

# MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## AUTUMN SESSION

### STARRED

#### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

*Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.*

#### **Projects Sanctioned, Approved Cost and Fund Released under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (Other Than Roads Infrastructure)**

**Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG**

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

\*60. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-

(a) The number of Projects sanctioned, approved cost and fund released under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (Other Than Roads Infrastructure) (OTRI) during the last 5 years i.e., from 2019-20 to 2023-24?

(a) Sir, North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (Other Than Roads Infrastructure) NESIDS (OTRI) was introduced by the Ministry of DoNER during 2023 - 24.

Only 1 (one) project has been sanctioned under NESIDS (OTRI) during 2023 - 24 viz., Bulk Water Supply to the adjoining rural villages of Tura town.

Approved Cost ₹97.77 crore.

Fund released - Nil.

(b) The implementation period of the Projects sanctioned under NESIDS (Other Than Roads Infrastructure) (OTRI)?

(b) Sir, as per Guidelines issued by the DoNER Ministry dated 18.08.2023, there is no mentioned of a specific time frame for the projects sanctioned under NESIDS (OTRI) as timeline for completion of projects will differ from one project to the other.

(c) The names of the implementing agencies under NESIDS (OTRI)?

(c) Sir, Public Health Engineering.

**Roads at Mawphlang Constituency**

**Shri MATTHEW B. KURBAH**

**Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG**

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

\*61. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Public Works (Roads) be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of Road Projects that are in the pipeline under PMGSY, RIDF and State Scheme in Mawphlang Constituency?

(a) Sir, there are 4 (Four) number of projects that are in the Pipeline in Mawphlang Constituency. The details are as follows :-

1. P.M.G.S.Y- III - 2 (Two) Projects.
2. R.I.D.F Schemes - Nil.
3. State Schemes - 2 (Two) Projects.

(b) The names of those roads?

(b) Sir,

1. Thain Thynroh to Umsawmat to Lyngdoh Phanblang (PMGSY III).
2. T02 to Mawngap Mawkharshiing (PMGSY III).
3. Improvement and Rehabilitation of Mawphlang Cart Road and Mawphlang Balat Road (Wah Umpamtiah to Weiloi) (Additional Work).
4. Rehabilitation including Construction of approach road to the Sacred Groves Mawphlang.

(c) When will sanction be accorded?

(c) Sir, the Sanction by both the Government of India and the State Government will be accorded during the current Financial Year 2024-25.

## **Renovation of Government L. P. Schools in the State**

**Shri JIM SANGMA**

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

\*62. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state the status of renovation of Government L.P. Schools in the State implemented by the Meghalaya Infrastructure Development & Financial Corporation Ltd. (MID & FCL)?

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

## **District Disaster Management Authority Reports**

**Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA**

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

\*63. Will the Minister in-charge Revenue & Disaster Management be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether all the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) highlights and submits a report to the State Disaster Management Authority the vulnerable areas for natural disasters as per Section 30 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005?

(a) Sir, Yes.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, whether all other Departments are informed of the report and planning of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) for management and prevention of natural disasters in the vulnerable areas?

(b) Sir, Yes.

**Saplings Planted in the State**

**Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN**

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

\*64. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of saplings planted in the State from 2020 till June 2024?

(a) Sir, there are a total of **99,78,352 (Ninety Nine Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Two)** number of saplings planted in the State from 2020 till June 2024.

(b) The total number of saplings which have survived out of the reply at (a) above?

(b) Sir, the total number of saplings which have survived out of (a) above is **73,76,735 (Seventy Three Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Five)**.

**Survey of the Shortage of Drinking Water**

**Shri GABRIEL WAHLANG**

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

\*65. Will the Minister in-charge Public Health Engineering be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Department have done a survey on the shortage/ deficit of drinking water in the villages?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The measures/steps taken or intended to be taken by the Government to address the deficit in the daily supply of drinking water in the State?

(b) Sir, the measures/steps taken by the Government to address the deficit in the daily supply of drinking water in the State is through the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Har Ghar Jal, the Government Flagship drinking water programme launched in August, 2019.

The commissioning of JJM Schemes is expected to mitigate the problem of water scarcity in rural areas.

**Connecting Road from Lawsohtun to NH-40 at Upper Shillong**

**Shri RONNIE V. LYNGDOH**

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

\*66. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Public Works (Roads) be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Department is planning to construct a road from Lawsohtun to connect with NH-40 at Upper Shillong?

(a) Yes, Sir.

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

(b) Sir, the status of DPR preparation is in progress and Forest clearance is awaiting.

(c) If the reply at (a) above is in the negative, the reasons thereof?

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

**Identification Registration in the State**

**Shri SANBOR SHULLAI**

**Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI**  
**(Minister in-charge Labour)**

\*67. Will the Minister in-charge Labour be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Meghalaya Identification Registration (Safety and Security) of Migrant's Act 2020, is applicable to the genuine non tribals who are permanent residents of Meghalaya?

(a) No, Sir, the Meghalaya Identification, Registration (Safety & Security) of Migrant Workers (MIRSS) Act, 2020, is applicable only for Migrant Workers.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, under which rule such a law is applicable?

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

- (c) The kind of documents which are required for immigrants for those who come from other States for working in the State of Meghalaya?
- (c) Sir, a copy of identification like Aadhar/Pan Card/EPIC, Driver's License /Passport are required.
- (d) Whether work permit is required to work in the State of Meghalaya?
- (d) Sir, a work permit is not required to work in the State of Meghalaya.
- (e) If the reply at (d) above is in the affirmative, under which rules such work permit is applicable?
- (e) Sir, does not arise in view at (d) above.
- (f) Whether the genuine non tribals who are residents of Meghalaya require to obtain Labour Licence from the District Council?
- (f) Sir, this information does not relate to the Labour Department.
- (g) If the reply at (f) above is in the affirmative, the total number of days that the Labour Licence should be issued by the District Council?
- (g) Sir, this information does not relate to the Department of Labour, Employment & Skill Development.
- (h) If the reply at (f) above is in the affirmative, whether the system is online?
- (h) Sir, this information does not relate to the Department of Labour, Employment & Skill Development.
- (i) If the reply at (f) above is in the affirmative, the stipulated time limit if the District Council fails to issue Labour Licence to genuine non tribal residents?
- (i) Sir, this information does not relate to the Department of Labour, Employment & Skill Development.
- (j) Whether the Labour Act is specify as it becomes a gross violation of the Fundamental Rights and also deprives labour of their daily wage?
- (j) Sir, the Meghalaya Identification, Registration (Safety & Security) of Migrant Workers (MIRSS) Act, 2020 was enacted to regulate and ensure the safety and security of migrant workers. The Act requires that all migrant workers entering

the State be identified, registered and documented. This process allows the Government to maintain an accurate record of the migrant workers. This Act does not violate the fundamental rights of the migrant workers or deprive them of their daily wage.

(k) If the reply at (f) above is in the affirmative, the details thereof?

(k) Sir, not applicable in view at (f) above.

(l) The kind/type of rules to be followed by local contractors to register labour from other States may be provided?

(l) Sir,

(i) Under the Inter State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979, a Principal Employer who seeks to employ interstate migrant workman will recruit the interstate migrant workman from another State with the help of a Contractor/ Thakedar from the said State who will procure a recruitment license from that particular State's Labour Commissioner which will enable the Principal Employer and the Contractors/Thakedar to employ the recruited migrant workers. However, a contractor can register himself under the Inter State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979, *only* if he has recruited 5 or more migrant workers. Under the Inter State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979, migrant workers are not registered but in fact it is the Contractors who register himself under the Act.

(ii) Under the Meghalaya Identification, Registration (Safety & Security) of Migrant Workers (MIRSS) Act, 2020, a migrant workman or an

employer is required to register himself or in the case of an employer, all migrant workers employed by him, individually, under the Meghalaya Identification, Registration (Safety & Security) of Migrant Workers (MIRSS) Act, 2020.

### **Caesarean Section and Normal Delivery of Babies in Government Hospitals**

**Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM**

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

\*68. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of babies that have been delivered in Government Hospitals/Health Centres in the last 3 years along with annual figures may be provided?

(a) Yes, Sir, the total numbers of babies delivered in Government Hospitals/ Health Centres in the last 3 years are as follows :-

2021-22 = 37074  
2022-23 = 45442  
2023-24 = 49226  
TOTAL = 131742.

(b) The total number of such deliveries that were by Caesarean Section (CS) and by normal delivery along with annual figures may be provided?

(b) Sir, the total number of such deliveries that were by Caesarean Section (CS) and by normal delivery along with annual figures are :

Year	Deliveries by Caesarean Section (CS)	Normal Delivery
2021-22	3719	34848
2022-23	4645	41932
2023-24	5492	44257
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13856</b>	<b>121037</b>



(c) The main criteria for performing Caesarean Section (CS) instead of normal delivery?

(c) Sir, Caesarean delivery is performed when normal delivery would pose a risk to the mother or the baby. The main criteria for performing a Caesarean delivery can be categorized into maternal, fetal, and labor-related indications. The decision to perform a Caesarean delivery is made on a case-by-case basis, with the objective of minimizing risks and ensuring the best possible outcomes for both mother and baby.

(d) Whether doctors/nurses/assistants get additional financial emolument for undertaking Caesarean Section (CS) delivery?

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The total amount of additional financial emolument that doctors/nurses/assistants get from Government for undertaking Caesarean Section (CS) delivery?

(e) No, Sir, the doctors/nurses/assistants do not get additional amount of financial emolument from the Government for undertaking Caesarean Section (CS) delivery.

### **Implementation of the Minimum Wages Notification**

**Shri MAYRALBORN SYIEM**

**Shri COMINGONE YMBON  
(Minister in-charge Civil Defence &  
Home Guards)**

\*69. Will the Minister in-charge Home (Civil Defence & Home Guards) be pleased to state the status of the implementation of the Minimum Wages Notification for Home Guard Volunteers in various Departments/Corporations/Agencies in the State?

Sir, the rate of duty allowance paid at present, to the Home Guards Volunteers engaged with the requisitioning agencies is @ ₹553/- per day as approved by the Government in pursuance of Labour Department's notification on minimum wages dated 31.03.2023.

**The Present Status of Coal Mining**

**Shri OLLAN SINGH SUIN**

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

\*70. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-

(a) The present status of Coal Mining (License) in the State?

(a) Sir, 36 applications received out of which 4 received previous approval for mining lease, 13 received previous approval for prospecting license, 16 not yet received approval for prospecting license and 3 withdrawn.

(b) The total number of parties who have obtained Environmental Clearance and submitted Mining Plan?

(b) Sir, 4 applicants have submitted their mining plans and the matter is under process.

(c) The minimum area for obtaining prospecting license?

(c) Sir, as per norm's set by Government of India, 100 Hectares.

(d) Whether Rat Hole Mining can be considered as scientific?

(d) No, Sir.

**Tirot Sing Memorial Government Higher Secondary School,  
Nongkhlaw**

**Shri METBAH LYNGDOH**

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

\*71. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state the status of the opening up of a Science Stream at the Tirot Sing Memorial Government Higher Secondary School, Nongkhlaw?

Sir, the proposal is under examination.

**Proposed Road under PMGSY - III Scheme**

**Shri RENIKTON LYNGDOH  
TONGKHAR**

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

\*72. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Public Works (Roads) be pleased to state the list of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana roads proposed under PMGSY-III in Mawkyrwat Block?

Sir, the list of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana roads proposed under PMGSY-III in Mawkyrwat Block are as follows :-

1. MRL45 - Mawkyrwat to Marshillong (L-4.50 Km)
2. MRL86 - Approach road to Mawthawiong Nongtraw (L-9.47 Km)
3. MRL22 - 38 Km of MP Mawthong (L-4.87Km)
4. MRL46 - Photjaud to Mawbidong (L-5.50 Km)

**Old Age Pension Scheme**

**Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN**

**Shri PAUL LYNGDOH  
(Minister in-charge Social Welfare)**

\*73. Will the Minister in-charge Social Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of people who have received Old Age Pension Scheme in the whole East Khasi Hills District from 2018 to 2023?

(a) Sir, the total numbers of Senior Citizen received financial assistance under the scheme CMCARE for East Khasi Hills District from 2018 to 2023 are as follow :-

2018-2019 = 8912  
2019-2020 = 8912  
2020-2021 = 10098  
2021-2022 = 10131  
2022-2023 = 10075

(b) The total number of single mothers that are there in the whole East Khasi Hills District from 2018 to 2023?

(b) Sir, as per beneficiaries of CMCARE

2018-2019 = 6958  
2019-2020 = 6958  
2020-2021 = 8135  
2021-2022 = 8190  
2022-2023 = 8422

(c) The total number of people with disabilities that are there in the whole East Khasi Hills District?

(c) Sir, 7863 Nos.

### 132 KV Station at Nongpoh

**Shri MAYRALBORN SYIEM**

**Shri A. T. MONDAL**  
**(Minister in-charge Power)**

\*74. Will the Minister in-charge Power be pleased to state the status of 132 KV Station at Nongpoh?

Sir, the administrative approval for implementation of Loop in Loop out (LILO) of 132 KV Umiam-Umtru line at Nongpoh and construction of 132 KV sub-station at Nongpoh has been accorded in the month of March, 2024.

### Roads Construction under Mawlai Constituency

**Shri BRIGHTSTARWELLMARBANIANG**

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

\*75. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Public Works (Roads) be pleased to state the status/progress of road constructions under the following places :-

Sir, the status/progress of road constructions under the following places are :-

- (i) Lummawsing to Mawsiatkhnem?
- (ii) Mawlai By-pass to Airport?
- (iii) Nongkohlew to New Shillong?
- (iv) Mawtawar to New Shillong via Mawpat?
- (v) Lummawnei to Nongpathaw?

- (i) Sir, the work is in progress.
- (ii) Sir, the work is in progress.
- (iii) Sir, the Government is exploring the possibility to consider the proposal.
- (iv) Sir, the Government is exploring the possibility to consider the proposal.
- (v) Sir, the road is motorable.

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| (vi) ISBT Mawiong to Lumpyllon?                        | (vi) Sir, the estimate is under process.        |
| (vii) Mawlai Motsyiar to Mawlai Umjaiur?               | (vii) Sir, the work is in progress.             |
| (viii) Mawlai Nonglum Cemetery to Mawlai Syllaikariah? | (viii) Sir, the estimate is being re-processed. |
| (ix) Mawlai Nongkwar (Block-6) to Patarim (Block-11)?  | (ix) Sir, the work is yet to start.             |
| (x) Mawlai Nongpdeng Block-A to Block-B?               | (x) Sir, the estimate is being re-processed.    |

### **Land Excavation and Land Fill**

**Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM**

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

\*76. Will the Minister in-charge Soil & Water Conservation be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether land excavation and land filling at construction sites in and around Shillong are responsible for landslides and water flooding of streets respectively during the rainy season?

(a) Sir, the Soil & Water Conservation Department is not the authority to regulate Land excavation or Land filling at construction sites in and around Shillong. Hence, the required information can only be provided by the concerned Department dealing with the subject.

(b) Whether the Department is empowered to regulate land excavation and land filling in Shillong and elsewhere across the State?

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The total number of applications that have been received by the Department for land excavation and/or land filling in the last 3 years along with annual figures may be provided?

(c) Sir, as at (b) above.

- (d) The total number of such applications who were approved by the Department in the last 3 years along with figures separately for land excavation and land filling may be provided? (d) Sir, as at (b) above.
- (e) The total number of individuals/ organizations who were found to have conducted land excavation and/or land filling at construction sites without approval of the Department? (e) Sir, as at (b) above.

#### **Ad hoc Colleges in West Khasi Hills**

**Shri GABRIEL WAHLANG**

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

\*77. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state the total number of Ad hoc Colleges in West Khasi Hills District which were upgraded to Government Colleges?

Sir, Nil.

#### **Labour Component Under NREGA in the State**

**Shri RONNIE V. LYNGDOH**

**Shri A. T. MONDAL  
(Minister in-charge Community &  
Rural Development)**

\*78. Will the Minister in-charge Community & Rural Development be pleased to state :-

(a) The current status of the pending release of funds for Labour Components under NREGA in the State?

(a) Sir, the current status of pending wage component under MGNREGA in the State to be cleared to the beneficiaries is ₹90.11 crore.

- (b) The specific figures regarding the amounts pending and the duration of these delays? (b) Sir, the amount along with the duration of delay is ₹80.52 crore with delay between 129-212 days for Financial Year 2023-24 and ₹9.59 crore with delay between 1 to 70 days for Financial Year 2024-2025.
- (c) The causes of the delays in the release of funds? (c) Sir, the reason for delay is mainly due to Non-linking of Aadhaar for Aadhaar Based Payment System (ABPS).
- (d) The steps that the State Government is taking to expedite the release of pending funds for the NREGA? (d) Sir, the Department is continuously monitoring and taking corrective actions.

### **Maternal & Child Health Hospitals**

**Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA**

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

\*79. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state :-

- (a) Whether all Civil Hospitals and Maternal & Child Health Hospitals have sufficient power back up available? (a) Sir, all Civil Hospitals and MCH Hospitals have power backups. However, sufficiency of back up change from time to time depending on the need that arises.
- (b) If the reply at (a) above is in the negative, the names of the hospitals which does not have sufficient amount of power back up, District-wise? (b) Sir, the names of the hospitals which do not have sufficient power back up, District-wise are as follows:-
1. South West Garo Hills District - Civil Hospital, Ampati.
  2. South Garo Hills District - Civil Hospital, Baghmara.
  3. South West Khasi Hills District - Civil Hospital, Mawkyrwat.

**Setting up of DIET Center in Eastern West Khasi Hills District**

**Shri METBAH LYNGDOH**

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

\*80. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state :-

(a) The initiative taken by the Government to set up the DIET Center in the newly created District of Eastern West Khasi Hills?

(a) Sir, the matter is under consideration of the State Government.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the timeline set for the same?

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

(c) The number of seats to be created for the DEIEd course?

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

**Re-construct the Dilapidated  
State Veterinary Dispensary at Rongjeng**

**Shri JIM SANGMA**

**Shri A. L. HEK  
(Minister in-charge Animal  
Husbandry & Veterinary)**

\*81. Will the Minister in-charge Animal Husbandry and Veterinary be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Government has any plan to Re-construct the dilapidated State Veterinary Dispensary at Rongjeng?

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) Whether the Government has any plan to re-start the non-functioning Piggery Farm at Rongjeng?

(b) Sir, does not arise. Piggery farm has been functioning.



### Production of Citrus in the State

**Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN**

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

\*82. Will the Minister in-charge Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) The total production of citrus (including area in hectare) in the State during the last 5 years?

(a) Sir, the total production of citrus fruits in the last 5 years are :

Year	Production (MT)
2018-2019	55,330
2019-2020	55,468
2020-2021	55,591
2021-2022	55,797
2022-2023	62,024

(b) The total economy coming from citrus during the last 5 years?

(b) Sir, the total value generated from citrus fruits in the last 5 years are :

Year	Value generated (₹in lakh)
2018-2019	23,707
2019-2020	26,577
2020-2021	16,855
2021-2022	25,498
2022-2023	31,118
	<b>1,23,755</b>

(c) The different Vegetables and Cereals seeds that are available in the District Head Office of the concerned Departments in East Khasi Hills District?

(c) Sir, seeds for different vegetables and cereals have been allotted to blocks and circles. Following are the available seed stock as of August 2024 :

Sl. no.	Crop	Variety	Packaging	Available in the stock as on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of August, 2024
1.	French Bean	Anupam R	1 kg	100 pkt.
2.	French Bean	Selection-9	1 kg	100 pkt.
3.	Pea	UBL-10	1 kg	300 pkt.

**Confirmation of Letters and Service Books**

**Shri MAYRALBORN SYIEM**

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

\*83. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the confirmation letters and service books are being regularly maintained of all Grades of employees of various Departments in the State?

(a) Sir, Yes.

(b) The steps that is being taken to those who have not been maintaining regularly?

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

**Factories runs by Tribal Local Director or Partner**

**Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM**

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

\*84. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of cement companies that are running their factory and/or mining site on land held in the name of the tribal local director of the company?

(a) Sir, the information is being collected.

(b) The total number of coke oven plants are running their factory on land held in the name of the tribal local partner of the partnership firm?

(b) Sir, the information is being collected.

### **Construction of Bridge Across Wah Umkhen River**

**Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN**

**Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG**

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

\*85. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Public Works (Roads) be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether there is any sanction for construction of bridge across Wah Umkhen River connecting Jyntah Village and Happy Valley?

(a) Sir, DPR is under preparation.

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

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

### **Umden Community and Rural Development Block**

**Shri MAYRALBORN SYIEM**

**Shri A. T. MONDAL**

**(Minister in-charge Community &  
Rural Development)**

\*86. Will the Minister in-charge Community & Rural Development be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Government has any plan to create more Community & Rural Development Block in the State?

(a) Sir, the matter is being examined on a case to case basis.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, whether the creation of Umden Community & Rural Development Block is being considered for sanction?

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

**Register of Graduate-passed and Technical-trained Youths**

**Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM**

**Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI  
(Minister in-charge Labour)**

\*87. Will the Minister in-charge Labour be pleased to state the total number of Graduate-passed and Technical-trained youths who are registered currently as unemployed with Employment Department?

Sir, as per the annual data of 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 is as follows:

- i) 4291 Graduates.
- ii) 953 Post Graduates.
- iii) 684 Diploma in Engineering & other fields.
- iv) 1106 Other professionals.

**Suicide Cases**

**Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN**

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

\*88. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home (Police) be pleased to state the total number of people who committed suicide since the last five years in the whole East Khasi Hills District?

Sir, the total number of suicide cases since last five years in East Khasi Hills District is 358 (Three hundred fifty eight).

**Production of High Quality Seeds**

**Shri MAYRALBORN SYIEM**

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

\*89. Will the Minister in-charge Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) The steps taken by the Government to address the production of high quality seeds?

(a) Sir, following steps are being undertaken to address the production of high-quality seeds:

1. High quality seed production through State and Central schemes.

2. High quality seed production within the State through state schemes.
3. Establishment of nurseries production of high-quality seeds for spices, fruits, and vegetables across the State.
4. Increasing availability of high-quality planting material through CM FARM +.
5. Quality seed production of indigenous/heirloom/local seeds through the Bio Resources Development Centre (BRDC).

(b) The steps taken to address the small and marginal farmers which include the issues of poor credit flow and low marketable surplus?

(b) Sir, following steps are being undertaken to address the issues of poor credit:

1. State is providing Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme beneficiaries with 7% interest subvention.
2. Interest free loans under Jackfruit Mission and Mushroom Mission.
3. Credit linked implementation of the PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PM FME) scheme.
4. Subsidized/interest free loans to farmer collectives through LIFCOM (Livelihood Improvement Finance Company of Meghalaya).

5. Revolving funds to farmer collectives under Megha - LAMP and FOCUS.
6. Increasing productivity and production volume through area expansion intervention under various state missions for Lakadong, Ginger, Spices etc., and initiatives like CM FARM + focussing on area expansion of long gestation crops.

(c) The steps taken to improve the infrastructure and management of Agricultural Warehouse as outlined in the Budget, 2024-25?

(c) Sir, following step is being undertaken to improve the infrastructure and management of agriculture warehouses :

**42 Agri Warehouses** have been sanctioned under the **CM ELEVATE** program in the year **2024-25**.