

Meghalaya Legislative Assembly

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Starred Questions

11th November, 2020

[Chief Minister - Public Work (Roads) - Animal Husbandry & Verterinary - Housing - Parliamentary Affairs - Labour - Home (Police) - Prisons - Home (Passport) - Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs - Power - Health & Family Welfare - Information & Public Relation - Arts & Culture - Transport - Commerce & Industries - Community & Rural Development - Soil & Water Conservation - Public Work (Buildings) - General Administration - Fisheries - Water Resources - Home Guards & Civil Defence - Forest & Environment - Education - Border Area Development - Revenue & Disaster Management - Social Welfare - Printing & Stationery - Agriculture - Horticulture - Sports & Youth Affairs - Urban Affairs - Municipal Administration - Information Technology - Public Health Engineering - Secretariat Administration - Legal Metrology - District Council Affairs - Law - Cooperation - Taxation - Excise and Textile].

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Electricity Bill

*54 Mr. Process T. Sawkmie (Mawlai):

Will the Minister in-charge **Power** be pleased to state the reason which makes the MeECL to increase the Electricity Bill in the State during the lockdown period (w.e.f April - July 2020)?

Cabinet meetings

*55 Mr. Zenith M. Sangma (Rangsakona):

Will the Minister in-charge **Parliamentary Affairs** be pleased to state:-

(a) The fate of the Cabinet on the move programme of the Government

wherein Cabinet meetings were proposed to be held in different District Headquarters on rotation?

(b) The expenditure incurred so far in holding Cabinet meetings outside the State Capital?

(c) The logic behind the above programme?

Greater Selsella Water Supply Scheme

***56 Mrs. Ferlin C. A. Sangma (Selsella):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Public Health Engineering** be pleased to state:-

(a) The status of the Greater Selsella Water Supply Scheme?

(b) When the scheme/project was sanctioned?

(c) The total estimated cost of the project?

(d) To whom the work has been awarded?

(b) The total number villages that are supposed to be covered under the scheme?

(c) Whether any additional sanctioned has been accorded for the same project?

(d) The expected time for completion of this project?

Release of D.A. and Arrears of the Government employees

***57 Dr. Azad Zaman (Rajabala):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Chief Minister** be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether the Government is considering to release the Dearness Allowance (DA) for the year 2019 - 2020 of the Government employees?

(b) Whether the Government is considering to release the remaining amount of 30% Arrears of the Government employees?

African Swine Fever

***58 Mr. George B. Lyngdoh (Umroi):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Animal Husbandry & Verterinary** be pleased to state:-

(a) The total number of livestock affected due to the African Swine Fever during the current year, District wise?

(b) The total amount spent to tackle the effects of the African Swine Fever during the current year, District wise?

(c) The activities that have been taken up to tackle the African Swine Fever and the amount spent on the respective activities?

Tura College of Teachers Education

***59 Mr. Lazarus M Sangma (Chokpot):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Education** be pleased to state:-

(a) The reason that the Tura College of Teachers Education de-affiliated?

(b) The actions taken by the Government for re-affiliation of the same?

(c) The reason that there is no intake of students in Tura College of Teachers Education in 2020?

(d) The future plan for the college if B.Ed is discontinued?

(e) Whether there are any new rules in National Education Policy 2020 where B.Ed is being abolished all over India?

(f) If the reply at (e) above is in the affirmative, the exact rules mentioned in National Education Policy may be provided?

(g) If the reply at (e) above is in the negative, the reason that B.Ed is being discontinued in Tura college of Teachers Education?

(h) Whether there are any new rules which mentions that B.Ed needs to be replaced with B.A. El Ed in the new National Education Policy?

(i) If the reply at (h) above is in the affirmative, the exact rules and act of the National Education Policy, 2020 may be provided?

(j) If the reply at (h) above is in the negative, the reasons as why the Institution is being discontinued on providing the B.Ed courses in Tura?

(k) The steps taken by the Government to ensure that people in Garo Hills are going to be provided worth B.Ed courses?

Jal Jivan Mission

***60 Mr. Himalaya M. Shangpliang (Mawsynram):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Public Health Engineering** be pleased to state:-

(a) The total number of villages targeted in the State to be provided drinking water facilities under Jal Jivan Mission(JJM) before 2023?

(b) The total number of villages where distribution and retro fitting works have been completed till date, District-wise?

(c) The total amount of money sanctioned by Government of India for the implementation of Jal Jivan Mission(JJM)?

(d) The total amount of expenditures incurred so far by the State for the implementation of Jal Jivan Mission(JJM)?

Machines for supplying of food-grains

***61 Dr. Mazel Ampareen Lyngdoh (East Shillong):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs** be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether the Department has distributed machines for supply of food - grains under NFSA & Non NFSA in Shillong City in the recent months?

(b) The purpose of the distribution of these machines?

(c) Whether the Department has conducted training of Fair Price Shop owners for this purpose?

Scheduled Tribe Certificate

***62 Mr. Adelbert Nongrum (North Shillong):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Social Welfare** be pleased to state:-

(a) The provision of law that the District Commissioner's Office issued Scheduled Tribe Certificate?

(b) The reason that the District Council being a constitutional and a statutory body are not empowered to issued Scheduled Tribe Certificate?

Rural Habitations in the State

***63 Mr. Syntar Klas Sunn (Mawphlang):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Public Health Engineering** be pleased to state:-

(a) The total number of rural habitations in the State?

(b) The total number of rural habitations provided with organized water supply system?

(c) The total number of rural habitations which are Fully Covered (FC)?

(d) The total number of rural habitations which are Partially Covered (PC)?

(e) The total number of rural habitations which are Not Covered (NC)?

Corona Care Center

***64 Mr. Kimfa Sidney Marbaniang (Rambrai-jyrngam):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Health & Family Welfare** be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether any expenditure has been incurred for setting up of Corona Care Center?

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the details thereof?

Soksan-Mendipathar PWD Road

***65 Mr. Marthon Sangma (Mendipathar):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Public Work (Roads)** be pleased to state when the long abandoned road from Soksan to Keragalrams under North Garo Hills Division be repaired/renovated?

Coke Industries in the state

***66 Mr. Winnerson D. Sangma (Salmanpara):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Commerce & Industries** be pleased to state:-

(a) The number of legally operational Coke Industries in the State?

(b) The name of legally operational Coke Industries with locations, District-wise?

Block Institute of Teacher's Education

***67 Mrs. Miani D. Shira (Ampati):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Public Work (Buildings)** be pleased to state:-

a) Whether the construction of the 3 (three) Block Institute of Teacher's Education (BITEs) Centres at

(i) Betasing, South West Garo Hills?

(ii) Byndihati, East Jaintia Hills? and

(iii) Sakwang, South West Khasi Hills sanctioned together during 2017-18 has been completed?

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the negative, the current status of these projects thereof?

(c) If the reply at (a) above is in the negative, the total amount released so far for the respective projects?

Khasi and Garo language in the Eight Scheduled of the Constitution of India.

***68 Mr. Mayralborn Syiem (Nongpoh):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Chief Minister** be pleased to state the status of the enlisting of Khasi and Garo language in the Eight Schedule of the Constitution of India?

Job Card holders, VEC'S and Villages under Demdema Block, West Garo Hills

***69 Mr. Jimmy D Sangma (Tikrikilla):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Community & Rural Development** be pleased to state:-

(a) The total number of Job Card holders, VEC's and villages under Demdema Block, West Garo Hills?

(b) Whether the Government has any rule or guideline to create more VEC's bifurcation form one VEC in a village?

(c) The term of VEC's secretary?

(d) Whether there is any guideline for selection of VEC (i.e Election or Selection)?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Demdema Block have not issued even a single Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) work orders to the VECs during this year?

(f) The wages money be disbursed through individual Bank Accounts in Demdema Block?

PMGSY Phase II, within Rongjeng C&RD Block East Garo Hills

***70 Dr. Mukul Sangma (Songsak):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Public Work (Roads)** be pleased to state:-

(a) The name of the projects taken up under PMGSY Phase II, within the Rongjeng C & RD Block East Garo Hills?

(b) The physical progress of the projects respectively till date?

(c) The financial progress of the projects respectively till date?

Ganol Small Hydro Power Project

***71 Mr. Zenith M. Sangma (Rangsakona):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Power** be pleased to state:-

(a) The status of the Ganol Small Hydro Power Project of 22.5 MW capacity?

(b) The total amount target for commissioning after 2014 approved cost?

(c) Whether the estimate of the above project has been revised recently or within the last one year?

(d) If the reply at (c) above is in affirmative, the revised amount and the reason thereof?

Rajabala Police Out Post

***72 Dr. Azad Zaman (Rajabala):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Home (Police)** be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether the Government has taken any steps to renovate/repair the infrastructure of Rajabala Police Out Post?

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the negative, the reason thereof?

Consultants appointed in the State for various works under IBDLP

***73 Mr. Himalaya M. Shangpliang (Mawsynram):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Chief Minister** be pleased to state:-

(a) The total number of consultants appointed in the State for various works under the Integrated Basin Development Livelihood Promotion (IBDLP), the Meghalaya Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (MIDFC) and all State Government Department/Corporations from the year 2015 till date indicating the name, year of appointment, purpose of appointment and name of Departments/Corporations?

(b) Whether these consultants have Trading Licence?

(c) If the reply at (b) above is in the affirmative, the name of the offices's location with address in Meghalaya?

(d) The rates at which these consultants have been appointed?

(e) Whether there is uniformity in their rates at which they have been appointed?

(f) The total amount released to the consultants till date?

(g) The criteria on which the rates have been adopted?

Cost of COVID-19 treatment

***74 Mr. Adelbert Nongrum (North Shillong):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Health & Family Welfare** be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether the Government will be subsidized or give a special grant for the cost of COVID treatment under MHIS?

(b) Whether the Government will be subsidized for the cost of Rapid Antigen Test and RT-PCR Test for the lower middle income families?

(c) The total amount spent by the Government from September 27, 2020 to October 16, 2020?

(d) Whether all the amount expenditure spent by the Government for COVID being audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General?

Numbers of Secondary School upgraded to Higher Secondary School

***75 Mr. Mayralborn Syiem (Nongpoh):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Education** be pleased to state:-

the total number of Secondary Schools upgraded to Higher Secondary Schools which is being financially supported by the Government during the year 2018-2019 till date?

Salmanpara Primary Health Centre

***76 Mr. Winnerson D. Sangma (Salmanpara):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Health & Family Welfare** be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether the Department is aware of the death of an infant of 2 (two) months old at Salmanpara Primary Health Centre after half an hour of administration of vaccine on the 23rd September, 2020?

(b) The name of the vaccine that was administered to the victim infant?

Maximum load allowed for a single axel or six wheeled trucks

***77 Mr. Zenith M. Sangma (Rangsakona):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Transport** be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Department has revised the maximum load to be allowed from 9 MT to 12 MT for a single axel or six wheeler trucks?

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the date from which it is being implemented and the justification thereof?

Project at Chibinang under West Garo Hills District

***78 Dr. Azad Zaman (Rajabala):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Agriculture** be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether the Government is considering to revive the Rongai Valley medium irrigation project at Chibinang under West Garo Hills District?

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the status of the project at present?

Installing " Functional" video cameras the MPSC interview room

***79 Mr. Adelbert Nongrum (North Shillong):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Chief Minister** be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether the Government intends to install “Functional” video cameras in the MPSC interview especially in view of the upcoming interview for the 38 MCS posts and other posts in order to avoid lengthy litigation in the High court?

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, when will be completed?

Chairman cum Managing Director of the MeECL

***80 Mr. Zenith M. Sangma (Rangsakona):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Power** be pleased to state:-

(a) The names of (i) Chairman cum Managing Director? (ii) Director Finance? (iii) Director Corporation Affairs of the MeECL during the period from 01.04.2018 to 15.10.2020?

(b) The name of the present Chairman cum Managing Director of MeECL?

(c) Whether he is also holding some other post/posts also in the MeECL and in other departments in the Government of Meghalaya?

(d) If the reply at (b) above is in affirmative, the details thereof?

Overall registration of AADHAR in the State

***81 Mr. Mayralborn Syiem (Nongpoh):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Chief Minister** be pleased to state:-

(a) The status and overall registration of AADHAR in the State?

(b) The steps taken for speedy registration in the State?

District Mineral Foundation

***82 Mr. Himalaya M. Shangpliang (Mawsynram):**

Will the Minister in-charge **Chief Minister** be pleased to state:-

(a) The total amount of funds that have been released under the District Mineral Foundation(DMF) to every District in the State during the year 2019

and 2020?

(b) Whether any specific guidelines to execute the projects under the District Mineral Foundation(DMF) have been notified by the Government?

(c) The projects under the District Mineral Foundation(DMF) being implemented?

(d) Whether MLAs are notified as members of the District Mineral Foundation(DMF) Governing Council?

(e) The number of meetings that the District Mineral Foundation(DMF) Governing Council of East Khasi Hills had met during 2019 and 2020?
