

MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Fish Farmers in the State

Shri MAYRALBORN SYIEM

Shri A. L. HEK
(Minister in-charge Fisheries)

*90. Will the Minister in-charge Fisheries be pleased to state :-

(a) The specific measures that have been taken by the Government to support the fish farmers in the State who have avail loans under various Government Scheme?

(a) Sir,

1. Farm Inputs in Critical Infrastructure like fish feeds.
2. Fish Seeds.
3. Area Expansion.
4. Capacity Building.
5. Low rate of interest from MCAB.

(b) Whether the Government has taken steps to address challenges face by such as disease outbreak?

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The means of the Government is taking to ensure that the good quality of fish seeds is available to the farmers in the State?

(c) Sir, means taken as in establishment of:

1. Fibreglass Reinforced Plastic (FRP) carp hatcheries.
2. Eco - hatcheries.
3. Brooders Bank in Umktieh farm.
4. Facilitate imports of seeds from other States.

Railings at Khyndailad

Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM

Shri SNIAWBHALANG DHAR
(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Urban Affairs)

*91. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Urban Affairs be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Government is aware that some railings at Khyndailad (Police Bazar) has served as drying clothes stand?

(a) No, Sir, the railings are installed for the safety of pedestrians.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the action that the Government has taken?

(b) Does not arise in view at (a) above.

Meghalaya Protection of Catchment Area Act, 1990

Shri OLLAN SINGH SUIN

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

*92. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Meghalaya Protection of Catchment Area Act, 1990 was implemented?

(a) No, Sir, the Meghalaya Protection of Catchment Area Act 1990 could not be implemented effectively.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the area/place and how it was implemented?

(b) Sir, does not arise in view at (a) above.

(c) If the reply at (a) above is in the negative, the reason for the delay?

(c) The Meghalaya Protection of Catchment Area Act, 1990 does not provide any other mechanism for creation of catchment areas except through consent of the land owners which is extremely difficult to secure. However a comprehensive amendment of the Act is under consideration.

- (d) Whether the Catchment Area Advisory Board was constituted? (d) Yes, Sir, the Catchment Area Advisory Board was constituted.
- (e) The name of the members? (e) Sir, the designation of the Members of the Catchment Area Advisory Board as notified by the State Government *vide* Notification No.FOR.151/89/Pt/82 dated 21.07.2017 is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Meghalaya Farmers' Empowerment

Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN

**Dr. M. AMPAREEN LYNGDOH
(Minister in-charge Agriculture
& Farmers' Welfare)**

*93. Will the Minister in-charge Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare be pleased to state :-

- (a) When was the Meghalaya Farmer's Empowerment Commission constituted? (a) Sir, the Meghalaya Farmers' (Empowerment) Commission was constituted in 2019 by an Act of the Meghalaya State Legislative Assembly through the Meghalaya Farmers' (Empowerment) Commission Act, 2019 (Act No.22 of 2019).

It was notified in the Gazette of Meghalaya on 16th October, 2019.

- (b) The role and function of the Commission? (b) Sir, the role of the Commission is to act as a bridge between the farmers and the Government in identifying key issues to engage itself in the formulation of long-term and short-term policy measures for the benefit of the farmers in the State of Meghalaya. It also suggests remedial measures to make farming sector more attractive and remunerative for farmers and youth.

Rationalisation Exercise of Government LP Schools in the State

Dr. CELESTINE LYNGDOH

Shri RAKKAM A. SANGMA
(Minister in-charge Education)

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

(a) The total number of schools with low enrolment that are closed down in the recently concluded rationalisation exercise of all Government LP Schools in the State?

(a) Sir, no school has been closed by the Government.

(b) The total number of students who are affected from all closed schools by such exercise?

(c) Whether there is any alternative arrangements for the affected students, like assisting them for admission elsewhere?

(b), (c) & (d)
Sir, does not arise in view at (a) above.

(d) The consequences to the infrastructure of the closed schools?

Unelectrified Villages in West Khasi Hills District

Shri GABRIEL WAHLANG

Shri ABU TAHER MONDAL
(Minister in-charge Power)

*95. Will the Minister in-charge Power be pleased to state the total number of unelectrified villages in West Khasi Hills District?

Sir, the total number of unelectrified villages in West Khasi Hills District is **15 (fifteen)**.

Room Charges in Meghalaya Houses

**Shri RENIKTON LYNGDOH
TONGKHAR**

**Shri RAKKAM A. SANGMA
(Minister in-charge General
Administration)**

*96. Will the Minister in-charge General Administration be pleased to state the room rate charges per night for VVIP and general public separately in all Meghalaya Houses?

Sir, the room rate charges for :-

- (i) VVIP at the rate of ₹500/- per head, per day, per seat excluding other charges as applicable.
- (ii) General Public :
 - (a) Non-AC room = ₹ 400/-
 - (b) Normal AC room = ₹ 600/-
 - (c) Deluxe AC room = ₹ 800/-

The seat rent is charged per head, per day, per seat excluding other charges as applicable.

Setting up of a New Police Station at Upper Shillong

Shri RONNIE V. LYNGDOH

**Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG
[Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Home (Police)]**

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

- (a) The status of the proposal for setting up of a new police station at Upper Shillong?
- (b) The specific reasons for the delays in the setting up of a new police station at Upper Shillong?
- (c) The estimated timeline for the completion of setting up of a new police station at Upper Shillong?

(a), (b) & (c)
Sir, the matter is under examination.

Financial Support to the Young Lawyers

Shri SANBOR SHULLAI

Dr. M. AMPAREEN LYNGDOH
(Minister in-charge Law)

*98. Will the Minister in-charge Law be pleased to state

(a) Whether any financial support is being provided to young lawyers during the initial years of their practice?

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Whether the Department has taken any measures to enhance the quality of legal services available to the public by supporting the professional development of young lawyers?

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Whether the Department has taken any measures to provide loan repayment assistance for those who want to pursue study in the field of law?

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Whether the Department has taken any measures to provide stipends to young lawyers who choose to work in public interest, legal aid or less privileged areas?

(d) Yes, Sir.

Election to the KHADC and JHADC

Shri MATTHEW B. KURBAH Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG (Deputy Chief Minister in-charge District Council Affairs)

*99. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge District Council Affairs be pleased to state :-

(a) The process of delimitation of District Council Constituencies for KHADC and JHADC be completed?

(a) Sir, it is ongoing likely to be completed soon.

- (b) The present status? (b) Sir, as at (a) above.
- (c) The likely date for which the election to the KHADC and JHADC will be held? (c) Sir, matter is under process.

Adaptation of Syllabus of CBSE in the State

Shri METBAH LYNGDOH

**Shri RAKKAM A. SANGMA
(Minister in-charge Education)**

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

- (a) Whether the Government intends to adapt the Syllabus of CBSE in place of MBOSE? (a) Sir,
1. The State has adopted the CBSE Syllabus for Classes XI and XII in Science & Commerce Streams from the academic session 2018-2019.
 2. The State has also adopted the CBSE Syllabus in Arts Stream for Classes XI from the academic session 2024-2025 and for Classes XII the CBSE syllabus will be adopted from the academic session 2025-2026, with contextualization in subjects namely Geography, Political Science and History.
 3. The State Government has also adopted NCERT textbooks from Class I to Class X for core subjects namely English, Mathematics and Science.
- (b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, when the Government intends to start? (b) Sir, does not arise in view of (a) above.

Rongjeng Sports Stadium

Shri JIM SANGMA

Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI
(Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Affairs)

*101. Will the Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Affairs be pleased to state whether the Government has started the process for construction of the Rongjeng Sports Stadium at Rongjeng Football Ground?

Sir, the Department has approved the project of construction of the Rongjeng Sports Stadium. Further processing of the project including tendering are under process.

Farmers Engaged in Areca Nut Plantation

Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA

Dr. M. AMPAREEN LYNGDOH
(Minister in-charge Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare)

*102. Will the Minister in-charge Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of farmers engaged in areca nut plantation, District-wise?

(a) Sir, the total number of farmers engaged in Arecanut cultivation in the State is 1,28,551. The District-wise breakdown is as follows :

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Total No. of Farmers engaged in arecanut plantation
1	East Khasi Hills	8,102 Nos.
2	Eastern West Khasi Hills	341 Nos.
3	Ri-Bhoi	860 Nos.
4	West Khasi Hills	2,266 Nos.
5	South West Khasi Hills	3,595 Nos.
6	West Jaintia Hills	1,826 Nos.
7	East Jaintia Hills	65 Nos.
8	West Garo Hills	40,100 Nos.
9	South West Garo Hills	26,564 Nos.
10	South Garo Hills	26,030 Nos.
11	East Garo Hills	6,517 Nos.
12	North Garo Hills	12,285 Nos.
	Total	1,28,551 Nos.

(b) Whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp drop in the demand and price of areca nut?

(b) Yes, Sir, there has been a drop in the price and demand for arecanut.

(c) If the reply at (b) above is in the affirmative, the reasons thereof?

(c) Sir, the rise and fall of prices of commodities is dependent on the demand and supply forces of the market.

The Government through various interventions is supporting the farmers to overcome the market price volatility of agri-products.

Implementation of JJM in Mawlai

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

**Shri MARCUISE N. MARAK
(Minister in-charge Public Health
Engineering)**

*103. Will the Minister in-charge Public Health Engineering be pleased to state the status of implementation of JJM in the whole State in general and in the following localities/villages in particular :-

Sir, the status of implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission throughout the State in terms of coverage as on 18.08.2024 is 5,23,600 Nos. of households which is approximately 80.44% of the total target.

The status in the following villages are as follows :-

i) Mawlai Umthlong?

i) Mawlai Umthlong : The work is ongoing and the overall physical progress is 15%.

ii) Mawlai Umjajew?

ii) Mawlai Umjajew : It is not covered under JJM.

iii) Mawlai Mawiong Umjapung?

iii) Mawlai Mawiong Umjapung : The work is ongoing and the overall physical progress is 50%.

iv) Mawlai Mawiong Rim?

iv) Mawlai Mawiong Rim : The work is ongoing and the overall physical progress is 35%.

v) Mawlai Nongkwar (Block-13)?

v) Mawlai Nongkwar (Block-13) : The work is ongoing and the overall physical progress is 23%.

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| vi) Mawai Umshing Umjapung? | vi) Mawai Umshing Umjapung : The work is completed. |
| vii) Mawai Mawkyroh? | vii) Mawai Mawkyroh : The work is ongoing and the overall physical progress is 95%. |
| viii) Mawai Mawtawar? | viii) Mawai Mawtawar : The work is ongoing and the overall physical progress is 95%. |
| ix) Umsaw? | ix) Umsaw : The work is completed. |
| x) Nongkohlew? | x) Nongkohlew : The work is completed. |
| xi) Mawsiatkhnam? | xi) Mawsiatkhnam : The work is completed. |
| xii) Umphrew? | xii) Umphrew : The work is completed. |
| xiii) Umrynjah? | xiii) Umrynjah : The work is completed. |
| xiv) Madan Mawkhar? | xiv) Madan Mawkhar : The work is completed. |

**Requirement of D.EL.Ed. for S.S.A, Deficit,
Ad hoc and Government School Teachers**

Shri REMINGTON G. MOMIN

**Shri RAKKAM A. SANGMA
(Minister in-charge Education)**

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

(a) Whether the Department is aware that there is only 1 (one) seat each for Garo D.EL.Ed. students in the entire West Khasi Hills and South West Khasi Hills Districts; whereas, there is a requirement of D.EL.Ed. for S.S.A., Deficit, Adhoc and Government School Teachers?

a) No, Sir. the admission to D.El.Ed programme is based on merit only.

(b) Whether the Government will be creating more D.EL.Ed. seats for the Garo students in these Districts?

(b) Sir, does not arise in view of above.

Census Town in the State

Shri MAYRALBORN SYIEM

**Shri SNIAWBHALANG DHAR
(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Urban Affairs)**

*105. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Urban Affairs be pleased to state:-

(a) The total number and names of Census Town in the State?

(a) Sir, there are 12 Census Towns in Meghalaya. They are :

1. Lawsohtun
2. Madanryting
3. Mawlai
4. Mawpat
5. Nongkseh
6. Nongmynsong
7. Nongthymmai
8. Pynthorumkhrah
9. Umlyangka
10. Umpling
11. Umroi
12. Sohra.

(b) The benefits that the Census Town are getting from the State Government?

(b) Sir, the State Government implements the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes of :

1. Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)
2. Pradhan Mantri Awaz Yojana (Urban)
3. National Urban Livelihood Mission in the Shillong Urban Agglomeration which consists of 10 Census Towns excluding Umroi and Sohra.

- (c) The name/Agency who managed the day to day affairs within the Census Town? (c) Sir, the Department has no agency which manages urban functions within Census Towns.
- (d) How was the Management Committee constituted? (d) Sir, does not arise in view at (c) above.

Drugs Menace

Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM

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

- (a) The reason that the Government cannot implemented entry and exit checkpoints so as to enable reduction, control and elimination of drugs supply into the State?
- (b) The rationale of the Government in shifting responsibility to the Dorbar Shnong for tackling drug peddlers and drug users?
- (c) Whenever drugs like heroin are seized by Police, why such seizures are not immediately publicized?
- (d) The reason to preserve the seized heroin?
- (e) If seized drug substances are destroyed or burnt, the reason that these actions are not made open in public?

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG
[Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home (Police)]

- (a) Sir, drugs movement in the State is checked through mobile check points (MCP) and police nakas based on intelligence inputs.
- (b) Sir, co-operation of Dorbar Shnong is being solicited, to increase detection of drug trafficking and prevent drug abuse within the localities.
- (c) Sir, press release is being issued after seizures of drugs. Social Media is also another medium wherein, information about drug seizures is being shared on regular basis.
- (d) Sir, under the NDPS Act, once Narcotic drugs like heroin are seized, they become the property of the Court. These seized substances are considered crucial evidence in prosecuting the accused, and their integrity is vital for proceedings.
- (e) Sir, disposal of drugs have been broadcasted/published by electronic and print media as well as in the Social Media.

Natural Calamities in East Khasi Hills

Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN

**Shri KYRMEN SHYLLA
(Minister in-charge Revenue &
Disaster Management)**

*107. Will the Minister in-charge Revenue & Disaster Management be pleased to state the total number of households that are affected due to natural calamities in East Khasi Hills in the last one year?

Sir, a total number of **198 households** were affected by natural calamities in East Khasi Hills during the last one year.

**Road Projects under North East Special Infrastructure
Development Scheme (NESIDS)**

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

**Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG
[Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Public Works (Roads)]**

*108. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Public Works (Roads) be pleased to state:-

(a) The number of road projects sanctioned, approved cost and fund released under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (Roads) (NESIDS) during the last 5 years i.e; from 2019-20 to 2023-2024?

(a) Sir, there are 7 (seven) numbers of road projects sanctioned under NESIDS (Roads) during the last 5 years i.e; from 2019-20 to 2023-24, the total approved cost is ₹404.35 Crore and the total fund released is ₹276.88 Crore.

(b) The implementation period of the projects sanctioned under NESIDS?

(b) Sir, 24 (Twenty Four) months from the date of issue of FWO.

(c) The name of the implementing agencies under NESIDS?

(c) Sir, Public Works Department (Roads), Meghalaya is the implementing agency.

MGNREGS Works at Nongstoin

Shri GABRIEL WAHLANG

**Shri ABU TAHER MONDAL
(Minister in-charge Community &
Rural Development)**

*109. Will the Minister in-charge Community & Rural Development be pleased to state the total amount sanctioned to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme works to the Nongstoin Community & Rural Development during the year, 2023-2024?

Sir, the total amount allocated for Nongstoin Community & Rural Development Block during the Financial Year 2023-24 is ₹2080.06 lakh.

Sand Mining and Stone Quarry

Shri RONNIE V. LYNGDOH

**Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)**

*110. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state the specific steps that the Government is taking to address the economic hardships faced by people dependent on sand mining and stone quarrying for their livelihood?

Sir, the competent authority would grant the mining lease or quarry permit, as the case may be, expeditiously under the provisions of Meghalaya Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016 after the applicant submits all clearance and documents prescribed under Meghalaya Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016 for issuance of such mining lease or quarry permit. Further, the concerned Divisional Forest Officers have been counselling and facilitating the applicants in the modalities involved apart from organizing awareness drives to acquaint the general public on the procedure involved for Mining Leases and Quarry permits.

**Establishment of the Office of the
Sub-Divisional Police Officer at Rongjeng**

Shri JIM SANGMA

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG
**[Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Home (Police)]**

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

(a) Whether the Government has any plan to establish the office of the Sub-Divisional Police Officer at Rongjeng?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) When it be established?

(b) Sir, the proposal is under examination.

(c) Whether any action will be taken to fill up the shortage of manpower at Rongjeng Police Station?

(c) Yes, Sir.

Damaged Transformer

Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA

Shri ABU TAHIER MONDAL
(Minister in-charge Power)

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

(a) Whether there is a stipulated time limit in place to replace or fix a damaged transformer?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the stipulated time limit within which a damaged transformer should be replaced?

(b) Sir, the time required to restore power after the replacement of a failed Distribution Transformer (DT) can vary based on several factors like:

(i) **Severity of the Failure:** If there is significant damage to surrounding infrastructure (e.g., cables, poles) additional time may be needed for repairs before the new DT can be installed.

- (ii) **Accessibility of the Site:** The location of the failed DT can impact restoration time. Remote or difficult-to-access areas may require more time for equipment and personnel to reach the site.
- (iii) **Weather Conditions:** Adverse weather conditions such as heavy rain, storms etc., can delay the replacement process and extend the restoration time.

However, the MePDCL tries its best to replace the damaged transformer in the shortest possible time which is within one day in urban area & 4 days in rural areas.

Funding from the World Bank

**Shri RENIKTON LYNGDOH
TONGKHAR**

**Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)**

*113. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state the list of work from the different Departments that had been proposed for funding from the World Bank for the year 2024-25?

Sir, is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

New Building of Government L.P. Schools

Shri MAYRALBORN SYIEM

**Shri RAKKAM A. SANGMA
(Minister in-charge Education)**

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

(a) The number of Government L.P. Schools in the State that will be getting new building within this financial year 2024-2025, District-Wise?

(a) Sir, the number of Government LP Schools that will be getting new building within the Financial Year 2024-25 is yet to be finalized.

- (b) When the Department will start for the renovation/construction of the existing Adhoc/Deficit LP/UP Schools in the State? (b) Sir, the matter is being examined.
- (c) Whether the Government have any plan to sanction Adhoc Grants to the existing Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools in the State for those who have not received any grant from the Government? (c) Sir, the matter is being examined.

Maintenance of Streetlights

Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM

**Shri ABU TAHER MONDAL
(Minister in-charge Power)**

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) is no longer responsible for maintaining streetlights in Shillong city, particularly in areas under 17 North Shillong Constituency? (a) Sir, the streetlights installed under Shillong Smart City under the purview of Shillong Municipal Board are maintained by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Smart City. Only the streetlightings not covered under the Shillong Smart City Projects are maintained by the MeECL.
- (b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, who is responsible for the maintenance, repair, and monitoring of such streetlights? (b) Sir, the Chief Executive Officer, Shillong Smart City Project and the MeECL as the case may be.

Alternate Waste Disposal Site

Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN

**Shri SNIAWBHALANG DHAR
(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Urban Affairs)**

*116. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Urban Affairs be pleased to state the plan of the Government on having an alternative waste disposal site other than the present site at Marten, Mawlai?

Sir, the process for identification of alternative land for Integrated Scientific Solid Waste Management Facility is already initiated.

Status of Construction of State Dispensary at Mawlai

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

Dr. M. AMPAREEN MAZELLYNGDOH
(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)

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

(a) The status of construction of State dispensary at Nonglum?

(a) Sir, the construction of State Dispensary at Nonglum is under examination.

(b) The status of the proposed PHC at Mawtawar?

(b) Sir, the proposed PHC at Mawtawar is under examination.

Prevention of Soil Erosion

Shri MAYRALBORN SYIEM

Shri MARCUISE N. MARAK
(Minister in-charge, Soil & Water Conservation)

*118. Will the Minister in-charge Soil & Water Conservation be pleased to state:-

(a) The plan of the Government to address soil erosion/water logging/rampant dumping of soil in urban areas or semi urban areas which leads to unprecedented flood?

(a) Sir, as far as this Department is concerned, there are no plans at present to address soil erosion/water logging/rampant dumping of soil in urban areas or semi urban areas which leads to unprecedented flood.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the steps taken to prevent such unprecedented flood in the areas?

(b) Sir, does not arise in view at (a) above.

State Government Employees

Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM

**Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)**

*119. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of the State Government Employees, other than Police personnel, that are there at present along with figures separately for State Government and State Government undertakings?

(a) Sir, the total number of the State Government Employees other than Police Personnel is 38403. For the number of employees of the State Government Undertakings, the information is being collected.

(b) The total number of vacancies that are there in posts under the State Government, other than Police Department, and State Government undertakings along with figures separately?

(b), (c) & (d)

(c) The total number of contractual employees that are there under the State Government and State Government undertakings along with figures separately?

Sir, the information is being collected.

(d) The total number of employees that are there in private sector jobs/enterprises supported or promoted by Government schemes?

**Status of the Shillong Government College of Engineering at Mawlai
Kynton Massar**

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

**Shri RAKKAM A. SANGMA
(Minister in-charge Education)**

*120. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state the present status of the Shillong Government College of Engineering at Mawlai Kynton Massar inaugurated by the Chief Minister on 16-01-2023?

Sir, the present status of the Shillong Government College of Engineering at Mawlai Kynton Massar inaugurated by the Chief Minister on 16-01-2023 is as follows :

1. The construction work for the Academic Block, Boys' & Girls' Hostels of Shillong Government College of Engineering, Shillong has been completed and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya on the 16th January, 2023.
2. Construction of internal road and landscaping and providing of service connection viz., electricity and water supply in the campus of the Shillong Government College of Engineering is completed.
3. 55 (Fifty-five) Teaching and Non-Teaching posts have been created by the Government.
4. The Academic Council of NEHU has granted provisional affiliation for offering of B.Tech courses.
5. Shillong Government College of Engineering (SGCE), Shillong is in the process of obtaining AICTE approval for starting the courses.
6. For making the Engineering College fully functional, the Government has conveyed approval to allow the Additional Director & Principal of Shillong Polytechnic, Mawlai and 13 (thirteen) Faculty Members of Shillong Polytechnic who are qualified to hold additional charge as Head of the Institute as Faculty Members of the Engineering College.

UPSC Examination such as IAS, IPS

Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN

**Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)**

*121. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state the reason as to why since 2013 till date none among the Khasi, Jaintia and Garo Students have not been able to get through the UPSC exams such as IAS, IPS?

Sir, there are no specific reasons. These are competitive examinations governed by the Union Public Service Commission.

