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

PRAYERS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Good afternoon Hon. Members. I am told that we do not have quorum, so I will ask the Serjeant-at-Arms to ring the bell for 10 minutes.

(Quorum Bell rung)

Serjeant-at-Arms, you should not allow Hon. Members to walk out. Hon. Brian, we need to follow our Standing Orders. It is only the Whips who are allowed to do so... You may stop ringing the bell. Hon. Members I am told that we have quorum so we can start today's business.

STATEMENTS SOUGHT

ADP 2023/2024 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION
STATUS FOR MASINGA CENTRAL WARD

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Under this one we have Hon. Joshua Mwonga and Hon. Brian Kisila respectively.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for granting me this opportunity.

Hon. Speaker, Aware THAT Article 174 of the Constitution of Kenya provides that the objects of devolution are among others, to promote social and economic development and the provision of proximate, easily accessible services throughout Kenya and to ensure equitable sharing of national and local resources throughout Kenya;

Aware THAT this House approved the Annual Development Plan for the FY 2023/2024 on 6th June, 2023 which gave the County a roadmap of the priority projects to be done in the current financial year;

Aware THAT the current financial year is in its fourth and final quarter and no development projects except for the disputed de-silting of two dams has been initiated by the County Government in Masinga Central Ward yet substantial budgets have been allocated to such projects.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(c) I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Implementation on the following issues:

1. The status of all the projects meant for Masinga Central Ward in the current financial year as approved in the ADP for the FY 2023/2024;
2. What measures the County Government is doing to ensure the projects approved in the ADP for the FY 2023/2024 are completed within the

current financial year, noting that it is a Constitutional requirement to ensure equitable sharing of County Resources.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Joshua Mwonga. Hon. Brian Kisila.

STATUS OF COUNTY MACHINERY

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, Article 174(f) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, states THAT one of the objects of devolution is to promote social and economic development and the provision of proximate, easily accessible services throughout Kenya; further, the Fourth Schedule of the same Constitution mandates counties to deal with matters of County Transport including County roads;

Hon. Speaker, it is worth noting THAT for this accessibility to be achieved, the County Government procured graders, excavators, shovels, dozers, tipper trucks and water bowsers among other machineries for maintenance of the rural roads and budgets have been allocated annually for the maintenance and fuelling of these machinery;

Aware THAT a good number of these machineries are grounded and have been parked at the county garage;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to seek a statement on the following:-

- a) The list of all County Machinery in working condition by make and type.
- b) The list of all grounded County Machineries by make and type and their location and state whether they are serviceable or obsolete.
- c) The amount required in servicing all the grounded serviceable Machineries.
- d) The department's plan in ensuring that the grounded serviceable machineries are serviced and continue serving their intended purpose.
- e) Departmental plan in disposing obsolete equipment and replacing them with new ones.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Brian Kisila. Before committing the first statement maybe Members could be willing to ventilate. Hon. Kavyu.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In addition to what the Hon. Member is seeking, it will also be good---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I hope you are ventilating on the first statement?

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): On the second one.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let us ventilate on the first one so that we can commit it to the relevant committee then the second one will come later, if at all there is a Member willing to ventilate.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): Okay, mine was on this one. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to congratulate Hon. Mwonga for seeking this statement even though he is seeking it too late. A financial year begins on

1st July of every year and ends on 30th June of the following year. Hon. Mwonga is seeking to know why the projects which were captured in the ADP for Masinga Central were not done, according to the Statement.

Hon. Speaker, I would wish to inform the Member that apart from representing your people in this House, you also have a duty to represent your people in offices where the projects are approved, allocated funds and officers are sent to go and take the projects. I am not informing Hon. Mwonga alone, Hon. Speaker; let every Member know that every Member has to be aggressive to ensure that whatever is in the document, he or she makes a follow up. Even you go to a bank and apply for a loan you will be required to go and push for that loan.

Hon. Speaker, as we agree with the statement, I also disagree with one part which says, the only project which was done in his ward is, underline the word, disputed delisting of two dams. I feel that word is oppressive. Every Hon. Member has roles assigned to do and one of it is oversight. When a project is being undertaken in a ward, the Member of that particular area has a duty, as a representative of the people, to go where the project is being done to ensure it is done as per the scope in the BQs.

In this statement, I can say comfortably, without any regret, that Hon. Mwonga failed in his duty as an elected Member of Masinga Central. If you keep off from what is happening in your ward and you come here and say you want to know, this statement may be replied in another financial year. It is a normal practice, you seek a statement here and it takes months. That is why I was saying, the timing is not proper and I would wish to encourage my colleagues, if the residents will be suffering because of the failure of the elected Member, that will be very unfair.

That is all I want to talk about and Members, let us be serious with our work. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Hon. Brian.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCP): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Mwonga is within his right to seek this statement. However I want to ask what is oversight? We need to understand what oversight is. If you sit back as an elected Member and imagine that things are going to be done through auto pilot, then you are not representing your people. Oversight, you are involved from day one to the last day. In fact, if a project is being done in my ward, there is the ADP done through public participation where we get the projects.

When the projects are identified, as a Member for Mwala, I follow up to ensure those projects which have been listed in the ADP have actually been factored in the budget. When the projects start being implemented, I go and ensure the initial public participation is done, where the engineers of the County tell us the entire scope of works including how much will be done.

When Hon. Mwonga, and I have a lot of respect for him, when he said disputed dams, I sit in Water committee and my chairman is here; we have never received any complaint on disputed dams; we have called the Chief Officer, we are yet to go as a committee to establish if there is any dam and how they have been done. It is in bad taste for Mheshimiwa Mwonga to start telling of dams disputed and can I tell you the truth, in my ward my dams were done, I supervised and I am very happy with what is happening. If you sit back and wait for a rainy day for people to do your work, then you are going to have a very rough time with your electorate.

I agree with him; he has a right to seek for the ADPs but let us, just like Minority Leader has said, let him move a step further and realize he is not on holiday. He has been elected to represent those people who elected him. Let him make sure he follows through; he follows the projects through from inception to the end.

Mr. Speaker it is like having a woman and you are not taking care of her and you just let her stay like that and you start complaining when someone else takes the woman. No Mr. Speaker, we must take charge of the role which we have been given. I agree with him, he has a right to seek the ADPs but the only caveat which I find a bit interesting is this one of saying disputed. Where was he when the dams were being done? He is our representative in his ward to ensure dams are being

done correctly even before the committees come. So I think I agree with him but I agree with him with some reservations. Is he having any bad intentions when he starts telling us dams are disputed?

Lastly, we are two months to the end of the financial year and you say the only thing which has been done in your ward are two disputed dams. Where have you been this year? The whole year *ulikuwa wapi?* I can comfortably say I have got close to six projects in this financial year; I have followed them through and following them through means I also find a reasonable way of talking to the Executive. Members I was in the Second and now in the Third Assembly. Those who choose the route to continue asking for projects in public *barazas* and funerals have it very rough.

This is the place where we are seated; it is the place to ask for those projects but at the same time, you must ask in a good gentle manner from the Executive itself, no demanding. You must find a good way of asking for those projects. I kind of feel that Mheshimiwa yes you are right, but please you may need to change your tact this coming financial year and find out how come in other wards projects are ongoing and yours is not ongoing. It is also like a man with two wives, and some of us have two wives; if you have two wives and you normally go to the first wife and he is making noise, what happens? You will go to the second wife who is not making noise. Wards are like wives; if you go and find there is a place where there is too much noise, you take off and you go to the ward where there is less noise. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Brian. Hon. Kavyu.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to appreciate those who have contributed and I thank God that my friend Hon. Mwonga has realized where he is supposed to seek audience in terms of what is supposed to happen in Masinga, but at the same time, we should also not crucify him because Mr. Speaker there is a famous Kamba saying that goes like *Tene wa mbiti ni vala yaamukila* and if this is the appropriate time when Mheshimiwa has seen it good to come and seek answers in terms of what is happening in his ward, we should allow him.

But maybe he can also clarify to the House what he means by disputed dams because we only have dams that were done satisfactorily and it is almost a year when the dams were done across I think thirty eight wards because there were two wards where the topography of the area could not allow. One year later is when the Hon. Member is coming and arguing that there was an issue. Maybe Mr. Speaker you can allow him to shed some light and maybe provide clarity in what aspect they are disputed.

Is it a case of land dispute where somebody is disputing that they were done in the wrong place or is it that water has refused to get into the dams? He needs to provide some clarity. Also I happen to sit in the Education committee where he is a member; he has an ECDE class that is ongoing almost at seventy percent. So even if we want---

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Point of information.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Mr. Speaker, I think I have been allowed to inform you Hon. Kavyu. Mr. Speaker, the ECDE my good friend is talking about is a project of 2022/23. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mwonga. Hon. Kavyu you may proceed.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): I think I would also want to inform him that the dams he is talking about were also procured in the same financial year. So he cannot talk about some of the projects that he wants to use to justify his case and ignore others which were also procured within the same period, unless the dams came after for him because they were all procured

at the same time. Even as we do our oversight work, let us also ensure the information and the thing that we present on the floor of this House are factual and genuine because if we bring politics into this Assembly, then probably we might miss the point.

It is very correct, 100% correct, for any Member to seek answers pertaining to their area but we also need to go an extra mile because even if the committee that is seeking answers to brings the report back here, as an elected Member, the Hon. Member has a responsibility to make follow up because there is that role of representation and that is why the people of Masinga Central, Kinanie and the other thirty-eight wards elected us.

You not only represent them here, because they cannot walk to the water department and enquire on the issues pertaining their area. That is why they have an elected member who is supposed to walk across the eleven departments and make an enquiry on the status of the projects because if you only give the projects at the ADP and you do not make any follow up, we have limited resources.

If as a member representing Kinanie I choose to sit and wait for projects to come, the Hon. Member for Mwala, Matuu, Ekalakala where you represent Mr. Speaker, you will walk in to those offices and because of the limited nature of resources, you will take what will be there and I will be forced to wait. We also need to wake up, let us disturb, let us make frequent trips to those departments so that we can get what is there. There is the spirit of equity but the faster you move, the more you are able to push, then there is a high probability of your projects working in your area.

I will give an instance in Kinanie; there is a class that was given and it has been slow. I think in a week, I normally frequent the Education department almost three times and through that effort, I think in the next few weeks, the class will be completed. Giving the project and raising statements in this House is not enough. If we really want to help our people, we must go an extra mile because even the Governor herself, she has a lot to run the County so she will not be keen to walk around looking at which ward something has not been done.

It is us who interact with the people at the ground day and night so we must ensure what is supposed to come to our ward comes at the right time. So Mr. Speaker, I seek your support I hope the Hon. Member may be able to get some light on the things to be done. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kavyu. Hon. Muoki.

Hon. Muoki Musila (Ndithini, WDM-K): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Just a few words that got my attention, particularly that one of disputed which I find so collective because when you say disputed dams, they were done in 40 wards; which other one has disputed? In Masinga we have never heard any of them disputing because there could be an organization or a collection of people from Masinga or elsewhere saying that this one has not been done or it has been done wrongly and the like. I wanted, if possible, our Hon. Member to withdraw that particular word and look for a better word to replace---

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Point of information.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Mr. Speaker, unless the Member did not get clearly the content of my statement, I am talking about two dams in Masinga Central Ward, not in the whole county. That is what I wanted to inform him; let him not talk about his ward or any other ward. The statement is clear; very clear. It is talking about two disputed dams and I stand on that.

Hon. Muoki Musila (Ndithini, WDM-K): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I exactly meant that particular word of disputing, and I am saying it is a collective word; it may mean Ndithini, we disputed. I want to go on record that we did not dispute ours, right? And that is all what I mean.

Our Hon. Member, on different occasions you have been saying that your ward has more projects than others. Today, you are telling us you have fewer. I find a lot of contradiction in all this. If we were straighter and factual, let us say what it is. If for example you have a dispensary, you have two dams and I am told Hon. Kavyu has already said there are two wards that never got any and yours got at least two. You have got the nursery school, the dispensary...you should be clapping your hands and saying, 'Halleluyah, at least I got something.'

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): I'm talking about 2023-2024.

Hon. Musila Muoki (Ndithini, WDM-K): Yes. That is why I am saying if only you could go round your statement and ask using the right words, we would understand it better and we would be more categorical in answering that or contributing to your statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Musila. Hon. Majority.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you. First of all I want to say just like Mheshimiwa Brian, Mheshimiwa Mwonga of Masinga Central is within his right to seek a statement and nobody can dispute that or not give him the opportunity. However, we are talking about projects for 2023/2024. If I understood him well and the financial year is yet to end.

Secondly, the Hon. Member who is seeking a statement seems to have a pre-meditated answer of what he wants. He is not on a fact finding mission of goodwill. I do not even know why he wants to waste the honourable time of the Committee on Implementation because he already premeditated that the two dams are disputed so he expects nothing else from the report. It has to have two dams that are disputed.

Then the other thing that he has premeditated is that in his ward in the financial year 2023/2024, there is not going to be any other single development that has been done. Already he has answers and he wants to drive the Committee of Implementation into that direction.

I am finding it so contradictory that you seem to have answers that first the dam is disputed, number two that by the end of June 30th this financial year, no development will have been done in your ward, yet, you seek the indulgence of the House and the Speaker, that one, the status of all the projects meant for Masinga ward in the current financial year as approved in the ADP for the financial year 2023/2024, you want to establish the status. How would you want to establish the status when the year has not ended for all the projects? Why can't you just hold your horses, wait for the year to end and then the report of the whole ADP will be brought to this House?

Then even the question number two, what you are seeking to get in the report question number two, cannot suffice since the financial year has not ended. I will agree with the numerous speakers who have spoken before me. I think the right thing to do is to engage at departmental level to establish what the status of this project as of now is so that if they are not doing anything, you push them but to come and indulge the House at this stage is wrong but you are within your right.

The other thing is that we would encourage your attendance when we have statements for other Members because I noticed in the morning, you were not in the House and we missed quorum so please, I encourage all of us to attend the plenary session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Leader of Majority. The statement is committed to the Committee on Implementation and they should respond on or before the eighth day of May 2024. You want to speak after the ruling?

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, M CCP): I just want to add something.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Unless you want now to ventilate on your statement. You cannot. Hon. Brian, let us now ventilate on the second statement that was sought by Hon. Brian Kisila. Hon. Francis.

Hon. Francis Kitaka (Ndalani, WDM-K): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would want to thank Hon. Kisila for the status report that he is seeking for the machinery that we are using in our county and that are available. As we know, county machinery have for a while been going unmaintained or delays of servicing and this has been costing our county in the programs that we always want to undertake in our ground areas where we want to do our roads.

It is important to note that this has also caused delays in our RRI programs that were supposed to be undertaken in the second phase of this year. It is important that we get to understand what the Assembly, or as law makers, if indeed we have a role to play in ensuring that if it is a budget requirement, we do it as an Assembly so that we can have our road networks fully maintained and done in good time.

It is important to note that when we have machinery breakdown which are not taken care of, then at the end of the day, service delivery will be affected. I hereby appreciate the idea that our Hon. Member, Kisila, has seen it of importance to have this statement sought. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Francis. Hon. Leader of Minority.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also want to thank and congratulate my brother because the statement he is seeking is not specific for Mwala. In fact, the Hon. Member is very considerate. He is bringing a business which is going to tackle the entire county, so Mheshimiwa thank you very much.

Point number two Hon. Speaker, the issues raised here are valid and I am very sure if we get the answers, the county will have no issue of roads being impassable. I am very sure even if we are not going to complete it; we are going to at least reduce. The only challenge I have Hon. Speaker, is item 'd'. Item 'd', the Hon. Member is asking to know what the department plans to ensure that the grounded serviceable machinery....Hon. Speaker, as we contribute in this House the electorate are listening to us and if we use words which do not match what we intend to say or what we are discussing about, then we will be messing the entire county, especially the critics.

Hon. Speaker, the word serviceable, if you take a motor vehicle for inspection, the motor vehicle inspector if the vehicle meets all the requirements the certificate you will get will just say the vehicle is serviceable and road worthy. Item 'd' is asking what the department is planning to ensure that the grounded serviceable, the word grounded serviceable, if a vehicle is serviceable we cannot say it is grounded. This is a matter of language now, so Hon. Speaker, Brian has good ideas but I am requesting that we delete the word serviceable without inserting another word. We request to know what the department is planning to ensure that the grounded vehicles are serviced. I think that would be the best English. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Member, you want to clarify?

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): I have an ambulance in Kyawango Health Centre. It is not moving because it does not have tires and battery. I have consulted the department to buy me tires and battery. That is grounded serviceable equipment. It is grounded...I have an ambulance in Kyawango which does not have tires and a battery. It is not moving; it is grounded but serviceable. If you put tires and battery, it will move.

Hon. Daniel Ndwiki (Mlolongo/Syokimau, WDM-K): Point of information.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): So if you want to change you can...

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of information to a point of information?

Hon. Daniel Ndwiki (Mlolongo/Syokimau, WDM-K): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to ask if the Hon. Member to address another Hon. Member. I think he should address the Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Brian, be advised.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCP): Mwala advised. Mheshimiwa Ndwiki, I was answering him through the Speaker. Grounded serviceable means the machinery is in good shape and if serviced it can work. If a machine cannot be serviced, that is a grounded machine. I was seeking for those---

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Point of information.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCP): Yes.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I think the Member was standing on what---

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): I just want to inform the Hon. Member, since he is the author of the business. Allow me to inform him.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Okay.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Hon. Speaker, as you drive on our roads, if you have a vehicle with a worn-out tire, the traffic officers will charge you and your vehicle will not be allowed to be driven on our roads because of that worn out tire, whether it is 1, 2, 3 or 4. Hon. Member is misleading the House telling us that there is an ambulance in Mwala which has got no tires and battery and it is serviceable. That is misleading the House.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Francis Kavyu.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCP): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think my Leader of Minority should not bring confusion in the House because the statement that the Hon. Member from Mwala is making is valid and correct in the context that is put in because if a vehicle is unable to move because of any particular mechanical issue, it is grounded and I think maybe it is because Hon. Member is doing direct translation from the mother tongue to English, but it is something that is possible because any time a vehicle is not able to move, it can be termed as grounded. What he means by serviceable is that if the corrective measures are taken, that vehicle can be used again. You can have a grounded vehicle and it cannot be salvaged, so I think that is correct.

What I just wanted to add on what the Hon. Member was requesting the House is that apart from getting the list of the items that he has requested for, we also want to get a complete list of all machineries owned by the County because on numerous occasions, there have been allegations of either existing staff members or people who have left but to date they still have vehicles.

If we can get a list of all the machineries that have ever been procured by the County, it will help us to perform an audit to establish, apart from these vehicles that are obsolete and need to be disposed, the ones which are serviceable and even the ones that are still operational. That list will help us to have a checklist and if there is a vehicle appearing on that list and it is not grounded, not available and not disposed, then that will give room for us to do an audit and establish, after the vehicle was bought where it disappeared to. Those vehicles are supposed to serve the people of Machakos and not an individual.

It is something that we can add onto the request that was made by the Hon. Member so that we also make recoveries if there are vehicles that are not being used for the intended service that they were procured for. Any machinery or equipment is supposed to be serving and delivering service to the people of Machakos. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Francis. Hon. Muoki.

Hon. Muoki wa Musila (Ndithini, WDM-K): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it is good for me to comment on this, and in particular because it is touching on my Committee on Transport, Roads and Public Works. I wanted maybe Mr. Speaker, either I get clarification from the statement seeker on what machinery he meant. Is it the ones for the transport or the machinery owned by the county because here it says County Machinery? That is including the tractors we use for farming so that we are specific to the questions and the answers that he is seeking. It is a little bit more specific to the machinery or plant that is owned by the transport.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Brian, maybe you can clarify.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCP): It is okay and I want him to read. The statement is very specific on County Government. It procured graders, excavators, shovels, dozers, tippers and water bowsers, among other things for maintenance of rural roads. Tractors do not maintain rural roads please.

Hon. Muoki Musila (Ndithini, WDM-K): Thank you, I just wanted to say the heading talks about county machinery and machinery is collective, but I am happy that you are seeking that; it is exactly what I wanted to say, because this is information that we already have in the Committee that we did the same and I am sure they are going to give you that information very fast as opposed to a lot of bother in this.

I was saying it is also good to see instead of you asking for only the ones that are grounded, working, serviceable and the like, why do we not get an audit report of all the machinery that are owned by the County Government of Machakos that are used for construction? That would be more specific to the point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Muoki. Hon. Mwonga.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, MCCP): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to start by assuring the seeker of the statement that I am not going to punch any holes to his statement as he did to my statement, neither am I going to tell him to move to the Department of Transport for these answers. I want to say this is a very good statement for us to know where we are as a County in terms of equipment.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank the seeker of the Statement and say the issue which has been raised by Hon. Kavyu for Kyumbi is true. From where I sit, I even know some vehicles which were bought in the first term of this Government, that is 2013 after the promulgation of the 2010 Constitution and you know these Hon. Members, that is Hon. Kisila, Hon. Minority Leader and Majority Leader, had ganged up to hit me on my Statement and I was not in my senses but now I am in my senses, Mr. Speaker.

I want to say it is true that we have County vehicles which were bought even in 2013 to 2017 and to date, these vehicles have not been returned. There are some people who are still using these vehicles and are known. Mr. Speaker, some Members like myself, also know some parcels of land---

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Point of order Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mwonga, allow the Member.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Hon. Speaker is it in order for Hon. Mwonga to allege that there are some vehicles which are in custody of some people and they have not returned to the government? Is it in order to allege that and he cannot substantiate. In case one has to allege, he or she has an obligation to substantiate his statement. I request you to make a ruling whether he is in order to allege and fail to substantiate. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, MCCC): Mr. Speaker, before you make the ruling, I think the same issue has been raised by Hon. Kavyu and he has not raised any issue. I do not know why---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mwonga, just respond to what the Member has requested.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, MCCC): Mr. Speaker, allow me not to respond to him but finish what I was trying to say.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Then you need to withdraw that if you cannot substantiate.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, MCCC): Mr. Speaker why and another Member had also raised the same issue and before I raised the issue I quoted his speech. What is wrong with that?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Member stood on a point of order Hon. Mwonga and I think it is prudent---

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, MCCC): Anyway, Mr. Speaker I do withdraw, I do withdraw. I have withdrawn the statement but that remains the fact. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mulinge.

Hon. Joseph Mulinge (Muvuti/Kiima Kimwe): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I start by congratulating my Chairperson Hon. Kisila for bringing a very important statement. Mr. Speaker, the mover of the statement is being informed by the challenges we are facing to address the problems in our wards because of bad roads and Mr. Speaker, last time the County had hired graders and shovels from National Youth Service. The reason why they did so is because we have a lot of machinery in our garage and they are not in good condition hence not working.

The essence of having the machinery was to cut down the cost of grading our roads and was again to give efficiency of services by grading the roads and all sorts of manner. Mr. Speaker, this statement is very important and we should take this statement with a lot of seriousness because we had a program of grading roads in all the wards and most of the wards were not graded because of lack of machineries to do so. I support the statement. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mulinge. Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the seeker of the statement, particularly if you remember yesterday for those of us who were in, when the Chair Budget and Appropriations Committee was submitting his report, somewhere along the way he said that the County is going to dispose assets to a tune of Ksh. 100,000,000. I fear some of these assets that could be disposed could be machinery that needs a tire, starter or battery.

So I think the Hon. Brian Kisila, what he probably could get as an answer might rescue the County from losing good machinery because maybe some people have decided it is grounded. I think the statement he is seeking will come handy and I hope this House allocates the shortest time possible for the statement to come in so that we see whether it could rescue some of the machinery that the County might need. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Nicholas. The statement is committed to the Transport, Roads and Public Works Committee to respond on or before 8th May, 2024.

(Applause)

MOTION
ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH CENTRES
AND SPORTS INCUBATION CENTRES

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Under this one we have Hon. Anastasia Mutevu.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The mover of the Motion is indisposed and she has requested for the Motion to be deferred.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Then we will defer the Motion back to House Business Committee for re-balloting to another day.

(Motion deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members the House adjourns to Tuesday, 23rd April, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.31 p.m.