairman for water has even had the chance of looking at that response which I have quoted it in my statement. If he did he should have returned this to the department and challenged them why they gave false statement to the honorable members. If the department has no capacity to repair the streetlights then they should say that in black and white. They promised me on the floor of this House that they are going to repair it. Two years down the line the story is the same.

I also requested for assessment of the same and if they have done assessment in 2019 then the honorable member for Shimbir has not provided me with a copy of the assessment. They have not done this particular year's assessment because if that time the polls were there today the polls might not be even there. I find the response as demeaning to this House, demeaning to the office member for county Assembly for Rhamu and demeaning to the people of Rhamu. I actually request that I should not be given a response to my statement with only one or two lines. This is totally demeaning.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Ahmed Rashid!

Hon. Ahmed Rashid (Gither): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I would like to comment on the response given by my brother honorable Wariyo the chairman for water concerning what the honorable Kulow member representing Rhamu has asked on the issue of

maintenance of streetlights, repair and on the issue of assessment of streetlights and fixing them. I think when a member asks any question concerning the people we represent on the floor of this House, we need to take some of these issues with the seriousness it deserves because if you look at the response given by the department the questions asked are even occupying more space than the response given by the department. That one shows how casually this matter was addressed because that department has a whole team, a battery of staff who assigned the responsibility of maintenance and rapid response to fix some of these things. They are taking salary; tax payers' money. What are you telling me when you are saying that you do not have capacity to fix what you have put in place? These very flimsy excuses that are given shows that this House is not being taken with the seriousness it deserves. This is why you find that many questions asked on this floor are either not getting the adequate response that it requires or it is just being brushed aside as matters that are not serious.

On the issue of the water trucking, if there is any ward that has suffered the wrath of drought this year is Gither ward. We know the sufferings also in Takaba south and many areas but particularly I am speaking for Gither ward because all the water pans serving this ward are completely dry and we do not have any borehole supporting the communities living there. I have been on the toes of the department concerned and with the vastness of the ward that I come from we only had one water boozers serving the entire Gither ward. When I enquired from the water officer in charge he only mentioned to me six boreholes that are assigned to Mandera west and now I can see there are seven because the communities told me that they are seven. Sometime the community is aware about some of these issues than even some of us because I find it a bit funny when I enquired about the seven water boozers I was told they are six and here they are confirmed about seven water boozers. When I asked because we have five wards, about the extra water boozers, I was told the extra one is for standby but I can see they are two water boozers and I don't know how these water boozers were spread because my ward with the vastness and the magnitude of population who are depending on water trucking I only had one water boozers.

Madam Temporary Speaker, if you look at Takaba town and also Lagsure they are just within the vicinity despite the population but if you look at the coverage because water is being trucked from Lagsure to which is the other end of Mandera, I was only able to get one water boozers per day because I was assigned one water boozers. With this few remarks I would like to urge the people who are vested with responsibilities of responding to very serious matters that are raised before this House to give it the seriousness that it requires and interrogate the people who are invited to appear before some of these committees on behalf of this House because when we sit on that chair we are doing that work on behalf of this House and on behalf of the people who elected us. We need quality, precise and reliable information to be submitted to this honorable House.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Abdinoor Dakane Rafat.

Hon. Abdinoor Dakane (Khalalio): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I rise on the same statement which I asked the department of water. I asked for terms of agreement reached and we see in the response that the water boozers supply 3 trips per day and the trucks are hired on daily basis and not on trip. On the response how the CECM responded and the terms I am asking are totally different. When we said terms we are asking for the agreement reached; how much money will be paid per trip. The CECM is trying to cheat this House and trying to

frame things the way he wants. We are not saying the committee of the House is not taking seriously but our members have spoken. The chair budget has spoken and said these things deserve more. People have to go and seek for these trucks. Can we give this to the House? Not to MCA Khalalio, not MCA Gither but to this House can we tell them that this is really the facts on the ground? When response is coming it should be tangible and all members should raise their heads and say that this is a very good response but when it does not reach the threshold we cannot say it is a good response. With that I would say part of this statement has not been responded to well.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Mohamed Rashid!

Hon. Mohamed Rashid (Kutulo): As member for Gither said, I do not know what wisdom the department used to respond to the statement raised by honorable Kulow. I do not know how comes the Committee on Water, chaired by honorable Wariyo, did not find out. If you look at the first question raised by honorable Kulow and I quote why the department has not acted on its prior promise to the resident of Rhamu to repair the streetlights? In the recent approved budget of 2020/2021 financial year there is allocation that reads; maintenance and expansion of solar streetlight and security masts 65,983,242. I do not know how comes the department is responding saying that the streetlight were not repaired since the funds were not allocated. How comes they are saying the funds were not allocated while in the recent approved budget of 2020/2021 there is allocation of 65,983,242? The department is misleading this House and funds are available. I do not why the Committee on Water has not realized this before they brought this response to this House.

Madam Temporary Speaker, you can see what honorable Ahmed Rashid said; there is no seriousness of the work that we are doing. There is solar installation at municipality at MANDAWASCO which reads 18 million, this 65 million is across the county. It is exclusive of municipality and MANDAWASCO. I know my brother, my uncle honorable Wariyo is capable but I do not know how it happened. This answer is unsatisfactory. They have misled this House. They must be tested and put to the task.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Bishar!

Hon. Bishar Maalim Abdullahi (Takaba): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. First I want to revisit what my brother honorable Mohamed Rashid of Kutulo said. If the county allocated shillings 65 million for maintenance, I want to inform the House that Takaba has a similar problem like the one of Rhamu and Takaba is in the dark today as we speak. Since the solar system has been established way back in the first term of the county government, all street lights have disappeared and owing to the fact that there is an allocation of 65 million for maintenance, let us refer this issue back and let the department of water explain to us where the 65 million has gone. Has it gone Kutulo? Has it gone to Lafey? Has it gone to El-wak because Rhamu, where they have done the assessment, has not benefited and Takaba has not benefited. I also know Banisa is the same because I have spent in Banisa. Where has the 65 million gone to? This is a weighty issue and we want it referred back because the response is not adequate. Let them give us a breakdown on how that money has been spent per Sub County.

Secondly, the department is saying that they are going to carry out the assessment may be for them to attract more funding in 2021/2022. If they have not justified the expenditure of 65 million, this House will not dare approve any monies.

The Chair for Budget and Appropriations Committee is hearing and he is equality affected. It is the high time we wake up. Let the expenditure of 65 Million be justified before this House. I think this is a weighty issue and we need to refer it back because it is inadequate.

If I go back to the water trucking, I think when we roll out a programme of water trucking, it is better to involve the political elite because the shoe wearer knows where the shoe pinches. If there is mitigation programme in Takaba Ward, I am the best to know where water is ferried from. These things are done haphazardly without the involvement of stakeholders. We are major stakeholders because we represent people. It is we who know that between point A and B which one deserves more water trucking than the other.

When I see that Mandera West is allocated seven vehicles, I was in touch with the Sub-County Water officer all through this drought and he has been confirming to me that there are only 4 water boozers. He has been consistent enough to tell me to share the information on the ground. If I read it properly, they are saying still the drought situation is being reviewed on daily bases which means these water boozers can be added haphazardly at will all the time. If there are seven water boozers in Mandera West, it would have been very adequate for me to have two because it is very popular. Gither can get 2 and the other three Wards can get one each which would have been very adequate. But this response is contrary to what we have been receiving from the ground.

There is need to address this issue in a more detailed way than in half page because the statements are very weighty and we wanted to have a deeper explanation than what is captured on this paper.

Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Abass Abdille!

Hon. Abass Abdille (Nominated): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. History will tell us whenever Honorable Kulow Alio asks a statement, it was either Solar or Slaughter in Livestock Department. It is not fair. I have counted those words; it is 36 words. These two questions, the slaughter and the solar, I think the Chair is not serious on the response given and he should be very fair to Honorable Kulow Alio. If what Honorable Mohamed Rashid said is true then the Committee on Water should be very serious.

On the issue raised by the Member for Khalalio, they have deliberately omitted question No. 3, the part that captures monitory value.

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): What is your point of information, Hon. Ahmed Rashid?

Ahmed Rashid (Gither): Madam Temporary Speaker, I would like just to confirm what the Honorable Member for Kutulo has just said that this House approved close to 65,983,000 Million just for maintenance and the expansion of Solar Street Light. Today, the Honorable Committee was told by the person who is tasked with this responsibility that they do not have funds. Is it lack of knowledge or what, I do not?

Thank you.

Hon. Abass Abdille (Nominated): I was on the floor. I do not know if I will be correct to say shame to the Chair for Water and the Vice-Chair, and they are currently Members of Budget

and Appropriations Committee and they have not noted that thing. That is an abomination to the House. He should be very serious.

On Question No. 3, what is the terms agreement reached with Water Truck owners concerning the No. of Litres against the value supplied per litre? It was a deliberate attempt, and they have not answered that question. The response is not satisfactory at all.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): Can I rule? Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim!

Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim (Guticha): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Before I give my comment on Honorable Kulow's response, I want to comment on Honorable Member for Khalalio's statement. It is true to say that the situation is very daring today in Mandera County as a whole. It is true that there are problems and serious issues in our Wards. I represent a Ward with 24 settlements covering 458 KM² with 16 villages under water-trucking. Ashabito and Morothile Wards have 2 water boozers. Each of those villages will take an interval of seven days for it to receive a trip. For the last few days, my Office has facilitated over 20 private water boozers to these villages because our people are dying.

(Applause)

And you see the problem is across the County. Last night, I was watching Citizens News and even it is in BBC news that people are fighting with wildlife. Another mother was narrating this afternoon that baboons are invading the houses and even taking away children for food. So, it is a very daring situation and we pray to Almighty Allah that we get rain because the last one month, we have received rain in some parts of this county and that made people a bit relieved.

It was also in the news that Banisa town is relying on water trucking. So, there is a serious challenge and this is national phenomenon. We are not blaming the department for the national phenomenon but we call upon the County Executive, particularly the department of water to intervene and upscale this matter. The situation is getting worse unless it rains. Maybe the next few days we will hear of livestock dying and that is the fact of the matter.

Coming to Honorable Kulow Alio's statement, I think this is a joke. Even if you count the adjectives used in that statement, they are not even fifteen. It is an insult and intimidation to Honorable Kulow Alio and the entire people of Rhamu.

I want to challenge the Chair for Water because I know he is a serious person. It is unfortunate that these two statements found their way through the chambers. 65 Million is not just a figure; it can be enough to do solar street light in seven Sub-Counties. I want to challenge the Committee Chaired by Honorable Ibrahim Wariyo to take their role seriously. We totally reject this response.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Abdullahi Siyad!

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. This statement by Honorable Abdinoor Rafat, I think the statement is good but this issue of the amount and the value for money, they have played with the minds of this Honorable House. This is public money. As representatives of the people these Members have the right to know how much amount of money is going to be used for water trucking and the number of days. We need to take this statement back to the department so that they give us valid response.

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Secondly, on this issue of solar streetlights, I am the Vice-Chair of Budget and Appropriations Committee but I am surprised that there is 65 Million for maintenance because the last 4 years that I have been serving Lafey, I have been going back to the department to maintain solar street lights for Lafey. What I have seen in this response is that they will do it in the next budget. I think we need to address this issue very seriously. The way they have responded to this matter shows that they are not serious. I am not blaming the Chair for Water; where the blame lies is the department. The only thing they could have done is to check well before they bring it on the floor of the House. I think the two statements need to go back to the department so that we get very good responses.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): Minority Leader!

Hon. Jimale Abdi (Guba): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. There are two statements here. First of all, the one of Honorable Abdinoor Rafat, the department is trying their best. In Banisa, where Honorable Mohamed Ibrahim was saying that it was aired in the news then the situation is very serious because the water boozers are there and there is no water. The nearest source of water is Rhamu. You can imagine the heat of the sun and the kind of road. For water boozers to bring water from Rhamu which is 200 Kms away will not even solve a situation. In my ward, I have one water boozers which is allocated but the problem is where will they get water from? The nearest place they go is Guticha but the road there is very pathetic. I believe it is the same all over the county.

According to the statement of Honorable Kulow Alio, I think the Chair has just brought from the department, it is not his own making; the response is from the department. According to the response, even if it is one word---

Hon. Abass Abdille (Nominated): We will not allow the Honorable Member to get away with some statements. Honorable Jimale Abdi said that----

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Abass Abdille, are you properly dressed?

Hon. Abass Abdille (Nominated): Yes. I am wearing semi-collarless shirt. Honorable Jimale Abdi said that the response is from the department. It is from the department but the committee should scrutinize it. They should not allow it to come to the House while it is semi----but I respect the Minority Leader.

Hon. Jimale Abdi (Guba): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I think Honorable Abass Abdille is not properly dressed. He is also chewing as he is talking. According to the response, even if it is one word, if he is happy then there is no problem. I do not care about the number of words used but the most important thing is that the person is satisfied with the response. According to the response is that the department is not even aware of budget allocation. Why? They said that the funds will be allocated in the next financial year. Little did they know that they have the funds allocated in this financial year. I want to ask the Chair for Water to go back to the department to remind them that they have budget allocation.

Hon. Hussein Adan (Takaba South): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I just wanted to add my voice to this statement of Honorable Abdinoor Rafat. On this response, the total number of water boozers is twenty eight. The other day the Governor launched only seventeen. The seven from Mandera West, Takaba South with almost twenty villages was allocated only one.

On question No. 3, each water boozers supplies four trips per day and the trucks are hired on daily basis and not per trip. The problem with this response is that water boozers were hired on daily basis. Now they are saying that they supply three trips. A water boozers in Mandera West supplies water only once and they are paid full amount. The statement is saying whether they supply once or three times then they will be paid. So, they are not supplying three trips per day. The reliability of this response is in question because I know my village of Bolowle has not received water for the last 8 days and we have one water boozers there. For Sukela Quli, we have 20 villages that are receiving water after fourteen days. We are now going for private vehicles to supply. So, the reliability and the seriousness of this information is not clear.

On the statement of Honorable Kulow Alio on the allocation of 65 Million for FY 2020/2021 budget and now in Question No. 2, the CEC has now responded that he will cater for it in 2021/2022 that will be double allocation if it is in this budget. So, let them come up with what they have used, how they have used the 2020/2021 budget of 65, 983,000, the tender they awarded and the area that they did maintenance on the street lights.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Chair, the response that came from the department is a shallow one. I now direct you together with the committee to write again to the department and respond in one week's time on both statements.

Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo (Shimbir-Fatuma): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I want to thank this Honorable House today for disagreeing with the response brought to them. I just want to highlight three things. I totally agree with the House but some Members are saying there is no seriousness in the committee. I want to tell this Honorable House that the committee works within the timeline given by this Honorable House. In delivering this response, I think there is a time we were called and told to bring the information within a certain period. I want the Members to understand that we did not have enough time to actually do thorough scrutiny. We need to take some time objectively and deliver the statement required in a timely manner.

I want to agree with the House on the statement raised by Honorable Member for Khalalio. Generally, I think they have said the amount paid is not clear. Honorable Members from Mandera West have alluded that there are not seven trucks but there are only 4; like the Member for Takaba South said that he only has one and each Ward has one truck. So, there is the aspect of lying as the House said. I agree because he is the Honorable Member representing that area. The aspect of hiding the amount, we will actually unearth it properly. The aspect of fighting with baboons is not something serious to be in the media when the CEC is running all over to be on camera. I do not see anything important there. I also want to attest that each centre is getting water after seven to eight days. I totally disagree with them and this is the true position.

If we could not have brought this statement as shallow as this, Members might not even understand why we are delaying with it. I urge the House to accept because of timing and we are waiting for rain and this is an urgent matter because we have two sittings in a week. If these guys are invited, they will take some time to come and we will be blamed for nothing.

On the response that has 36 words, as explained by Honorable Abass Abdille, Members have explained that it is joke of the day. Members have said that we should remind the Executive that there is a budget line. On that aspect, I want to tell the House that Water department has two departments, this one defined as a joke of the day is the department of Environment, Energy and Natural Resources. Currently, where there is Municipality they do not even do tree planting

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because it has been delegated to Municipality. I think the only role they have is street light in the aspect of energy and if they cannot identify the budget for that then I do not know why the House will even allow that ministry to be there. There is no reason.

I am requesting the House to stop name calling the committee. This is not from us. Honorable Member for Lafey said it correctly. We are a conveyor belt to deliver information between the Executive and the House in a timely manner. I want Members to accept and we will deliver this in two weeks' time.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Ahmed Rashid!

Hon. Ahmed Rashid (Gither): On point of order on what the Chair said. As much as I applaud Honorable Ibrahim Wariyo for accepting the dissatisfaction of the House, I would like to disagree with him on the issue of them being conveyor belt; he is not supposed to be a conveyor belt but rather interrogate on behalf of this House and not to convey any silly information that is tossed to the committee. He is supposed to do thorough interrogation, research, investigating and counter checking with facts. We only need information based on facts and evidence on the floor of this House. But if he says that we are just conveyor belt, he sees the report and delivers to us, then we are not expecting any useful information from him.

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): Next statement is by Chair for Education, Sports and Culture Committee. Hon. Kulow Alio, I have already ruled on that one. Let us proceed to the next statement.

Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo (Shimbir-Fatuma): I have said in two weeks.

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): Come with that detailed report in two weeks' time.

Hon. Yakub Hassan (Derkhale): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. The statement which was asked by the Honorable Member representing Gither is with the Committee but at the moment we have not brought it to this House. As you directed last Wednesday, this is a very stormy issue. By the time you are directing the Committee has not received any response. Last Thursday we wrote a summon. This Monday they came and brought documents and the committee is not satisfied with the document they brought because they brought some and left some. We gave them two more days and all the documents are with us and it is with the secretariat. But we are not able to present to the House because it is money issue and the statement has now turned into an inquiry for money because of that we have summoned them. Apart from the response which is coming to the House, there is also a committee report which is following the response which is very critical. Are you seeing what is happening to water? We do not want to bring half-baked response. We have thirty files from the original list sent by the bursary.

Mohamed Rashid (Kutulo): On a point of order. Hon. Yakub is saying that he does want to be in the situation of the Committee on Water and he is a Member of that Committee. He knows when he was bringing that response that it was half-baked.

Thank you.

Hon. Yakub Hassan (Derkhale): Thank you, for saying nothing.

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): Order! Hon. Kulow!

Hon. Kulow Alio (Rhamu): Madam Temporary Speaker, is it in order for the Hon. Member for Derkhale to 'thank' the Hon. Member for Kutulo 'for saying nothing'?

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Yakub Hassan, withdraw and apologize.

Hon. Yakub Hassan (Derkhale): On what?

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): On the statement that you have made.

Hon. Yakub Hassan (Derkhale): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I stand to withdraw.

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): Proceed.

Hon. Yakub Hassan (Derkhale): We had thirty files originally as presented by the Ward Bursary Committees and its Secretary as the Ward Administrators. Consequently, we have another thirty files for every Ward, for how much they have sent to Institutions within this County and outside this County. We have another file for cooperate responsibility where the government is paying for individuals who are studying in Turkey. There are another 30 files, differently for double allocations. When you add up all those files together, photocopying all those then it is a very big challenge. Actually, we have estimated that it is over 50 -60 kilograms in terms of papers. As a committee, we need to go through those files and compare the files because if we bring those files and dump them here then the Honorable Members have no time to do those comparisons in these few hours or the few minutes that we are in this House. We want to do comparison for them and bring a report.

In that regard, we are asking for one more week; next Wednesday, everything will be in this House.

Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

Temporary Speaker (Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Ahmed Rashid!

Hon. Ahmed Rashid (Gither): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I think this matter is before this House for the fourth week. If you look at Standing Order No. 106; gross disorderly conduct by any Member, if the Member concerned;

a) Defies a ruling or direction of the Speaker or the Chairperson of Committee.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I will seek your attention. The Honorable Chair for Education, Sports and Culture Committee is laughing and he is taking this matter in jest and this is not a laughing matter. This is a serious issue that we are addressing before this House and it is disorderly for the Honorable Member to laugh at the matter under discussion.

Madam Temporary Speaker, you gave a direction and the direction of this House is not taken with the seriousness it deserves, it is tantamount to gross misconduct.

We know how serious the issue of bursary is. We asked this matter long time ago and we know why we have asked. The schools have closed today. Some of the beneficiaries that we have indicated in the voluminous report that he is going to throw to this House, many of those students would have left school. This is why we want some of these matters that we normally bring before this House to be executed as fast as possible because some responses normally come when they are of no use at all for this House and to the people on whose behalf we asked these questions.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I agree with the Honorable Chair that they might have tried their level best to ensure we have adequate responses that are properly interrogated, which I do not have doubt. But this bit of him trying to laugh, shows that probably I might not get proper response on behalf of this House.

Madam Temporary Speaker, as I leave you with this matter to give direction, we anticipate to get a huge report from the Hon. Chair. I request that we should not be given the

report of this very crucial matter on the morning of Wednesday when we anticipate to debate on this matter. Let us get this report on the morning of Tuesday so that we are also able to go through and compare because this morning I had all the trouble to go and print out the list of all the beneficiaries for Gither ward so that I can compare to what the Honourable Member has brought before this House. For us to do that and I believe many other Honourable Members have also the same concern, let us be given this report in good time so that we are able to proof read and counter check and ensure that what they have brought is actually a true reflection of what we expect.

Thank you.

Hon. Kulow Alio (Rhamu): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I remember sometimes back there was a question which was asked by the Hon. Member for Shimbir the same on the bursary issues and I also remember how it created a heated debate in this House and how the statement dragged itself until when we went for recess and that statement took a deferent turn of event. We do not want the same to happen. I totally agree with the Hon. Member for Gither when he says that the direction given by the Speaker is a must to be followed and if it is not followed that constitutes misconduct but on the flip chat the chair for education has actually explained. I was one of the Hon. Members who are actually going to oppose whatever he will present in this House today if it is not the response to the statement but now he has given a very detailed explanation as to why he is delaying. I totally conquer with the Honourable Member for Gither that, that response is going to be very critical to this House. We should be given three days to deliberate on that response because if I am going to be given a printout I need to go back home and then counter check with the ones I have. That will take quite sometimes. When that time comes, he should present it on a Tuesday morning, we peruse the document over the afternoon and on Wednesday morning so that by the afternoon of Wednesday we can be able to make an informed choice on the same.

I also agree that students are closing schools this Wednesday and Thursday and some of these things will be overtaken by events. These are some of the tactics that are used by the deferent departments to delay some of these responses but this particular is not going to take that direction because we are very particular with this especially the question asked by the Hon. Member for Gither is very critical for every elected Member in this House. We shall peruse it step by step until we arrive at the right decision even if it needs appointing an Ad Hoc Committee if we are not satisfied. We are ready to go that direction. Therefore, we will wait for the response so that we can have a healthy discussion and make an informed decision.

Hon. Abass Abdille (Nominated): Madam Temporary Speaker, I remember last week we had a heated debate on this issue. The reason why we should not apply Standing Order No. 106 to the Chair for Education, in my opinion is, last week the Committee on Education did not have anything. They went ahead and summoned. Summon is not something to jock with and as a result of that summon, the chair of education said he got something. On the many things he has said I was very attentive because I am one of his critics on this issue. He said he has thirty files of the beneficiaries list. We need to be fair sometimes as we criticize. As Hon. Chair for budget said, we will scrutinize the list they will bring. My prayer is let the education committee not again buy time from next week. Let them bring that response next week and then we bury this thing. The schools are closing today, so we should dispose of this thing next week.

Thank you.

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Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Wariyo!

Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo (Shimbir Fatuma): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I need to ask the chair to clarify some things here. In the morning you are reading some communication that there is new CEC for education. I am hearing from Hon. Abass that the previous one has been summoned. I want to hear from the chair if it is as a result of summoning that he has resigned because I am hearing a new CEC and if the information with the committee currently is the information provided by the previous CEC, how will the new guy cop up with the environment in answering the deadly questions. I do not want this Member to interrupt.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Abass!

Hon. Abass Abdille (Nominated): Madam Temporary Speaker, what you did was just conveying the name. The name was not passed in this Assembly. Why is he pre-empting. Are we supposed to pass that name? We can even reject that person. '*Hatujaſika huko bado.*' So, the Member is misleading the House.

Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo (Shimbir Fatuma): I know I have a problem with this Member. I do not know whom he is representing?

(Loud consultations)

(Technical hitch)

(The House Adjourned for Asr prayer)

(The House resumes from Asr prayer)

(Technical hitch)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Chair education, you are done with it? I want to rule on the one of Honourable Ahmed Rashid. Chair education I have heard you but what you are saying does not make sense to me because you had enough time. You have been given almost one and half months. I ruled last week that you come with a detailed report to this House. So, with that I want to see you and your committee immediately after session at my office. Then come with the full report next week Wednesday. Next statement is by the chair health? Vice chair!

Hon. Hindia Hussein (Nominated): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I am the spokesperson of committee and appointed by the same committee when the chair is not in the House.

Response to statement on Kalazaar outbreak in Kutulo; Reference is made to your letter No. MCA/HS/I/VOL 1 (081), asking for a response to statement sought by Hon. Mohamed Rashid of Kutulo ward. Below is full response to the same.

Whether the department is aware of the reported death of children under five years in Kutulo and its area for the last one year due to the outbreak of Kalazaar; Kalazaar also called leishmaniasis caused by bites from the sand flies (phlebotominae). There are diseases present in three forms in human, which are visceral leishmaniasis, cutaneous and muco-cutaneous. The

department is aware of the two cases fatalities in relation to kalazaar which occurred in Wajir County, both of visceral leishmaniasis type.

Why the department has not conducted routine early diagnosis and treatment of the patients in Kutulo Sub County for the last one year? Kala azaar is one of the few rare and neglected diseases in Kenya. Mandera County has been having few sporadic cases reported in 2020, 2021 around Kutulo and Mandera North sub-county neighbouring Ethiopia. The disease is seasonal in Mandera County with all reported cases being associated with the dry spell period. Our neighbouring County Wajir and Marsabit is endemic with many cases and as such the National Government designated Wajir County as the centre for response and treatment for the entire North Eastern region. Further Kala azaar treatment is available only through partners who donate the same to the Ministry of Health National Government.

Despite all the above challenges, the health ministry of Mandera County has successfully now lobbied the National Government MOH to designate Kutulo sub-county hospital and Mandera County Referral Hospital as response and treatment centers for Kala azaar. Training of the staff and supplies sourcing will be done in the next two weeks, while vector control measures as well as health education in disease prevention is being undertaken.

Any plan put in place by the department to equip Kutulo sub-county hospital laboratory to ease the suffering of population who are currently travelling miles seeking for medication in Wajir County? The department of health services has now put in place a response plan to establish both diagnostic and treatment facilities in selected level 4/5 hospitals including Kutulo as the first priority. In preparation for the same, a response team from the County headquarter have been sent to support the epi center of the outbreak and intervention measures put in place and already a hematology machine has been delivered to Kutulo hospital. A ward has been fully set up with all required amenities. There is also a plan to train health care workers (clinicians, nursing and lab staff) and a partner has been contacted through the national ministry of health to support on the training and distribution of the test kits and drugs. Once the staff training is done then diagnosis and treatment of cases will commence in Kutulo sub-county hospital.

What measures the department has put in place to stop more deaths and avert the spread of this killer disease to other part of the county? As above in question three, the department has heightened surveillance measures, sensitized the community on disease prevention through health education. The county is in the process of sourcing for treated bed nets to prevent sand fly bites. Vector control through destruction of its breeding and habitation sites like anti hills has been done. Spraying of all likely habitats around homesteads was done in most affected areas. Vector control is an ongoing activity by the ministry. The department has also heightened surveillance system and is willing to conduct mass screening of affected areas once enough test kits are available.

The ministry of health is currently responding to multiple emergency disease outbreaks including, Covid-19 cases upsurge, Rift valley fever outbreak in Mandera North and West sub-counties, Kala azaar outbreak in Kutulo and cross border conflict spill over in Mandera East. Despite all these challenges, the department does not have any emergency response budget line allocated to draw on during such outbreaks.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Mohamed Rashid!

Hon. Mohamed Rashid (Kutulo): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. First I want to thank the Committee on Health for bringing this comprehensive response. As area leader, I want to confirm to this House that some of the measures that the CEC for health has highlighted, I have contacted the people on the ground and the head of Kutulo hospital, and both have confirmed to me that at least the ward has been fully set up with all required amenities. As we are speaking the plan to train health care workers, clinicians, nursing and lab staff, is already on going. They are in Wajir being trained by the ministry of health. The head of Kutulo hospital is currently here for two days training and he has confirmed to me that the department has contacted him not to go unless he gets the laboratory kits and reagents so that the treatment can commence. So, I am very happy with the response and I pray that the people of Kutulo get the services.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Okay next statement chairperson public works,

Hon. Abdiaziz Dakat (Arabia): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Response to statement; we acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 5th March, 2021, on the statement sought by Honourable Member Abdinoor Dakane representing Khalalio ward. We wish to inform the Honourable Member that under the latest classification of roads by the ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development National Government, the said road from Mandera, Khalalio and Hareri road is class C 322 road and is therefore under the jurisdiction of Kenya Rural Road Authority (KERA). The responsibility to maintain the above road is under Kenya Rural Road Authority (KERA). In close consultation with the County Government, Kenya Rural Road Authority has done the maintenance of the following sections of the same road for the last financial year.

1. Construction of a drift at Neboi, completed.
2. Construction of a drift at Bella completed.
3. Maintenance of Bella, Gadudia road completed.
4. Maintenance of Khalalio, Aresa completed.
5. Maintenance of Aresa, Hareri completed.
6. Maintenance of Hareri, Qumbiso completed.

The department of roads and Transport is also doing maintenance of the said road on the following sections.

1. Construction of a box culvert at Cona B on Khalalio road which is 100% complete.
2. Maintenance of Cona B slaughter house is 100% complete.
3. Construction of box culvert on Khalalio road at Hareri Laga which was advertised on 11th February 2021 and now at tender evaluation stage.

The department has carried out assessment on the said roads and maintenance work is progressing well. Attachments are the letters from KERA and advertisement from projects financial year 2020/2021. We really appreciate your continuous cooperation and support.

Madam Temporary Speaker, as you can see attached are the advertisement of the County Government of Mandera on the advertisement of the construction of box culvert at Hareri and also the advertisement of Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KERA) on the construction of the said roads that are already mentioned.

Thank you.

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Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Hindia!

Hon. Hindia Hussein (Nominated): Madam Temporary Speaker, I do not know but the Member who sought for the said statement is not in the House but the road is not this B9 road. It is the other one people usually take and then it will come down to Hareri. I think that one comes under Mandera County not under Kenya Rural Roads Authority. That is what I think but I stand to be corrected.

Hon. Abdiaziz Dakat (Arabia): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I want to tell my colleague Hon. Hindia that roads are classified under three categories A, B, C. A is the one of B9, now the one of Khalalio Hareri road is under class C 3 which is under Kenya Rural Road Authority.

Thank you.

Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim (Guticha): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I wanted to comment on two issues. The one said by Hon. Hindia is true the way the chair said that it is class C 3 22 and according to the ministry of roads, public works and transport even in National Government these roads are classified. They fall under jurisdiction of different entities. We have Kenya Rural Road Authority, we have the County Government, Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), and KENHA like this B13 of late they are calling A13. Of concern to me and the most important for the people of Mandera and Khalalio is construction of box culvert on Khalalio road at Hareri laga. That is the alternative route to Rhamu, Banisa and all that side and that road has been cut off for quite some time at Hareri. If that box culvert that is at evaluation stage now is completed, I am sure that road will be very important to the people along that line Hareri, Sala, Aresa, Khalalio, Bella, Gadudia and all that side. So, the most important thing is the department to fast track the construction of this box culvert along Khalalio, Hareri road so that our people can easily access that alternative route.

Thank you.

Hon. Shankaron Sheikh Ibrahim (Nominated): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I am a Member of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries committee. The department brought to us the response to the statement by Hon. Yussuf but we saw that it was shallow and actually we wanted to send it back tomorrow so that by Monday when they return it, we bring the response by Wednesday. I request for one more week.

Thank you.

Hon. Yussuf Maalim Dakane (Alungu Gof): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. The chair for Agriculture committee promised this House that he will bring a satisfactory response today which they are yet to bring. Again they are taking one more week. The disease is spreading and animals are dying. Our people normally depend on these livestock for their livelihood. Let the department take this seriously and let them bring this response next Wednesday without delaying.

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Members, I now adjourn the House to Tuesday 23rd March, 2021 at 9 am.

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