

**JAMMU AND KASHMIR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**  
**JAMMU**

**1<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE  
UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**

**(5<sup>th</sup> SESSION)**

**BULLETIN**

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

The House met today on 17<sup>th</sup> of February, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Hall, Jammu.

**Advocate Abdul Rahim Rather, Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.**

At the inception of the day's proceedings, Hon'ble Speaker made the obituary reference on the sad demise of Peerzada Ghulam Ahmad Shah, former Minister & Member of Legislative Assembly and Mr. Brij Mohan Sharma, former Member of erstwhile Legislative Council. Throwing light on the political contribution of Peerzada Ghulam Ahmad Shah, Hon'ble Speaker informed the House about his distinguished public career during which he served as a Member of Public Accounts Committee, State Transport Authority and Muslim Auqaf Trust. Besides, he was inducted in Council of Ministers headed by Dr. Farooq Abdullah and was assigned the portfolios of Haj & Auqaf, Garderns, Parks and

Floriculture. Hon'ble Speaker defined him a committed legislator who devoted his life to public service and welfare of the people. Thereafter, Hon'ble Speaker paid rich tributes to former Member of erstwhile Legislative Council, Mr. Brij Mohan Sharma who served his entire life for the sake of public welfare without expecting any reward from anyone and would always be remembered for his rectitude, simplicity and humbleness.

**Note 1:** At this stage, two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed souls.

**Starred Questions:** 55 Starred Questions set down in the Question list were answered in writing, out of which seven (07) questions were called and answered orally as well. Fifteen (15) Supplementary Questions were also raised and answers given.

**Un-starred Questions:** Written replies to 38 un-starred questions set down in the Question List were distributed among the concerned Hon'ble Members.

**Note 2:** Soon after the culmination of Question Hour, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia (BJP) requested the Chair to extend the time of Question Hour by ten minutes as the first ten minutes of the Question Hour were utilized by the Chair for making the obituary references. However, the Hon'ble Speaker negated the request of the Hon'ble Member by stating that the first hour of a sitting

of the House has always been assigned for Question Hour besides informed the Hon'ble Member that disruptions often took place during Question Hour so no question of extension of time arises.

**Note 3:** At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Sheikh Khursheed (Ind.) joined by Hon'ble Members of Congress, Mr. Ifitikhar Ahmed and Mr. Irfan Hafiz Lone stood up from their seats while carrying placards and raising slogans demanded an apology from Hon'ble Member, Mr. Vikram Randharwa (BJP) over his statement made on February 13<sup>th</sup> 2026 that 90% of the encroachers on 688 Kanals of JDA land in his Bahu Constituency were from Kashmir. Negating the allegation of targeting Kashmiris, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Vikram Randhawa (BJP) stated that his statement was not against any community or individual. Meanwhile, Hon'ble Members of PDP and NC also stood up in support of agitated Hon'ble Members and alleged that he was trying to defame Kashmiri. However, a war of words exchanged between the Hon'ble Members of Congress, Mr. Ifitikhar Ahmed and Mr. Irfan Hafiz Lone and Mr. Vikram Randhawa (BJP) and in the air of fray, the agitated Hon'ble Members of Congress tried to barge into the well of the House but were stopped by the Watch & Ward staff of Assembly Secretariat. Intervening, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister recounted that not only the land under JDA has been encroached but the State/Auqaf/Grass-Charai land has also been

encroached across Jammu & Kashmir which needs to be looked into besides said that land grabber has no religion and he knows Vikram Randhawa very well who is son of Choudhary Pyara Singh and belongs to the community which can never be communal.

Meanwhile, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Sham Lal Sharma (BJP) also acknowledged that encroachment of Government land was a very serious matter and the Hon'ble Members should not make it a personal issue. Hon'ble Member, Mr. Qaysar Jamshaid Lone (NC) informed the House about the record of land grabbing cases being registered against the Opposition Members. However, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Vikram Randhawa (BJP) clarified that he has not attacked any community as a whole but his concern was with regard to encroachers who have occupied land in his Constituency and if it is proved that he has named any religion or insulted any particular community, he is willing to withdraw those words. On this, Hon'ble Speaker stood up from his seat and stated that the Hon'ble Member had clarified that he had not intended to target any community and was ready to withdraw his words if anything wrong was said and assured the House that he will check the record of the House and if any un-parliamentary remark was made, he will expunge the same from the proceedings of the House.



➤ Discussion and Voting On Demands for Grants for the Year 2026-27.  
Mr. Javid Ahmad Dar, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Production,  
Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election  
moved the following Demands:-

**Demand No.10**

**(Election Department part only)**

That a sum not exceeding ₹36,126,71 Lakh be granted to Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2027 in respect of 2015-Elections.

**Demand No.12**

That a sum not exceeding ₹2,42,386,40 Lakh be granted to Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2027 in respect of 2401-Crop Husbandry, 2406-Forestry and Wildlife, 2415-Agricultural Research and Education, 2705-Command Area Development, 2851-Village and Small Industries, 4401-Capital Outlay on Crop Husbandry, 4406-Capital Outlay on Forestry and Wildlife, 4415-Capital Outlay on Agricultural Research and Education, 4705-Capital Outlay on Command Area Development, 4851-Capital Outlay on Village and Small Industries.

**Demand No.13**

That a sum not exceeding ₹1,16,040.98 Lakh be granted to Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2027 in respect of 2403-Animal Husbandry, 4403-Capital Outlay on Animal Husbandry

**Demand No.26**

That a sum not exceeding ₹20,620.56 Lakh be granted to Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year

ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2027 in respect of 2405-Fisheries, 4403-Capital Outlay on Fisheries.

**Demand No.28**

That a sum not exceeding ₹4,56,569.56 Lakh be granted to Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2027 in respect of 2236-Nutrition, 2501-Special Programmes for Rural Development, 2515-Other Rural Development Programmes, 4515-Capital Outlay on Other Rural Development Programmes.

**Demand No.32**

That a sum not exceeding ₹69,648.23 Lakh be granted to Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2027 in respect of 2401-Crop Husbandry, 2435-Other Agricultural Programme, 4401-Capital Outlay on Crop Husbandry.

**Demand No.36**

That a sum not exceeding ₹26,611.42 Lakh be granted to Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2027 in respect of 2425-Cooperation, 4425-Capital Outlay on Cooperation.

**➤ CUT MOTIONS**

Cut motion Notices whereof given by Hon'ble Members viz **Mr. M. Y. Tarigami (CPIM), Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia (BJP), Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta (BJP), Mr. Shakti Raj Parihar (BJP), Mr. R. S. Pathania (BJP), Mr. Satish Kumar Sharma (BJP), Mr. Yudhvir Sethi (BJP), Mr. Randhir Singh (BJP), Mr. Darshan Kumar (BJP), Mr. Kuldeep Raj Dubey (BJP), Mr. Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra (PDP), Mr. Shabir Ahmad Kullay (Ind.), Mr. Baldev Raj Sharma (BJP), Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi (PDP),**

Ms. Devyani Rana (BJP), Mr. Surinder Kumar (BJP) and Sheikh Khursheed (Ind.) were deemed to have been moved in order to save the time of this august House. However, Cut Motions Notices given by Hon'ble Members, Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC) and Mr. Devender Kumar Manyal (BJP) were not moved as they were not present in the House.

**Note 4:** At this stage, Hon'ble Speaker directed all the Hon'ble Members to utilize the minimum time not exceeding more than three minutes so that every Hon'ble Member would be able to participate in the discussion on the Grants.

The following Hon'ble Members took part in the discussion on Demand for Grants:-

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| 1. Mr. Sajad Shaheen (NC)  | 11.30 AM to 11.48 AM |
| 2. Mr. Farooq Ahmad Shah (NC)  | 11.48 AM to 12.02 PM |
| 3. Mr. Surjit Singh Salathia (BJP)   | 12.02 PM to 12.17 PM |
| 4. Mr. Gauru Ram (BJP)   | 12.17 PM to 12.28 PM |
| 5. Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Mir (INC)  | 12.28 PM to 12.45 PM |
| 6. Mr. Irshad Rasool Kar (NC)  | 12.45 PM to 12.59 PM |
| 7. Mr. Hasnain Masoodi (NC)  | 12.59 PM to 1.11 PM  |
| Hon'ble Member, Mr. Surjit Singh Salathia (A Member on Panel of Chairmen) in the Chair at 1.04 PM. |                      |
| 8. Mr. Satish Sharma (BJP)   | 1.11 AM to 1.20 AM   |
| 9. Mr. Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra(PDP)   | 1.20 PM to 1.25 PM   |

10. Ch. Mohammad Akram (Ind.)

1.25 PM to 1.30 PM

The House adjourned at 1.30 PM to meet again at 2.30 PM.

The House re-assembled at 2.42 PM.

Advocate Abdul Rahim Rather, Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair at 2.42 PM.

Further discussion on Demand for Grants:-

11. Mr. Shabir Ahmad Kullay (Ind.)

2.42 PM to 2.57 PM

12. Mr. Surinder Kumar (BJP)

2.57 PM to 3.05 PM

13. Mir Saifullah (NC)

3.05 PM to 3.15 PM

14. Mr. Riyaz Ahmad Khan (NC)

3.15 PM to 3.22 PM

15. Mr. Dalip Singh Parihar (BJP)

3.22 PM to 3.28 PM

16. Mr. Bharat Bushan (BJP)

3.28 PM to 3.34 PM

17. Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed (INC)

3.34 PM to 3.39 PM

18. Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC)

3.39 PM to 3.48 PM

19. Mr. Ahsan Pardesi (NC)

3.48 PM to 3.51 PM

20. Sheikh Khursheed (Ind.)

3.51 PM to 3.56 PM

21. Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi (PDP)

3.56 PM to 4.01 PM

22. Mr. Shakti Raj Parihar (BJP)

4.01 PM to 4.09 PM

23. Mr. M. Y. Tarigami (CPIM)

4.10 PM to 4.21 PM

24. Mr. Devender Kumar Manyal (BJP)

4.23 PM to 4.30 PM

25. Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat (INC)

4.30 PM to 4.34 PM

**26. Mr. Nazir Ahmad Khan (NC)**

**4.34 PM to 4.40 PM**

**Mr. Javid Ahmad Dar, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election replied the debate on Demand for Grants at 4.40 PM.**

Cut motion Notices moved by Hon'ble Members viz **Mr. M. Y. Tarigami (CPIM), Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia (BJP), Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC), Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta (BJP), Dr. Davinder Kumar Manyal (BJP), Mr. Shakti Raj Parihar (BJP), Mr. R. S. Pathania (BJP), Mr. Satish Kumar Sharma (BJP), Mr. Yudhvir Sethi (BJP), Mr. Randhir Singh (BJP), Mr. Darshan Kumar (BJP), Mr. Kuldeep Raj Dubey (BJP), Mr. Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra (PDP), Mr. Shabir Ahmad Kullay (Ind.), Mr. Baldev Raj Sharma (BJP), Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi (PDP), Ms. Devyani Rana (BJP), Mr. Surinder Kumar (BJP) and Sheikh Khursheed (Ind.)** were withdrawn with the leave of the House.

**Afterwards, the Demand No.'s 10, 12, 13, 26, 28, 32 and 36 were put to vote and passed in the House with voice vote.**

The House then adjourned at 5.57 PM, to meet again on Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of February, 2026 at 10:00 AM in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Hall, Jammu.