

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday, 30th March, 2016**

The House met at 2.40 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon Hon. Members. Let us proceed, clerk.**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
MINORITY AND MAJORITY LEADERSHIP**

Hon. Speaker: There is communication from the Chair dated today, on the matter of petition on Minority Leadership. Hon. Members, on 24th March, 2016 the Chair received a petition signed by Hon. Francis Matheka and Hon. Stephen Muthuka concerning minority leadership in this House. On the same day, the Chair promised to make a communication on the matter within this week.

In the said petition, the two Hon. Members, who belong to minority parties of this House prayed that the Speaker rescinds his “erroneous communication and gives the true and correct position of the minority leadership in Machakos County Assembly.” On 10th March, 2016, the Chair communicated to the House the decision of the minority coalition, that is the Mwananchi Coalition, on the issue of minority leadership for this Assembly.

Hon. Members, let me pause here and say that the Standing Orders of this Assembly are very clear on who is to assume office as leader of minority party or coalition. The Speaker is only a conveyor of information given to him by the party or parties involved as per Standing Order 16 (5). The Speaker has no capacity whatsoever to alter the decision of the party or coalition. The Chair is alive to the disputes surrounding leadership in this House.

The Chair takes cognisance of the fact that there is pending Machakos CMCC No. 121 of 2016, Thomas Mweu Kasoa and another versus the Speaker, Machakos County Assembly. There are no orders issued in that case against the Assembly.

Hon. Members, unlike in the case of majority leadership in this House, there are no orders against the Assembly in the case concerning minority leadership in this House. The Chair

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refuses to be drawn into party matters and advises that the concerned members do use the right channels to determine the matter, whether through courts or the Political Parties Tribunal.

Hon. Members will remember that on 2nd March, 2016 the Chair communicated the change of minority leadership of this House. This was prompted by the receipt by the Chair of a letter dated 2nd March, 2016 signed by Hon. Stephen Muthuka who wrote on behalf of the Mwananchi Coalition to state the change of minority leadership in this House. I had no reason to doubt the authenticity of this letter as it came from a member of the Mwananchi Coalition. In any event, parties are free to change their leadership at any time.

The letter dated 10th March, 2016 by Hon. Alex Kamitu says “I hereby forward minutes of the minority Coalition (Mwananchi Coalition) after holding a meeting and electing the leadership. Attached are the minutes of our meeting”. The Speaker does not doubt the authenticity of this letter. If some members of the minority coalition dispute the contents of this letter, let them canvass the matter through the party dispute resolution mechanisms, the political parties’ tribunal or the courts of law. Let the matter be resolved and let the Assembly know the outcome. The Speaker is ready to adhere to the findings of the tribunal or the court.

Therefore, Hon. Members, the Speaker finds that the communication made on 10th March, 2016 still stands. That by a letter dated 10th March, 2016, per Standing Order number 16 (5), the Speaker received a communication from the Whip of the minority coalition that Hon. Thomas Kasoa is the leader of minority party and Hon. Alex Kamitu is the Minority Whip.

On the matter of majority leadership, Hon. Members, the Speaker is in receipt of a correspondence from the majority coalition on change of majority leadership. However, due to the matter currently before the High Court of Machakos, I will give directions on the correspondence in the coming week. Let us proceed, clerk.

(Applause)

STATEMENT LIST OF RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker: On the matter of statements, and the concerns that were raised by Hon. Stephen Muthuka and Hon. Dominic Maitha, I have been able to receive a list of their responded statements. I will avail this to each of you and then we can raise these matters tomorrow. Thank you, let us proceed.

MOTIONS COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Isaac Muinde, Chairperson, Budget committee.

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Hon. Muinde: Mr. Speaker, on the matter of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, you are aware that our deadline lapsed and that this House did extend the time for the budget committee to present a report to this House. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, in finalizing the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, the PFM Act just directed that the committee do have time to listen to the CEC Finance in finalizing the report. It has not been easy due to the priority circumstances and it is only today that the Committee was able to hear the decisions of CEC member and try to finalize it in that meeting.

An agreement was reached but then it alters report and therefore the minute to(*inaudible*) the report come to this House at a later date, there was a mutual understanding between the committee and the CEC and therefore the changes that was agreed between the two parties need to be incorporated in the report and still plead for more time and assure the House that we are not under any circumstances and crisis over this matter. If possible, Mr. Speaker, because of the urgency of time, I will give an undertaking that tomorrow afternoon, this report will be in this House ready for debate. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Muinde. Can we place you for Tuesday, this Tuesday afternoon?

Hon. Muinde: That is even better.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Then we can have then the report will be deferred to Tuesday afternoon but tomorrow it will be mentioned so that we can be given status and if possible a fresh report circulated. Thank you, let us proceed. We can hear the Deputy Speaker. Sorry, there is a motion on schedule. We will hear you after this.

PURCHASE OF MILK CHILLERS FOR MACHAKOS DAIRY FARMERS

(Hon. Kathinzi on 09.03.2016)

(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 09.03.2016)

Hon. Kathinzi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, aware that agriculture is the predominant economic activity in Machakos County and that it is leading in terms of employment, food security and income earnings, further aware that raw milk is approximately 37t o 39 degrees Celsius and needs to be chilled to 4 degrees Celsius, within an hour, if it has to remain fresh.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, cognizant that bacteria count doubles every 20 minutes at body temperature, informed that chilled milk stays cool, it has a longer shelf life and tastes better, remembering that many dairy farmers in Machakos County experience post-harvest losses of

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milk due to poor storage equipment, Mr. Speaker, Sir, bearing in mind that Machakos County, in its strategic plan intends to produce 19,395,036 litres of milk per year with a money value of Ksh. 564,768,900 by the year 2030.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves purchase of milk chillers for our dairy farmers in the key producing areas of Machakos County in the next financial year, 2016/2017. I, therefore, call upon the Hon. Majority Leader, Hon. Isaac Muinde, to second my motion. Thank you.

Majority Leader (Hon. Muinde): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the motion does stipulate, Mr. Speaker, agriculture is the backbone of this community. It is our duty to ensure that our farmers did not lose their other income because of lack of proper infrastructure. This Government has always insisted of ensuring that we have food security in Machakos. It is to this end, that for last three years, we have been offered to ensure that we have free chicks, free seeds we have had subsidized fertilizers and free ploughing, Mr. Speaker, but on a deeper look, Mr. Speaker, if the dairy farmers in Machakos can be supported through purchase of chillers so that they do not waste their milk, so that the milk can stay longer before they get to the market or before they can be taken to plants for value additions, Mr. Speaker, it will be important that this House supports this motion and so that(*inaudible*) of the Agriculture Department does buy chillers even next year 2016/2017. It will be good for our people Mr. Speaker. I therefore support this motion that we purchase chillers for our farmers in the next coming year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much the motion is properly laid for debate but Hon. Members let us hear the matters for health. Hon. Cecilia Sereka.

STATUS OF KANGUNDO LEVEL IV HOSPITAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE
SUB-COUNTY

(Hon. Kyalo Kyuli on 24.03.2016)

(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 24.03.2016)

Hon. Kyuli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have just consulted with Hon. Cecilia out there just an hour ago, and Mr. Speaker, she is not feeling well and she asked me, if you so allow, I present the motion. So, Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I gave a report on this House on a tour that we undertook to Kangundo Level IV hospital and there was debate that we give it time up to today. So, just wish to lay back the report to the House and plead that this House, therefore, discusses and passes with or without amendments on the report as it is and I believe everybody had time to go through the annexes because, Mr. Speaker, you remember there are even photos.

Mr. Speaker, there was a request that we add more photos but that could not be done because, you know, we put in the photographs that we took. It could have necessitated us to go back to Level IV Kangundo to take more photographs but with the ones that are annexed, it is very vivid to every member to discuss and to deduce information from the said photos. So, Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kyalo Kyuli, if I heard Hon. Member for Ndithini and I think he is a Member of this committee, isn't? Is he a Member of this committee?

Hon. Kyuli: No, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Because it was like he was saying that he had knowledge that there were other photographs that were taken that are not annexed.

Hon. Kyuli: I will be very glad if, Mr. Speaker, he produces them but the ones that we had are those that are relevant so that we do not just annex pictures of a patient just seated in sheds or stools or seats, Mr. Speaker. So, therefore, Mr. Speaker, everybody had, I believe every Hon. Member had time to go through the report. So Mr. Speaker I would ask Hon. Muthuka to second if that is the procedure. If not so, Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: He does not need to second. Are you ready?

Hon. Kyuli: We are ready.

Hon. Speaker: You will be heard in priority after we hear the Hon Deputy Speaker. He has a motion without notice.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker I would like to reject the way---

Hon. Speaker: The motion for?

Hon. Maitha: Hon. Kyuli because, Mr. Speaker, I want us to be honest to ourselves. Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Chairperson for health owns this report together with the committee. Inasmuch as she spoke to a member of that committee and she is not feeling well, Mr. Speaker, I will be very honest. I want to repeat, I would be very honest, if today, a communication about the majority leadership of this House was to be made, she would be in this floor, cheering.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, I would request Hon. Kyuli to wait even if it is next year, until when the Chairperson feels good to come and present the report. That is the time this House can deliberate on this matter, Mr. Speaker. We are being dishonest to ourselves. We are doing injustice to our people and I would request members not to deliberate on that report until when the chairperson, at such a time, available to present report here and listen to the queries of the members. Let us not trick ourselves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: My finding on that matter is that, Hon. Dominic Muthuka, the Majority Whip, sorry.

(Laughter)

My finding is that you are out of order and the Hon. Chair is a member of the House and she cannot be imagined she cheated the House, so these instructions will continue. I have made a ruling on that matter. On the same matter? *(Addressing Hon. Muinde)*

Majority Leader (Hon. Muinde): Mr. Speaker, I am very happy because information is power. The Hon. Member for Kinanie who is the chairperson of health committee was around and when you look at the register, she has signed that is she is present in this afternoon sitting.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, let us also be honest. When you look at the members in this House, they are members leaning towards a certain political divide while the rest have kept off.

(Applause)

I hope they have been waiting for a ruling from the court. I am sure if it was in their favor this House would be full. The issue is, politics aside, we have a mandate to our people, whether we have positions or not. Why would the Hon. Member not find time to come to this House? The people of Kangundo and all parts of this county are crying and they are dying. We need to fix the problem of our health sector by debating and passing a report so that the committee on implementation can do something, at least, for the first time if they have the will to because they have never done anything. Mr. Speaker, much as you have ruled the Hon. Member out of order, it is only fair that we find a way maybe through a *kamukunji* or otherwise and let members come to the House and execute their mandate.

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(Applause)

This House is not about majority leadership, minority leadership. It is not about the five senior positions. The most important position is that you are a member of this house and you have a mandate to execute on behalf of the people of Machakos. So Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Chairperson should be directed to avail herself here, together with her members, to execute their mandate otherwise if she is not interested, perhaps, we have somebody else to take over and execute that work.

(Applause)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for that opportunity to speak on a matter you had already ruled. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Unfortunately, my ruling still stands. Hon. Kyalo Kyuli, confirm that you have instructions to prosecute the motion.

Hon. Kyuli: A while ago, Mr. Speaker, once seated in this House, I was called outside, you saw me bow out, then I met the chairperson who said she is feeling dizzy, so I present the report to the House. But if the members so feel---

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Kyalo Kyuli. You are a Hon. Member. Do you have instructions to proceed with the motion at hand?

Hon. Kyuli: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: And you already moved?

Hon. Kyuli: Yes but the mood of the House, Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: Hon Kyuli.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: That is not your problem. That is my problem.

Hon. Kyuli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: You are ready to proceed?

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Hon. Kyuli: I am afraid, Mr. Speaker, the mood may make members through this very important document away and many.....(*inaudible*) were incurred by this assembly, facilitating members to gather this information, Mr. Speaker. The mood, Mr. Speaker, you can read. Mr. Speaker, this document is extremely important. So, Mr. Speaker, I beg, just for the sake of the people of this county and more so the people of Kangundo and I also have other information, Mr. Speaker, that would also want to put into the report or inject into this, so that the people of Kangundo and to extension the people of Machakos, will get services delivered to them appropriately and according to the law. Mr. Speaker, therefore, I beg that you move this report to next week on Tuesday, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I think for the sake of the people of Kangundo, we could debate this matter on Tuesday.

(Applause)

Let us hear the Deputy Speaker.

PROCUREMENT OF JAW CRUSHING MACHINE

Hon. Nganga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity. I also wish for an opportunity to participate in that---

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

(Laughter)

Hon. Nganga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I proceed with the matter at hand. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand on Standing Order 49 (h). Mr. Speaker, Sir, that aware that among the project proposals in the county in the County Integrated Development Plan for the period starting 2013 ending 2017, that was adopted in this House in the year 2013 was to purchase two jaw crushing machines, Mr. Speaker. The County Integrated Development Plan, Mr. Speaker, is with me here. A copy of that document we passed, whoever has a copy, if you go to page 94, those details can be found. Page 94 of the same, Mr. Speaker, highlights where these issues were put in on the need to purchase jaw crushing plants, two of them in this ward. Mr. Speaker, further aware that the financial year 2013/14 this Hon. House appropriated Ksh. 10 million for the purchase of jaw crushers meant for Katangi and Ikombe wards, Mr. Speaker, I have proposed budget summary

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of the proposed budget with me, that we passed that time, Mr. Speaker, and if somebody goes to page two of the proposed budget under development vote, Mr. Speaker, we were able increase the amount that had been proposed from Ksh. 5 million to Ksh. 10 million to include the need for the two jaw crushers to be purchased---

Hon. Speaker: Help me with a copy of that---

Hon. Nganga: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will do exactly that.

(Hon. Nganga handed a copy of the document to the Chair)

Mr. Speaker, as I proceed, cognizant of the fact that the elected member for Ikombe ward wrote a proposal to the department of said planning and industrialization on the jaw crushing machine, Mr. Speaker, I was tasked to go an extra mile and do a proposal. I used my own money on the kind of stones that we have across, not only in Ikombe ward, but the entire sub-county, Mr. Speaker, and with me is that proposal that I did and I shared a copy of the same and it includes the type of the jaw crushing equipment that this county could be able to purchase on behalf of the people of Ikombe and the people of Katangi, Mr. Speaker. The same document is also shared, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, acknowledging that the members of the public from Ikombe ward in consultation with me as their representative, secured a piece of land for the establishment of the jaw crushing machine. Aware that the department of trade, planning and industrialization, yesterday placed an advert, an advertisement in the Kenya dailies on supply, delivery, installation, commissioning, operators training and after-sale services of a jaw crusher plant at Katangi. It is clear that Ikombe ward was clearly excluded from benefitting from the project.

Mr. Speaker, a copy of that tender notice that was placed in the dailies, page 35 of the Daily Nation. That copy has also been provided. On The Standard, Mr. Speaker, that copy has also been provided. Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves that the procurement process of the jaw crusher plant in Katangi be halted until Ikombe ward is considered and included in that procurement arrangement.

Further, the Chief Officer for the aforementioned department should appear before the committee of planning, trade and industrialization to clarify on procedure and modalities that were used on arriving at that dispensation. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and I call upon Hon. Stephen Muthuka to second my motion.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the rest of the house. Mr. Speaker, I stand here to second this very important motion because it touches the livelihood of Ikombe people and Yatta sub-county at large. Mr. Speaker, because of being a member of the planning, trade and industrialization committee, it is true, indeed, even last year, we questioned about the

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same thing. Mr. Speaker, if you go back to the statements we have been seeking for the last three years, this is one of the issues we have been asking; how far are the jaw crushers and the kind of answers we have been getting is that the jaw crushers have been ordered and are somewhere.....(*inaudible*).

So now we cannot believe it if now is another advert purporting that we are going to buy the same equipment. So Mr. Speaker, standing together with my brother and I wish Hon. Felix Ngui was here from Katangi, he would also support us because these are the monies of the county that was allocated to the jaw crushers and when one of the ward is excluded, most questions are raised and I want also to say what the Majority Leader has said. Politics aside, if we are from different political rule that we cannot bring in the work of the county assembly neither can we bring it in the workings of the county.

This is very clear, that it is a game to divide and rule because we know exactly what is happening in this county and I will ask fellow members of this county assembly that we support this motion so that we can have the proper channels so that the need that was established in Ikombe and even when you look at the proposal that was given, I do not believe whoever placed the advert, had done any assignment in Katangi. So, I would ask this Hon. House that we support that that advert should be suspended until the crusher meant for Ikombe ward be included. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Muthuka, you are aware that the advert we are referring to here is about Katangi. Maybe, you can inform this House there is a possibility of a separate tender notice for Ikombe. How can we be sure there isn't another tender notice for Ikombe.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is a good question. As(*inaudible*) by a member by the member of planning, trade and industrialization committee and actually, Mr. Speaker, from the motion, we are appealing that this to be taken very seriously so that the Chief Officer should be summoned immediately because there is no other advert. It is simply one advert which was placed in our dailies which is only meant for Katangi and not Ikombe. And our plea or our prayer is that, why can't we not have the two jaw crushers advertise at the same time? Then---

Hon. Speaker: Your point is taken.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Then the motion is properly laid, but then...Yes there is a member? I was of the view of giving directions on the matter Honourable, this is for the matter for the Chairperson, trade. We can refer the motion to the Chairperson, trade committee with the instructions that the

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Chief Officer is summoned to appear before on Monday and then we can have a quick report on Wednesday. We are still within time because I can see it is running up to---

Hon. Nganga: Yes, Mr. Speaker. While that is being achieved then it is my feeling that this House needs to express itself with regard to the issues which are raised and especially on the needs to have the Chief Officer be pushed to the wall to be able to undertake whatever has been raised because Mr. Speaker, the reason why I brought this, I have been following up with the Chief Officer since we passed these matters in this House.

Mr. Speaker, I have been taken in a circus with the regard to this issue. I have brought to(*inaudible*) together, I have had meetings in my ward, I have gone with the Chief Officer on lands, we have already procured land, we went there, we tried to purchase some land, it was not possible and people themselves from one area of my ward called.....(*inaudible*) they had to give out a huge sum of land for this, Mr. Speaker and over the holidays, while I was at home, I was still pressed to answer on this issue and I was made to tell those people that it appears the County Government has not achieved, has not been able to.....(*inaudible*) this.

Mr. Speaker, early in the year, I was even also developed another motion to discuss the Chief Officer of industrialization, trade and markets, because of being unable to take, for the reason that it has taken her three years, Mr. Speaker, to procure two jaw crushers Mr. Speaker. It was not possible for me to understand how long it should take, a Member and Officer that has been employed by this County that has been facilitated as much as possible, to take three years, Mr. Speaker, to just procure two jaw crushers, Mr. Speaker, but when it comes to procuring issues that they have their interest in, it is easy.

It is my feeling that, if this House does not express itself to the issue that has been raised here, then process can be hurried up before we are able to put it on hold and that they will notice that this House is watching. Mr. Speaker, I know it was expected, I would not notice that there is an advert to do with the jaw crusher. As now, next week on Tuesday, we will be doing the Fiscal Strategy Paper and we are very certain that, that will inform the final budget on this County Government Mr. Speaker. If I had promised the people of my ward to give them a jaw crusher, and my final budget, while still holding the office that they gave me, I would not have pushed for them to have a jaw crusher.

Mr. Speaker, this is an opportunity for the people of Ikombe and if they end up losing this opportunity, you will never know I may come back to this House or may go do some other business and the next Member of County Assembly from there, may not even end up being able to deliver the same to them. Mr. Speaker, I feel it is still within my capacity and within my window to go to push and have the people of Ikombe get this jaw crusher. Mr. Speaker, it is possible, it is important that this House expresses itself on the disappointment by the Chief Officer for excluding the ward of Ikombe because we did the CIDP in 2013. We are now in 2016. We have factored money for budget in 2013, we secured land for that jaw crusher in 2014, I have due diligence from my end.

What else should I have done Mr. Speaker? I have just found that I could get rescue from this House because it appears the CEC member in charge of this department, one of respected Hon. Sunil Dhall emanates from a County where they produce much of this equipment Mr. Speaker. Tractor companies, Ashok Leyland and all those companies Mr. Speaker are all being, as they are used to being(*inaudible*) to India, Mr. Speaker. I know if what was within his will, and his wish, this issue could have been implemented as early as 2013. Mr. Speaker, the intent of the people of Ikombe having a jaw crusher is for the posterity.

Our people cannot do farming in this farms because we are more stones than soil Mr. Speaker, and if we can be able to get the jaw crusher, then they go farming, they can be focused more on the stones than the food because if you collect enough of one cart and we will take them to the plant, you can be able to sell and get food for the day and the following day, you can be able to undertake a similar process. So, Mr. Speaker, while demanding and allowing for the Chief Officer to be summoned here on Tuesday, I felt it is important that we give Members to express themselves him in solidarity with me on this matter that the people of Ikombe.....actually this issue has already also been raised in two public forums that were taking place in my ward.

The County Executive Public Participation, on the budget estimates, my people were not able to participate today in that exercise because they are sad that they factored money for these jaw crushers that time, and this equipment have never been able to be delivered. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes but I want to be understood, I am not curtailing expression of the House. My advice was that we have this Officer summoned by the committee and the committee gives us a quick statement, then we can all express ourselves at that point because it is the first time that this matter is before me.

(Loud consultations)

Yes but let us hear Hon. Manyolo at the back.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I do understand, I am not sure beneficiaries of the crusher because the side set aside is just approximately to my ward. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the wise say 'accept your past without regret, handle the present with confidence and face future without fear. Mr. Speaker, Sir, if we fear, we will not get the crusher, Mr. Speaker, Sir. What is chasing us there back, are the electorates whom we promised that the County is going to deliver and have a crusher within Yatta Sub-County. Mr. Speaker, Sir, if what is ahead of us scares you and ones behind you hurts you, just look above. We are looking above, the elected Members now, the House now, to turn and assist Yatta that we may get these crushers. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the electorates are hurting us that is why we are looking above and also we need clear guidance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us proceed and hear quick remarks because I do not think this is a motion that is opposed, we could pass it and refer to the committee then. Yes.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, in solidarity Mr. Speaker with my Deputy Speaker, the greatest fear that he fears is based on following information. The past researching this House, Mr. Speaker, in the year 2014, and he said that we passed a motion not to purchase water tanks. 1000 water tanks which had been advertised by the department of water. And the advert, the day he brought the motion, the advert had just been placed in less than three days before. It was supposed to expire a month after the day we passed that motion which was supposed to be on 5th November, 2014. When we pass that motion, Mr. Speaker, we got a response from the County Legal Department saying that, before even we passed the motion, two days ago, procurement process was already.....(*inaudible*).

So, Mr. Speaker, the greatest fear of the Deputy Speaker and myself, is that, the moment we let off this motion, go beyond this day, tomorrow the Chief Officer might come and say before we even pass the motion we had already done procurement. We are following it, we do not want to try at any single minute, to go against what they have shown us and I want to say this Mr. Speaker, the man who was coming up with the devolution of the bulb, he said, this "I did this a 1000 times but I failed 999 times on how to do it and I made it the 1000th time but the 999 times that I did not make it, I learnt 999 different ways of how it could not have been done."

We cannot spare the one moment that we have failed, Mr. Speaker. So, they have told us they can do procurement before the expiry period goes so let us not spare a moment before this motion is passed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The contributions I am taking are contributions in support of the motion so the motion is on. Yes, let us hear Hon. Kathinzi.

Hon. Kathinzi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am now reading from the same script with the Members who say the Hon. Matheka that, in this House and so, I have been wondering and from today the people of Kivaa are wondering why? Even what Mheshimiwa, Hon. Dominic is saying, that as you always remember that an advert for seedlings, seedlings planting, by one Chief Officer, Musyoka. They advertised and they brought a motion here, that was suspended by this Assembly and it did not stop. Mr. Speaker, the issue of water tanks, is something in black and white. Again Mr. Speaker, we in this Assembly, we suspended one hearing...one Nzuma, the guy who had procured these water tanks named Nzuma. The guy is still in office Mr. Speaker.

Does it mean the Assembly of Machakos County is a subordinate Institution of the Executive? The answer is simple. No. If the elected Member is indicating very well and these things are on record, Hon. Nduva from Kithimani tried to say that one of the crushers be given to Machakos Central and it failed because these monies were set aside for the people of Yatta and the stones are available in Yatta. We cannot put a crusher in Machakos Central while the stones are coming from other regions. Mr. Speaker, I am perturbed by this particular small issues.

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It is important we hear the cries of Hon. Nathaniel Nganga, our Deputy Speaker, that this advert should be stopped with immediate effect and the relevant communication be done in authority from your office that, these people be advised, without fear or favor, that they should not proceed with this particular agenda until they include the word Ikombe next to the word Katangi in that advert.

(Applause)

It is as simple as that. Because no need for argument. An appropriation was done, supplementary budget was given and all that. These are the same stories with my youth polytechnic Mr. Speaker. These are things which are making us angrier as the time elapses. We have only 16 months to go. What are we going to tell out people out there?

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes, let us now hear Majority Leader here.

Majority Leader (Hon. Muinde): Mr. Speaker, I will not speak for long but, Mr. Speaker, you realize that Kenyans are very optimistic with devolution. In fact, the greatest product of the 2010 constitution was and is the County Governments, devolution. Mr. Speaker, with devolution came devolving decisions from Nairobi to the Counties and not only divisions but also resources. Further, it is not coming clear that some people other than Counties are using the resources around them to punch those that they do not like.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, if we do not stamp our authority today here, and get into the process of summoning the Chief Officer, taking time without first stopping the tender until such a time the tender for Ikombe is also enjoined in that tender, Mr. Speaker, we will have lost it.

This House has made decisions in the past. You remember my budget committee brought a report here asking the house to direct the public service board to stop employment. That was not honored by the service board and today we are all crying about a ballooning wage bill taking over Ksh. 4.5 billion of our annual budget, which is more than 50 per cent of all that we are getting here, Mr. Speaker. We had the issue of the tanks, as has been alluded to earlier, the tanks, the seedlings and the censorship of the various officers and that has not been honored.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this House to ensure that the Hon. Deputy Speaker, the MCA for Ikombe's cries are heard and that we direct the department of industrialization to stop this tender first until such a time when that for Ikombe is added.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, we have information that there are people trying to cut others below the knees. Just to reduce them to size just because they are not reading from the same script. It is time we stand with our own and ensure that the people of Ikombe do not suffer just because their representative is not a sycophant of the system.

(Applause)

I therefore support that we halt this tender until Ikombe people are added to it. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Now let us hear the Voice of Lower Kaewa.

Hon. Mbithi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you have said this is the Voice. Mr. Speaker, during the referendum, when we wanted to change the constitution 2010 there was a quote that "wakati ni sasa na kama sio sasa, ni sasa hivi". Mr. Speaker, there is a Greek word 'procrastination.' 'Pro' means for, 'crastinate' means tomorrow then there comes the Latin proverb that procrastination is the thief of time because we are pushing everything for tomorrow. I think for us to avoid workload, it is only fair that we get through with the business of Ikombe as early as now so that we do not work load which we may keep until 2017 but then---

Hon. Speaker: Order, the member of Lower Kaewa, we are in the motion we are not adjourning this motion we are in the business.

Hon. Mbithi: Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: I fear, were you actually in order?

Hon. Mbithi: I was very much in order, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Then proceed.

Hon. Mbithi: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I happen to be a member of the planning committee and when we were doing the Fiscal Strategy Paper, we interviewed the Chief Officer for planning to an extent that she could not respond to some of our questions and our fear has now been clearly revealed by the motion brought about by the Deputy Speaker about the purchase of the jaw crushers. It is not only in the department of planning, Mr. Speaker, that we have such issues because we gave out money when I was still a member in the second year, in the third year, it will only be fair, Mr. Speaker, for the Chief Officer to proceed and budget jaw

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crushers for both Katangi and Ikombe, bearing in mind, the money is still intact, as she said clearly when we were interrogating her with the committee for planning.

So, my personal submission is that I do not see any reason as to why the jaw crushers for Katangi can be advertised and Ikombe left out. So I think it is very much in order if the department of trade is mandated to proceed and include Ikombe in the tendering and procurement process for the jaw crushers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon Deputy Speaker, I thought you have been supported enough now or still no.

(Laughter)

Hon. Nganga: It is evident, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: You are now content, you are happy now you have been supported.

Hon. Nganga: There is more support that members want to express.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear, yes my friend.

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me first congratulate you because now you have felt and you saw how that Hon. Member who represents Ikombe ward was perturbed by that issue and Mr. Speaker, I also in my side came up with an observation as he tried to present his issue. His issue of how he has already worked, Mr. Speaker, on approaching the issue of crushers, I believe people or Hon. Member of Katangi ward has not worked to that point, Mr. Speaker. During the colonial era, there was a word which emanated which was curfew although it has been changed after we got independence whereby you were to 'laugh if the boss laughs' and if you do not toe the line, you were to be shot at the head or even another part of the body, Mr. Speaker.

(Laughter)

I believe, as the scenario of politics, Mr. Speaker, it will affect or injure a Hon. Member while electorates from the same area see the thing they were trying to push, the prioritization out of it, that ward was already requesting for, the other ward has been given and the other one has not been factored. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, although I believe here we are just debating and I would like to inform you or be aware that this house has been passing several issues of that type and Mr. Speaker, you find that it has become a tendency is as if this house is toothless. I request

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Mr. Speaker, this is a serious matter and should be taken with a high point (??). I stand here as a Hon. elected member to support that member of Ikombe in totality. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think Hon. Members there is a point that Hon. Muli has raised about implementation of motions. The law, just for the information of the House, is now settled. If a motion is not implemented, then a member ought to bring it back to the House and indicate that it has not been implemented and since the decision of the House is that of the High Court, now we can forward that order to the enforcing agencies and summon therein.

(Applause)

This may be the courts, the police, we can have those. That is now the current state of things. So, we should not be desperate yet. So if there is a motion you feel must be accomplished, then you come back to this House because you cannot stay with that information out there. It must be ventilated in this House and proper directions we will issue. Let us hear Hon. Kyalo Kyuli.

Hon. Kyuli: Kidogo nibadilisha mitabendi alafu Bw. Spika, nikiunga mkono mswada huu wa Bw. Deputy Speaker, ni kwamba kuna mchekecho ambao unaendelea hivi sasa ambao sasa Bw. Spika ni kwamba yale mambo ambayo tunapitisha kwa hii bunge, yana kuwa ama yanapuuuziliwa tu na ndiposa na nimesikia vizuri vile ambavyo umeyaleta. Kwamba wasiwasi wangu mkubwa ulikua ni kamati tekelezi. Tupitisha mswada, isitekelezwe. Kamati tekelezi ijitekeleze yenyewe ama ifanye mambo kama inavyo fanya.

Sisi tuna msisimko mkubwa sana hasa hivi sasa unajua mamba yanavyoendelea kisiasa. Sasa kwamba mheshimiwa Nathaniel Nganga kutoka Ikombe, kwa sababu yeye na mwenziwe wa kutoka Katangi ni marafiki, sasa mchekecho ule wa kuwagonganisha vichwa. Huyu apelekwe mbele, mwingine avurutwe nyuma ndiposa wawekwe kwenye gunia wanayotakiwa wabebwe wakaturwe mbele. Hivi leo ninamshukuru vile alivyoleta mswada huu bila kipendeleo, ama bila kuogopa ama bila kuwa na kinyongo na mtu yeyote kwamba sisi kama bunge ya kaunti yetu hii, tulikaa hapa na tukapitisha na tukaweka pesa ndipo mipango ya kununua mashine hii ianzishwe na ifanywe kwa haraka.

Ilikuwa ni mwaka wa kumi na tatu, kumi na nne. Sasa hivi tunajiandaa kutua. Maanake mwaka ujao, Bw. Spika, sisi wote tutarudi kule mashinani. Na tunapojiandaa kutua, tulipokua kule Mombasa tukianza muhula huu, wewe ukatuletae Spika mwingine ambaye alituelezea jinsi ya ndege kutua. Sasa ndege letu ama chombo chetu kinaelekea sasa kutua. Kitatua vipi ama tutakiangusha tu kwa sababu tumekaribia pale chini. Hivi sasa tukiendelea hivi ilhali kwa mheshimiwa Nganga walikua wapate mashine ile na wasipate, ile ndege yake ni kuangusha tu. Sasa sisi tuko hapa kama mandugu na madada ingawaje kuna siasa kati yetu.

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Sisi tumekuja hapa kwa sababu ya hiyo siasa. Sasa tupige siasa lakini maendeleo tuweke kando. Twende tufanyie watu wetu maendeleo kulingana na vile ambavyo bunge lilipitisha. Naunga mkono mswada huu kwa sababu itakua ni uchungu mkubwa, yeye hana ndege na ni lazima apite Katangi akienda Ikombe. Sasa yeye atapita wapi. Huku kumeazishwa mradi ambao tulipitisha kama bunge wa kununua mashine ya kusiaga mawe. Mawe yameenda kusagwa pale Katangi na watu wake wamepewa ardhi ya kuweka ama kuezeka mtambo ule na hakuna.

Sasa itakuwa nikama kummaliza tena kummaliza kwa njia raisi sana. Hivyo ni kusema vipi? Vile ambavyo ulielekeza, sisi kama bunge tuwe na meno ya kuuma. Kama ni kamati ya kutekeleza, hata isingoje ipite masiku ama madakika, tupitishie kwamba ile walivyo fanya ni makosa waongeze Ikombe katika ile waliyo fanya kwa magazeti halafu kama haifanyiki, sisi tuchukue hatua ya mwisho Bw. Spika. Mimi ni jirani kule nyumbani. Wodi yangu ni jirani ya wadi yake. Watu wake na watu wangu, huwa wanatangamana, tena sana, mara nyingi tunatumia hata maji kutoka mto mmoja. Inamaanisha wale watu wako ng'ambo ile na ng'ambo nyingine ni watu ambao wanaelewana.

Sasa basi nina habari kwamba wao waliunga mkono mradi huu na ndiposa walifanya bidii papatikane ardhi ndipo iwezekane ama mradi huu uanze. Sasa wakisoma gazeti, kama vile walisoma gazeti, na wakaona kwamba Ikombe haipo kwa mipango hiyo. mimi na muhofia mwenzangu kuenda kwake nyumbani akipitia Katangi, itakua ni ngoma akifika kwake itakua ni kama vita kama mwenzetu. Naomba bunge hii tulitie hili jambo maanani. Tufanye kama vile imesemekana tumuite yule anayehusika na kwanza wasimamishe jambo walilofanya kwa gazeti haraka iwezekanavyo. Asante.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Now we will hear Hon. Member for Mavoko and then we can hear the mover, in conclusion.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. First let me applaud the Hon. Members who have positively supported the motion. Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, when we were doing, actually budget making process, each particular ward or region had to give the priorities in that particular region or ward. For that sub-county, they really gave out the jaw crushers and the whole House supported because we believed that was the supreme of the people of Yatta and in particular Ikombe and Katangi. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Executive failing to honour the will of the people, it is actually a violation of the highest order.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, if you look the budget of the two jaw crushers, it is only Ksh. 10 million. So, I am wondering, such a project costing such little amount of money, it can bring a big change of many lives for the youth in that particular region. How comes the County is not in a position to procure such projects?

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think having the two jaw crushers, we are setting a positive image in line with the spirit of devolution because the spirit of devolution was to devolve resources to the smallest unit of the ward and I think, by actually procuring the two, will be creating employment in this

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particular regions as we have been told by the Hon. Member, the only thing we can really tap, it is stones in that place and I can actually support because those are my roots, where I come from. My home root is Yatta as much as the Hon. Member of Mavoko.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would like also to concur with my Hon. Members on inviting the Chief Officer to come, it may take too long. So, Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the motion, the advert which they purport to have put be stopped until the moment they will quote the Ikombe Ward for the same project. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much.

Hon. Nganga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I take this prime opportunity to thank the Hon. Members for the support expressed. Mr. Speaker, I said that back in my ward, women participate in crushing stones, Mr. Speaker, young and old, married and single, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, back in my ward, young men of my age and lower and even older than I am, participate in this exercise. Mr. Speaker, stones are in plenty in Ikombe ward, those that have done geography, they understand that, because of lava flow from Mt. Kenya, is why we have had Yatta Plateau. And as we drive to Kitui while past Wamunyu, you are able to see the straight stretch all the way from Kithimani running down all the way to Kanyangi, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the larger extent of the plateau is covered in Ikombe ward, Mr. Speaker, and the formation of this plateau is because of the indigenous rocks that are found there, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in Ikombe ward, actually during the definition in the County Integrated Development Plan or in the formation of the Special Economic Zones, we had designed and requested Ikombe to be facilitated to be the center for provision of construction materials, Mr. Speaker. That we are able to provide ballast through crushing of stones, we are able to provide building blocks, Mr. Speaker, because in my area we have those areas in Kyasioni and some other areas there.

Mr. Speaker, we have plenty of sand although my people do not allow sand harvesting in my area, Mr. Speaker. So, it is a zone where the natural resources we will create a lot of employment for the young people. Mr. Speaker, the people of Ikombe ward and particular the area of Kyeleni/Naivasha, Mr. Speaker, are very much anxious ready and waiting to have these crusher delivered to them, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker as I have said, we have already been able to secure more than 10 acres of land for use in establishing this plant, Mr. Speaker. The County will not incur any expense in purchase of the land where this equipment will be installed, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is in my knowledge that even in Katangi they are yet to secure where they will put this equipment, Mr. Speaker. I feel disturbed. When I saw this advert, my heart began to pain, begun bleeding for the people of Ikombe ward, Mr. Speaker. This appears to be pure negligence by the Chief Officer and I wish you request that you find it appropriate to give an indication from the Chairperson when the Chief Officer will be required to appear before the committee, as the advert is cited and with the view of having Ikombe ward included in that advert, Mr. Speaker. I have no problem Mr. Speaker with the people of Katangi benefiting but I am seeing a game being played for

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the Hon. Member of Katangi because we have been pressurizing this thing together when the only ward to put it in the advert is only in one ward and despise the other ward, Mr. Speaker.

It is in the best interest of developing this County and the resources we are allocating to the various wards. They will not go to a certain individual, Mr. Speaker. When I do a road in Ikombe ward, when I do a school, when I do a class, it is not necessarily that my child or myself or my uncle's son will be studying in that place. It is for prosperity for the benefit of the people that we present. I want to ask that once we pass this motion, this being considered and the Chief Officer and the CEC member responsible, take a note of the communication of the House.

Mr. Speaker, for the last three years, what has happened to me is what happens in India Mr. Speaker. In India, the business has become too competitive that when you buy a kilo of beans at Ksh. 10, you end up selling it at Ksh. 10. Then I was asking my friend from India, how then do you get profit, Mr. Speaker? This friend of mine told me they get profit through selling the packaging papers, Mr. Speaker. What has been happening, Mr. Speaker, at every other time is being sold for the same price, Mr. Speaker. I will not be able to get any profit, I will only just participate in the whole process and my people will fail to benefit. I do not want the people of Ikombe to be used like these business that is being transacted in India. I will want to request that because we are Kenyans, the business be transacted the Kenyan way. The people of Ikombe to get their due diligence (??). Thank you and God bless all the Members that have supported this motion.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much the mover. But the mover, perhaps, forgot one thing that this the motion that was brought without notice and I did not hear you return any gratitude to the office of the Clerk and that of the Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. Nganga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Hon. Member for Ndithini, Hon. Muli, had indeed done that earlier and I thought it had been captured by the Chair. However, that notwithstanding, Mr. Speaker, I proceed to, in a big way, appreciate the efforts through the office of the Clerk, the drafter, the office of the Speaker in facilitating this motion and the whole House for supporting the same. The people of Ikombe and myself are deeply grateful for the Honorable act. May God bless you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Members. I proceed to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

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The motion succeeds with directions that the orders of this Assembly be extracted and served upon the relevant officers for compliance and further that the Chief Officer do appear before the relevant committee and that the matter will be mentioned on Wednesday to confirm progress. The Chief Officer can therefore be summoned to appear before the committee, Tuesday of the coming week.

(Applause)

Then I think we now proceed on the other matter for Hon. Kathinzi and Hon. Kathinzi you will allow that the seat to be taken by the Deputy Speaker, I felt that I should make a mention of this because it is happening again in the motion so that, you do not find it against me that I stepped out when your matter is up. Kindly, you will allow me to step out.

Hon. Kathinzi: Mr. Speaker, if you could not have explained that I would have thought the same but I appreciate that. You have the permission.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

[Mr. Speaker left the Chair]

[The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Nathaniel Nganga) took the Chair]

PURCHASE OF MILK CHILLERS FOR MACHAKOS DAIRY FARMERS

(Hon. Kathinzi on 09.03.2016)

(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 09.03.2016)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed, Hon. Kathinzi.

Hon. Kathinzi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I believe and trust that I had read my motion earlier on in the day but I think if I, with your permission Mr. Speaker, because it is almost an hour ago. If you allow, I could read again or we can---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed by setting the tone, you already did.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Just raise excerpts.

Hon. Kathinzi: My motion is about increasing the capacity to ensure that there is no loss, in terms of our dairy milk, our dairy cattle farmers for example Masaku Dairy Cattle Farmers, myself being a Member, Mr. Speaker, and sometimes we get a lot of losses while we are trying to put our product into the market, Mr. Speaker, and I felt it would be fit that we agree on the motion that, the Assembly and the Hon. House discusses and sees the possibility that we buy chillers for those organized, those particularly organized associations whereby we can give them some chillers to preserve their milk and try to increase the value for money.

Even when we are paying attention that dairy cattle keeping, is one of the key areas of production and every ice uses some raw milk, that is fresh milk, Mr. Speaker, I understand that targeting the industrialization wheel that by 2030, Kenya should be fully industrialized and also bearing in mind that some of the milk has been going into losses. I believe we can set pace we some chillers bought for this organized dairy cattle farmers so that they can preserve their milk even when they sell. The remainder of the milk can be preserved for the sale the next day.

You remember Mr. Speaker, sometimes ago, somewhere in Nyahururu, milk was being poured down in terms of thousands of liters and I fear this can happen sometimes in Machakos County. And so, therefore, this is a strategy whereby we can be able to measure and have control measures that, in future, these farmers who are selling their milk daily, can be able to have somewhere to preserve their milk have the amount of liters preserved and then maybe probably we can make them get some good money.

Also, Mr. Speaker, during preservation there is a way in which we can be able to get the cheese from the milk and these are the issues I was seeking and requesting the members that my intention is that we can set aside some monies for at least three or four sub counties whereby we have organized cooperative societies for milk dairy farmers, that we give them a preference that we give the grant and purchase for them and I think we will have done a good job for our people and encourage other people to get into this particular business.

So, Mr. Speaker, that was my plea and in my motion, I will request all the Hon. Members to kindly support in unison and maybe I will be the happiest man of the day. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you I invite contributions Hon. Muinde.

Majority Leader (Hon. Muinde): Mr. Speaker, a lot is happening in this county. A few months ago, the mover of this motion was told that while people were dancing to the twist music, he was jumping high like the Maasai morans. We have seen in the past that those that are not sycophants of the system are punished and nothing good is going to their wards. Mr. Speaker, now that this House has stuck to that, Mr. Speaker, as you sit here, I would urge the Hon. Member, the mover of this motion, because I believe we will pass this motion, that he goes ahead and provides some calculations, some projections, I mean the implication to the budget in terms of the costing. Of course, in consultation with the our department at the budget office, we have researchers there and we have people who are experts in economics, so that the budget

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committee can be well informed when trying to allocate money to the department of agriculture so that we do not just set aside blanket figures.

Mr. Speaker, I would, as earlier I supported this motion, did indicate that dairy farming is not well-funded by this county government and with this motion here, we can ensure that our farmers do not lose milk because of lack of infrastructure to support this department. I, therefore, support this motion and urge the Hon. Member to provide further research so that in the next one month, if the calculation can be done and see how we can set aside funds for chillers, at least in every sub-county and more so the sub-counties that have known to be milk-producing sub counties. So Mr. Speaker, I support the motion.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support this motion in the following context. Mr. Speaker, the department of agriculture has been allocated millions of shillings since 2013. And if Mr. Speaker, we can implement this project, it will be a project it will be a project of its own that will leave a lasting mark to the people of Machakos County in comparison to previous projects that have been undertaken and they have failed drastically, Mr. Speaker. As it should guide us, Mr. Speaker, we invested heavily in tractors and there has been totally nothing in return. We invested heavily in distribution of chicks, there has been totally nothing in return. The department invested heavily in buying farmers fertilizers, we got totally nothing in return.

Actually, Mr. Speaker, there is no single report that has ever been tabled in this House to show us after investing like about Ksh. 500 million in that department, this is what we have been able to achieve. This is the level of food insecurity that we have been able to curb. So, Mr. Speaker, I would like to concur with my colleague, yesterday I was listening to the state of Nation address by His Excellency the Deputy President and actually he said their government, as it has always been, they have set aside money to buy 20 chillers. I was actually amazed and I was happy to see our Hon. Member from Kivaa is in tandem and in the same reasoning capacity with the National Government.

I felt that this motion ought to go through as in the legal pace practicable and ours, and I appreciate the direction the Speaker has given that, as long as we have passed this motion, Mr. Speaker, a resolution of this House is an equivalent of the ruling of the High Court we I task the committee of implementation, where I happily belong, where the Hon. Member belongs to, to ensure it is implemented. So, I wish to tell him to do as per the directions of the majority leader and the chairperson of budget committee to come up with the various vendors that he feels or he ought to believe that, if he go ahead and invest the same, then we are going to see value for money.

We have several areas where dairy farming now in Machakos is quite prime but our farmers are not getting in return on what they are supposed to do after the heavy investment. This is one way we can improve the livelihood of our farmers, this is one way we can support our farmers instead of giving them free things. We had better give them something they have already invested funds in and I am sure that is going to give them value for money. So I support this

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motion, and then push it and I promise to push it with him and my fellow colleagues in the committee of implementation to make sure that the implementation status of this motion is done in fullest.

I support it in totality. Actually, Mr. Speaker, with the mood of the House, I believe you can put the question and we move forward. It is as good as already accepted. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Collins.

Hon. Mbithi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In agriculture, other than farming, we have fruit cultivation, Mr. Speaker, we have poultry-keeping, bee-keeping and then we have dairy farming. I was watching a certain documentary of a certain person in Central Kenya who does dairy farming on a quarter an acre then I was trying to imagine how Machakos we have potential but actually not exploiting that kind of potential that we have. Our neighbors in Makueni are doing it, as a way of supporting the farmers and in Machakos we ought to also do it. So it is only fair if we give support to this kind of motion. Dairy farming is one of the agricultural practices that do not really directly rely on rainfall like farming which needs a lot of rain or rather water and in the event there is no water we modernize our farming through irrigation.

So in our current kind of state, the only way we can modernize our dairy farming is by purchasing these milk chillers. Mr. Speaker, I was doing my research a few minutes ago and I discovered that 52 per cent of our National income is generated from agriculture. The people of Machakos had serious hope when we had devolution but that kind of hope faded immediately when we took office by primarily changing the horticultural house into an office. We can only bring back that hope in agriculture by this simple practice which I want to support in totality.

When I was chairperson and a member of committee for agriculture, the department of agriculture was full of hope and promises, like never before. In farming, agriculture and what have you, nothing has been implemented on the ground. So, like we have done to the previous motions, I think it will be good to support this and whatever stage it goes to after this, we make a follow up to ensure that the necessary is done with proper timelines and budgetary limits like the chair and majority leader had said. So, in short, I am supporting, in totality and even the chillers because all these areas in Machakos County are good in farming like Masii that is in Mwala and you can look at the hilly areas of Kathiani.

It will be good if we try to do a research on each area which areas are seriously good in producing dairy farming and they get the same for the benefit of the sons and daughters of Machakos County. I will be privileged because I see it could be committed to the committee of agriculture that I also be involved to ensure that my people in Lower Kaewa, who are serious farmers are beneficiaries of the same. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you I would like to proceed and put the question.

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(Question put and agreed to)

I, therefore direct the motion be referred to the committee on agriculture and the chairman of the committee to appoint a sub-set of your committee to consider this motion and provide for details for the figures involved. The amount of money that is required so that by the time we make budget estimates, we are properly advised. Further the committee should find the areas where this investment will be lucrative enough so that we do not invest where the people are not after the investment. Proceed, clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Therefore, with no other matter, the House adjourns until tomorrow 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 4.15 p.m.