

# COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

## THE HANSARD

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***[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Loise Kagecha) In the Chair]***

**PRAYERS.**

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

NGATA SECONDARY SCHOOL AND BOROR SECONDARY SCHOOL.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loise Kagecha): There is a Communication from the Chair. Today we recognise the presence of students from two schools in our Gallery. Our visitors feel welcome and I would like to invite the area MCA to welcome the visitors.

**Hon. Alex Arap Lang'at:** Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker for this opportunity that you have given me to address this House. May I this morning introduce to the House students of two schools that happen to be in Mosop Ward. With us today we have students who have done very well in their schools; they are from Ngata Secondary School and those who have also done well from Boror Secondary School.

Boror is a school that has existed in Mosop for a very long time and we have been trying to uplift it because by virtue of the location and a few other administrative issues, the school was diminishing. So as part of encouragement we have welcomed them for learning, benchmarking and they are here in the House today.

To the Visitors, welcome to the Assembly and I think when you work hard, this is a House of honour, House of rules and a House of dignity. When you work hard in your academics, together with the rest of you one day can also be in this House.

I want to thank the Teachers and all those who have organised for them to come here; thank you Honourable Speaker. Let them feel welcomed to this great Assembly; County Assembly of Nakuru. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Thank you the Leader of Majority. Next Order.

## STATEMENT

### DAIMA DAIRY PLANT

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loise Kagecha): There is a Statement to be laid by the honorable Majority Leader.

**The Majority Leader** (Hon. Alex Arap Langa't): Thank you Honourable Temporary Speaker for this opportunity. I am here before this Honourable House to request for a Statement, That Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson for the Committee on Energy, Environment, Water and Natural Resources concerning the effluents being discharged into Molo River by the Daima Dairy Plant.

Honourable Temporary Speaker, Daima Dairy Plant is located on the boundary of Salgaa and Sachangwan. It is being managed by a Company known as Deviani Food Industries Kenya Limited. In the first years, the Company did well by employing many of our young people both across the boundaries, some in Mosop, some from Molo and some come from Sachangwan and they have been doing a great job as far as employing people is concerned.

However, in the past years there has been a public outcry regarding the Waste Management from the Industry and in specific, a complaint from the residents that live in that area. The outcry is something that has stayed there for a period of time. These people deal with Dairy Products, they deal with Milk and when you look at the size of the Factory, it is enormous in terms of investment. They have done big investments but it seems like they forgot an issue which is very vital, which is disposal and discharge of wastes or when the milk get spoiled, on how they are going to discharge that.

In that case, when we visited the place, we realised that the Company discharges the waste into Molo River. Molo River is a river that emanates from Molo and passes through Rongai all the way to other places. It is a River that is depended on by many people for irrigation, and others use it for drinking water and other use it for their animals and many more other uses. Whenever the factory discharges the affluence to the River, it makes the water dirty and not good for consumption. The smell around that area is terrible, you will not want to be around that area.

What beats logic is that this is not something new because the factory has existed for a long time. We have tried to seek audience from the concerned people including the Management. We have tried to approach the Public Health Officers within the area and at some point we have combined both of them including the Public Health Officers of Molo and Public Health Officers who are stationed within Rongai, and every time they come up with a promise that ends up being nothing but hot air because they usually tell us they are going to handle the issue in a week, they will handle it in a Month, something is being done and it has now taken more than two to three years.

This has become hazardous in terms of Health. We do not know the impact of those who are using the water, in terms of their Health. We do not know the extent or the damage that the affluent being discharged into the Molo River is causing to our population and the people of Mosop.

Honourable Temporary Speaker, in view of this I wish to request the Chairperson for the Committee on Energy, Environment, Water and Natural Resources to respond on the following-

1. Whether the Department of Energy, Environment, Water and Natural Resources and that of Public Health are aware of the operations of the aforementioned Industry.
2. What measures are being put in place by the County Government to ensure that the rights of the residents to clean environment are protected
3. I want to know the steps that have been undertaken to minimise and control the effluents being discharged to the natural resource by the Companies, Industries and Individuals in this County.

Honourable Temporary Speaker, I wish to request for the Statement, Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Thank you the Leader of Majority. This Statement stands committed to the Committee on Energy, Environment, Water and Natural Resources through the Chairperson and they should respond back to the House within two weeks. Next order.

## **MOTION**

### **BOREHOLE DRILLING MACHINE**

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loise Kagecha): There is a Motion and I want to call the mover Honourable Francis Mungai Kuria from Malewa West.

**Hon. Francis Kuria:** Thank you Honourable Temporary Speaker, I want to move a Motion regarding the purchase of Borehole Drilling Machine in our County. That, whereas the County Government appropriates funds for various Projects each Financial Year including drilling of Boreholes in various Wards; Recognising that Nakuru is a water scarce County thus requires deliberate interventions to cushion the residents from water shortages; Appreciating that the County Government in the past has made efforts to address water shortages through drilling of boreholes among other measures; Cognisant that an analysis of the cost of drilling and casing of a single Borehole through Tendering Process ranges between Kshs 2.5 Million – Kshs 3.5 Million depending on the depth and the nature of the rock and soil formation; Noting that the County Government is capable of allocating Financial resources to purchase Borehole Drilling Equipment at a relatively affordable price compared to the amount appropriated each Financial Year for such projects;

Now Therefore, this House resolves that as a long term strategy to reduce the cost, the County Government allocate resources to purchase Borehole Machines.

If we can have a Drilling Machine in our County, it will reduce the cost, it will speed up the job. If you check the Tendering Process, we have to go the Bill of Quantities (BQs) way, then from the BQs, first of all the work is advertised, then the Tendering Process starts. The Valuation starts Madam Temporary Speaker...

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**Hon. Francis Kuria:** ... and it takes a lot of time. Noting that the County Government is capable of allocating financial resources to purchase borehole drilling equipment at a relatively affordable price compared to the amount appropriated each Financial Year for such projects.

If you can look at the Ward Fund that is being given on each Ward and I use my Ward for example; I am from Malewa West Ward. The Ward Fund allocated to my Ward was Kshs. 29.7 million. Drilling and equipping a borehole to completion is costing between Kshs. 9 million to Kshs. 10 million and with the Ward Fund Allocation, you find you can only manage to do maybe 2 boreholes to completion through the tendering process but if the drilling can be done through the County, you find using the Kshs. 1.2 million or Kshs. 1.3 million, which is a big margin.

The Ward Allocation Fund, you reduce the cost of drilling thus making it easy. Using the Ward Fund, you will do allocation, equipping and in our term, you will find that you will do 2 or 3 boreholes to completion.

I have observed the previous regime, you find one person drill a borehole but due to other projects, the borehole is left unfinished. Now, therefore, this House resolves as a long term strategy to reduce the cost, the County Government allocates money to purchase borehole drilling machines.

I came to realise that in our life, we have 3 types of people and I have come also to observe in this House and also to the friends of this House and remember most of us prefer to do work through contractors. I categorise the people in a margin of three people.

One, we have the weak people who just come into your life and they just pick what they need and go. Two, we have the branch people. Those are the people you cannot rely on. They show you they are strong and how they need to boost you but once things are tough, they will just go away. We have the root people. I observed and I put these Honourable Members to be the root people. These are the people who do not want to do things just to be seen but they do things and they bring impact on the ground. They are very supportive and I therefore beg the Honourable Members to support this Motion ...

**Hon. Leah Serem:** Point of Order Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loice Kagecha): Hon. Leah Serem

**Hon. Leah Serem:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I want the Member who is in front to tell us whether it is machin or machine because I am not understanding.

**Hon. Francis Kuria:** Thank you Madam Speaker. It is called machine.

**Hon. John Maritim:** Point of order.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loice Kagecha): Yes, Hon. Maritim.

**Hon. John Maritim:** Madam Temporary Speaker, is Mheshimiwa Leah Serem in order to say whether it is machine or machin? We are all Kenyans and we were brought up in this Country and

we know where we come from. We understand where Hon. Mungai comes from. As long as we understand whether it is machine or machin ...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loice Kagecha): Mheshimiwa Wanjohi

**Hon. Philip Wanjohi:** Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. Any Member of this Assembly rising on a point of order must quote the Standing Order that he wants to provoke. Therefore, the Member from Kabazi is out of order. He should have quoted which Standing Order he is referring to.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loice Kagecha): Okay Hon. Wanjohi

**Hon. Francis Kuria:** Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. I stand to be guided. It is machine and I honour that.

When we have these rig machines, we have able engineers in this County. I know they will do a great job where they will deliver with no interest of gaining something but they are there to make sure that they have delivered what they have been assigned to do.

These drilling machines, after laying my strategy, I have found that if we can have two machines in the entire County, a machine can drill one borehole in 4 days; that is, drilling, casing, testing the pump and also using the Geo Vision Camera to observe the job that has been done.

**Hon. Mwangi Muraya:** Madam Temporary Speaker, I just need to ask the Hon. Member whether he can put us into light about the cost of these drilling machines so that we can start from there as we move on and discuss.

**Hon. Francis Kuria:** Madam Temporary Speaker, I am coming to that Hon. Muraya. Just take your pen, I will give you the breakdown.

The cost of a rig machine ranges between Kshs. 40 to Kshs. 45 million and I was doing my arithmetic and found that using the machine from the County, we can save between Kshs. 1.5 to Kshs. 1.6 million using the drilling of the County machines. Therefore if these Honorable Members can support, and I beg them to support this Motion.

We have three categories of areas. We have the Urban Wards. These Wards are very lucky because we have the private companies that used to supply water. For example in Naivasha, we have NAIWASSCO. In Nakuru, we have NAWASSCO. You find we have the rural Wards. Unless those Wards get a source of water from the natural springs, from the river and the dams, they do not have other sources of water and the private companies have not been able to reach those Wards in the rural areas.

Also to take note, the vastness of some of the Wards. A Ward like Eburu Mbaruk which covers about 625 km square, you find with allocation of Kshs. 34 million, the area MCA can only do a single borehole using the Ward Allocation Fund. Putting in mind, we have some locations; from one location to another those people need water. Pipes need to be laid and as I do my calculations, if we can be assisted using this machine, those locations from one area to another, the Ward Fund

can be used to lay the pipes so that the water can be moved from one part or can be pumped from one area to the other.

I therefore urge this House in good heart to support. Remember we have other Wards that maybe part of them are urban and others are rural. Those parts that are in rural areas, the water supplying companies have not yet reached those people. I therefore request the Honourable Members to support this Motion and I beg Hon. William Mutai to second this Motion. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loice Kagecha): Hon. Mutai.

**Hon. William Mutai:** Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. Without much articulation and elaboration, I stand to second this Motion, bearing in mind that we are looking for possible ways of reducing the cost of projects so that we can make a lot of savings. A lot of savings means that we are going to have more revenue and more revenue means more projects.

This is logical enough that we are going to buy these machines then it will be very possible and within the shortest period of time, to make as many boreholes as possible within our County. We do understand that the National Government as well as the County Government is making some deliberate efforts to ensure that some dams are made within our County but unfortunately, these dams have a lot of challenges. For example, we have the famous and the popular Itaare Dam which is said that we are going to supply a lot of water to our County and particularly to Nakuru City, Molo and parts of Rongai.

Unfortunately, as that one happens, the source of this water which is in Kuresoi North and partly in Kuresoi South will not benefit. As a remedy to the problems that are prevailing in those areas and some of the areas in the County, I do believe that we can get these machines so that they can make as many boreholes as possible, it is going to give us some reprieve and it is going to relieve us from a lot of problems.

I want to say that boreholes are immediate remedy for the escalating water shortages and it calls for more allocation of resources and this means that as resources get allocated to this, we can get some partly way of salvaging the situation. For instance, the drilling machines and then the rest of the savings go to the piping, the better.

A case example is in my Ward where I come from; Keringet Ward in Kuresoi South. We have 8 boreholes. Surprisingly, one is operational and the rest are not operational. They have been drilled, solar system has been installed but piping has not been done yet, reason being there are no resources.

To me, that one seems to be a great loss of resources. This one is not going to benefit Mwananchi. I think if we can have some drilling machines and then the rest of the money is allocated to the supply ...

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**Hon. William Mutai...** It will be better. In cognisant to the United Nations, the Vision 2030, the Millennium Development Goals which anticipate in improving the living standards of our people, I do believe that if we can get the most efficient ways of supplying clean sufficient available water

to our people, then definitely we are going to meet these goals within the shortest period of time. I do here by stand to support my colleague that we buy these machines. It does not require rocket science, it is logical and it does not require a lot of deliberations. If we can support this idea then within the shortest period of time we in Nakuru would have gotten sufficient supply of water. I rest my case. Thank you.

*(Question proposed that this House resolves that as a long term strategy to reduce costs, the County Government allocates resources to purchase borehole drilling machines.)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loice Kagecha): The Motion is now open for debate. The Hon. Gatuso.

**Hon. Bernard Gatuso:** Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker for giving me this opportunity to give my input on this Motion. It is a good observation that Hon. Member Malewa West has been able to make but my question is that the process does not end with the purchase of machines that will be used for drilling but with personnel that are supposed to be employed by the County. We need to have a professional and a personnel who will be handling or doing the manual job as the drilling goes on. The history of Government has shown that it has does not have that commitment in terms of servicing machines for example we have Courtesy uses that were bought by the County Government and the maintenance of these buses has proven not to be easy for the County Government. To some extent when you go ask for the buses for a social function within the community, you are to

The other thing is we have machines that have been bought for roads like the ones for Boresha Barabara. It has not been easy to service those machines and the competence of the machines that were to handle the work within the communities have underserved our communities. It is something that is supposed to be observed and evaluated so that we can realise whether to purchase these drilling machines for our people to have water because it is their right. We are supposed to extensively evaluate and see whether we can purchase the machines. Thank you. I rest my case.

**Hon. Alex Mbugua:** Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. I rise to oppose the Motion that the County should go ahead and buy the machines. This County has so many machines that are not functional at the moment. You find that even most of the graders, the people who are operating them are just on casual work. If we position ourselves at the gist of what Hon. Member, the mover of the Motion and my good friend Francis Kuria is stating that we keep on buying these machines then I think we shall not be getting what we really need. Water at Nakuru level has been given to different Departments for instance when you go Naivasha you will find that water is under NAIVAWASCO. In Nakuru City it is still under another Department. If these machines come to the ground then who will be in possession of these machines? Geographical Information System (GIS) is one of the major component in geographical positioning of water and other things. Who will be in the County to do the thorough investigations of what we need with this water? If we buy these machines and look at how other machines have been used like for instance Hon. Gatuso has cited an example of the Courtesy Buses within Nakuru County. We have other machines that are here; what has become of them? Recently I informed Hon. Francis Kuria of a machine that has broken down in Naivasha and has been left there for the last three years. It is also being sold as a

scrap metal by the residents. I have also heard from Hon. Degaulle that he has a County machine within his own compound at the moment. What the County Government should start with is come up with their own garage and employ people that can repair these machines and not servicing these machines from elsewhere. If we buy the borehole drilling machine at the moment then this will be another hot hair that cannot be sustained within this hard economy time. It is a noble idea that Hon. Francis Kuria has but it belongs to the future not today because today we cannot just afford it. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loice Kagecha): Hon. Alex are you in support or against the Motion?

**Hon. Alex Mbugua:** I am against buying any other machine within this County.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loice Kagecha): Hon. Mercy Kilel.

**Hon. Mercy Kilel:** Thank you very much Madam Temporary Speaker for this opportunity and I need to tell the gentlemen in this House that what a man can do a woman can do better so congratulations Madam Temporary Speaker the seat looks good on you. I also wish to welcome the students in the Gallery.

Concerning the Motion of the day, indeed it is a noble idea but the time has not yet come for such ideas to be brought to the County. As we know that the Counties are governed by the Public Finance Regulations and also have something called the PPDA Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act which provides procedures for public assets and disposals. That means we cannot just go ahead and purchase equipment for Counties yet we have contractors who are supposed to do that. Are we supposed to kill investors within our Counties as we know we have contractors that are meant to do specific duties like water drilling and such things?

Additionally we know that water drilling does not start and end with drilling as my colleagues have said. We have procedures such Hydro Geological Surveys which get to know the water potential of an area which is done by somebody who has studied such. Are you saying that we are going to employ such people within the County and you know that the County is financially strapped? We also have licenses and permits and we have things such as site visits for the area. That is a lot of work and it cannot be done within the mandates of the County. I wish to oppose this and to ask Mr. 'machines' sorry Hon. Kuria to rethink again and bring the Motion in a more palatable way to the Assembly. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loice Kagecha): Hon. Members, it will be very prudent if we refer the Members of the House through their proper names. Thank you. Hon. Muraya.

**Hon. Joseph Muraya:** Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker, first of all I want to welcome our great students from the two schools and the teachers; you are very much welcomed here. I also rise to oppose this Motion in totality because if we have a County that is unable to service a lab machine in my area how then do you convince me that this County will service a drilling machine? Last time here when we were given the Report by the Committee on Health, we heard that there is a hospital that the laundry machine is not functional so if we cannot service a laundry machine how then can we service and maintain a drilling machine? The cost that Hon. Kuria is telling us is



a total lie because that drilling machine can only cost Kshs 110 million plus. We do not even have the personnel as my colleague has said; how then are we going to purchase or have a Motion passed in this floor of the House? I am opposing until such a time when we shall have the Boresha machine functional. We are in five or six clusters and we are not even getting the touch of this Imarisha Barabara because every machine is at the garage. We have like three Lorries in our area that are lying there. It was a noble idea but untimely so I rise to oppose this Motion and I beg to oppose again.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loice Kagecha): Hon. Michael Gathanwa.

**Hon. Michael Gathanwa:** Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker and congratulations. My good friend Hon. Mutai before he left he told us that this does not require rocket science so we are going to look at it from the Bible not from rocket science. In the book of Matthew 13: 12, it tells us that those who have little even that little can be taken from them and those who have more can be added. But where I want us to concentrate on is in the book of Luke 16: 10 and it tells us that whoever can be trusted with something small can also be trusted with something big. I want to say that the problem we have with machines within the County is not a hardware machine but it is the software machine. The people who are supposed to be running them. I have a roller that is a compactor that has been parked at Lady Ann secondary school for I think three years. It only requires service. I have a dozer that has been parked there for one month now; it requires one hundred litres of fuel. I have an excavator that has been packed in Oljorai for twenty nine days; it only requires service. Luke 16: 10 says, if you cannot be trusted with little then you cannot be trusted with more and even the little that you have will be taken away from you. I think that we really need a drilling machine as a County but before that we need to do an overhaul of the software that is running this County. It is the one that is letting us down. We need to do an overhaul and make sure that people are doing what they are supposed to be doing.

You cannot tell me that you can be a CEO or a Director in a Department and you cannot account where your machines are and cannot procure for a service early enough. I come from an area where we have water problems, very challenging water problems. We lack water...

**SIELE**

**Hon. Michael Gathanwa:** And when it rains the water kills us. Right now, I am receiving a lot of calls because we have a problem with flash floods but in a few months, we will be receiving a lot of calls because we have a problem with drinking water and water for our cattle and other livestock. I am torn between agreeing with the fact that we really need a drilling machine; but also in my experience and not using rocket science, we cannot agree to add salt on a wound. The County has been unable to maintain machines and unable to run them and assign proper operators. Therefore, I would have supported the Motion, had we first done a bit of checkup in the software that is running this program. So, I have to oppose this Motion.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loise Kagecha): So, let us have Hon. Ngeru and then we have Hon. Chemutai and then Hon. Maritim in that order.

**Hon. Anthony Kanyere:** Thank you so much Madam Temporary Speaker. I stand to try to save the face of my friend by supporting the Motion with some few words. I cannot stand here and purport that you know, going by the previous Members of County Assembly that have talked, they have shown total incompetence in our Departments and that is not in order. I think somebody is sleeping on his or her job because we have Departments and even Committees that are supposed to report such cases and we cannot just kill the Motion because somebody somewhere has slept on their job. I think the spirit of the Motion is clear and timely given that we have a program by the name *Boresha Barabara* or *Imarisha Barabara*. That program by itself does not work but we cannot go by the parameters that it does not work. It is up to us as Legislators of this House to provide and perfect ways but I would like to support the Motion with amendments in that the mover of the Motion said that it will be the 3 core business of the County to drill water. Let us not be the core business of the County but instead let us have it to promote and mitigate on water issues but it is not the core business of the County to drill water because I think we need to have thorough cost analysis of the program. If we can come up with the cost analysis he has tried given that the cost of the machine is Kshs 40 million but if he can go further to do cost analysis on even the machine when it breaks down what can cost I think it will be in order. So, I support with amendments just to save the face of my friend. Thank you

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. John Maritim:** Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker I also stand to oppose the Motion. I believe he needs to list in a manner that in our lives, you cannot marry another wife if you fail to maintain your first wife. We have been buying machines and they are stalled in many places. Like where I come from, there is a school called Koige Secondary school, there has been machine lying there since 2017. I do not know whether it has been vandalised so I think the best thing we can do is that let us try to deal with people who deal with water.

I think there is a Company called Davis and Shirliff; they are the best in the market and they are doing a wonderful job. The cost implication and cost of overhead maintenance all those things are way above. The best thing we can do is that we task the contractors to do a good job because these contractors, majority of them may have taken loans to purchase these machines. Purchase of machines will be done once the County shows commitment that they can do it well, there is proper maintenance and that is okay.

Secondly many Companies hire machines externally; why are they doing so? They know they are cheaper. You know purchasing a machine is not expensive, the problem is maintenance and if the County decides to buy this machine, they will be doing a shoddy job because they know that it is ours and there is nothing you can do with them like you cannot go and raise complain that they have done a shoddy job. So, I think the best thing that we can do is to rehabilitate the existing machines. Just like what Hon. Gathanwa said, let the machines lying idle be brought back and be revived to function well. Hon. Member from Malewa West that is the time we can come with this request so that we can revisit this issue. You know like now there is a dead stock of these machines and I think they are not going to give us any benefit. So, I stand to oppose the Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Hellen Megek:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker for this opportunity. I arise to support the Motion sponsored by Hon. Member from Malewa West to buy the drilling machines. I think it is very important especially where I come from, there is scarcity of water and it is a matter of urgency because many people are facing a lot of challenges without water. With financial assistance in this County Government of Nakuru, it is very important that we buy machines because new machines will improve also livelihood in addressing water shortages. Therefore, I support the Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. George Tallam:** Madam Temporary Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Order Hon Tallam!

**Hon. George Tallam:** Kindly

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Hon. Eliud

**Hon Eliud Chege:** Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. Thank you because your eyes have caught me; I have been standing for long. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I would like first to congratulate Hon. Kuria for coming up with such a noble idea and I think the Motion is good but it is not timely because now when you look at the cost of the machine, I do not think we are in a position to adopt such. When you talk about manpower, you talk about buying these machines, do we really have the required personnel?

Also, when you talk about two machines, I understand very well that we have 55 Wards I do not know how many boreholes have been drilled within a year because when we talk about two machines and one machine can do a borehole within four or five days, I think it is not achievable. Also, the Hon. Member from Malewa, I think he just concentrated on the drilling which is not a big issue but the problem is maintaining the machines. The machines will be accompanied with pipes, solarisation and other machines. The problem is how to maintain them. We have so many boreholes which are not running; the problem is not about the rings but maintenance. I also arise to oppose the Motion. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Hon. Minority

**The Minority Leader** (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. I wish to propose an adjournment of the debate because the debate that was brought to the floor of the House by the Hon. Member for Malewa is a very nice discussion but however, listening to the Members of the House, there are a few facts and findings that the Hon. Member did not put in consideration and therefore instead of us killing that good debate that was brought to the floor of the House, I propose that you invoke Standing Order 95 on the adjournment of a debate if the Hon. Member for Malewa is well with that. Therefore, I propose that we adjourn the debate.

*(Applause)*

**The Majority Leader** (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. In concurrence with what the Minority Leader has actually articulated; the issue of purchase of machineries and equipment is a very noble idea. Any activity that is carried out including the drilling of boreholes which we all know is a key thing in our County and it is very vital. Surely

going by the mood of the House and the way the debate is taking us, I would want to congratulate Hon. Francis for having brought this out. Indeed the idea is very good and indeed we need machines and we cannot have water without the drilling machines.

The heart and the spirit were very much good and as I congratulate him, this debate has also opened eyes to these Hon. Members that indeed there is a problem on how we maintain our equipment. Imagine this great machine including the ones that have been mentioned are lying in homes, in Trading Centres and are machines which cost millions of money and people who are operating these machines are casuals, people who have no assurance as far as employment at the County is concerned. They do not know whether they are there tomorrow or the day after and we entrust them with such great machines with a lot of value in terms of money. Even as they are operating these machines, we do not expect much from them, they do not care about them because we also as a County we have not cared about them and these are among other loopholes that this debate by Hon. Francis, as you are aware Madam Temporary Speaker is also the Chair of a Committee that deals with roads and it involves a lot of machines. When it comes to budgeting, we as an Assembly and a House should also think of apportioning more funding so that these machines can be maintained and also put in place a proper maintenance unit for that Department.

Therefore, as far as I also feel as an Hon. Member who comes from an area where water is a real problem, where we are thinking of sinking boreholes and thinking of reducing the costs because our Ward Funds are also very limited when it comes to the tendering system as opposed to when we have our own machine because we have seen the results even when we have the *Imarisha Barabara* Programs. When we go to the Public Works and request for machines and maybe we fuel in our own ways or even getting partners to fuel, it becomes cheaper than hiring a whole company or a person who is on business to come and do roads, it becomes cheaper.

Actually, there is no thought about it if we had our own machines because we still use the money, it will be cheaper and we will be able to perform more so Madam Temporary Speaker, this debate was brought in a bit prematurely and Hon. Member we need to do a bit of canvassing before the House so that Members can see the sense of this. Even as we put in place systems to ensure that we have a proper working Department and also put in place systems to learn that you cannot entrust a casual worker with machines worth millions of money, it will break down because the operators do not care about it.

So, I want to concur with the Leader of Minority Party that we adjourn this debate instead of killing this Honourable baby of purchasing of drilling machines to another date so that it can grow a little bit so that we can understand this child and let it grow to its fullness. Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Loise Kagecha): That pursuant to the Standing Order 95 (4), I adjourn this debate to a later date.

*(Applause)*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

This House stands adjourned until 2.30 pm in the afternoon.

**The House rose at 11.20am**