

**JAMMU AND KASHMIR
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

6th SESSION

PART-I

**List of Questions for Oral Answers
(Starred Questions)**

Thursday, the 24th of September, 2026

Total No. of Questions = 45

REGARDING : CROP INSURANCE SCHEME

- *1. (D. No. 1/6/137) **Pirzada Farooq Ahmad Shah**
(D. No. 1/6/367) **Mr. Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Mir**
(D. No. 1/6/581) **Mr. Irfan Hafiz Lone** : Will the Government please state :—
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Horticulture Sector is a major contributor to the economy of J&K especially in Kashmir Division ;
 - (b) whether it is also a fact that aforesaid Sector suffered substantial losses to the extent of about 60% owing to natural calamities etc. during the past few years ;
 - (c) whether the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana/weather based Crop Insurance Schemes stands implemented in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir; if so, district-wise, the number of farmers eligible for coverage and actually covered together with the details of premium paid/claims received/settled/pending under aforesaid schemes during the last three years including reference also to Gulmarg Constituency ;
 - (d) the reasons for pendency of aforesaid genuine claims and the measures being taken for their timely settlement ;
 - (e) whether the existing insurance schemes including PMFBY covers the damage by hailstorm to the paddy and maize only or there are any other crops and calamities as well coming under such schemes; if so, the details thereof ; and
 - (f) the steps taken to ensure that the fruit-laden vehicles do not remain stranded for days together on NHW during peak harvest season as experienced/reported during previous year ?

(Minister Incharge Agriculture Production)

REGARDING : HEALTH FACILITIES IN REMOTE AREAS

*2. (D. No. 1/6/480) **Mr. Sunil Kumar Sharma** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) district/category-wise, the details of sanctioned /in position doctors, specialists, nurses and other paramedical staff in the health institutions of remote and hilly areas of J&K with specific reference to Padder-Nagseni Constituency together with the details of infrastructure and diagnostic facilities available there;
- (b) whether it proposes to strengthen Emergency, Trauma and Critical Care services in remote areas; if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Telemedicine, Mobile Diagnostic Services and specialist outreach services are being expanded to such areas; if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken/being taken to ensure timely referral and evacuation of critically ill and injured patients from remote areas?

(Minister Incharge Health and Medical Education)

REGARDING : IRRIGATION SCHEMES

*3. (D. No. 1/6/318) **Mr. Hilal Akbar Lone** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the details of existing irrigation schemes in Sonawari Constituency, indicating also their present status and the areas/number of villages covered by each scheme there; and
- (b) whether it intends to repair/restore/upgrade the old/non-functional irrigation schemes in aforesaid Constituency ; if so, the timeline fixed for the purpose, if not, the reasons therefor ?

(Minister Incharge Jal Shakti)

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REGARDING : ALLOTMENT OF OFFICIAL VEHICLE

*4. (D. No. 1/6/18) **Mr. Ranbir Singh Pathania** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it has strictly enforced or proposes to enforce "One Officer- One Vehicle" ceiling across all the Departments/PSUs/ Boards/Autonomous Bodies to curb retention of multiple official vehicles; if not, the reasons thereof ;
- (b) department-wise; the expenditure on POL, hiring charges, repair/maintenance incurred on vehicles vis-a-vis TA/DA sanctioned/disbursed during last three years ;
- (c) department-wise; the details of new vehicles purchased since 01.04.2022 indicating also make/model, registration number, purchase cost, procurement channel (GeM/other) and purchase approving authority ;
- (d) the particulars of Administrative Secretaries/HoDs/Senior Officers currently allotted more than one official vehicle, including pool/ attached, vehicles drawn from Subordinate Offices/PSUs/Corporations ;
- (e) whether any audit/physical verification of Vehicle Fleet stands conducted to estimate savings through a centralized pool ; and
- (f) whether it proposes to revise Fleet Management Rules and publish allotment of vehicle to each Officer including running expenditure on a public portal; if so, when; if not, the reasons therefor ?

(Minister Incharge Transport)

REGARDING : RATIONALIZATION OF TEACHING STAFF

*5. (D. No. 1/6/144) **Dr. Sajjad Shafi** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge gap in teacher student ratio in majority of the Schools located in Uri constituency thereby adversely affecting the academic prospects of poor students there ; if so, the steps being taken to provide the teaching staff in these Schools to address the aforesaid gap ; if not, the reasons therefor ; and
- (b) whether it intends to engage local educated youth to fill this gap including computer and other skill-based teachers on consolidated remuneration / academic session basis in each Middle School in Uri constituency to meet the educational requirements of the poor students there ?

(Minister Incharge School Education)

REGARDING : BIFURCATION OF RATION CARDS

*6. (D. No. 1/6/27) **Mr. Surjit Singh Slathia** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it has been conducting a fresh survey for identification of Below Poverty Line (BPL) households and bifurcation of existing Ration Cards in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir; if so, the details thereof ;
- (b) whether it contemplates to open new Fair Price Shops in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir ; if so, when ; if not, the reasons therefor ; and
- (c) whether it proposes to revive the distribution of sugar and kerosene oil through PDS in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir; if so, the steps being taken in this behalf ?

(Minister Incharge Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs)

REGARDING : PMGSY ROAD PROJECTS

- *7. (D. No. 1/6/185) **Mr. Nazir Ahmed Khan (Gurezi)** : Will the Government please state whether it is a fact that the Barnai-Joudara, Jurnial, Jurnial-Datt, Mansgund-Quraishpora, Chak Biyant-Jarjori and other allied road projects have been sanctioned under PMGSY but not taken up for execution by the concerned contractors owing to pending forest clearance; if so, the reasons for delay in obtaining the forest clearance and the steps taken/being taken to expedite the process of obtaining of same from concerned quarters indicating also the time-frame within which works are likely to be started and completed ?

(Minister Incharge Public Works)

REGARDING : EXECUTION OF WORKS UNDER CDF

- *8. (D. No. 1/6/590) **Mr. Mushtaq Guroo** : Will the Government please state :—
- (a) whether any time limit stands prescribed for the completion of CDF works and executing agencies are required to adhere to such timelines ;
 - (b) whether it intends to issue directions to the concerned agencies for time bound completion of all pending CDF works particularly those where funds have been released ;
 - (c) whether it intends to fix responsibility in delayed execution of CDF works ; if so, the action taken against defaulting contractors/agencies ;
 - (d) the timeline fixed for completion of pending CDF works in Chanapora Constituency indicating also the mechanism if any adopted for commencement/completion of each such work ;

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- (e) whether it will consider allowing CDF assistance, either fully or partially at the initial stage of medical treatment in deserving and emergency cases ; and
- (f) whether any time limit and procedure has been prescribed for assessment of fire-affected families seeking CDF assistance through the Deputy Commissioner; if not, the reasons thereof ?

(Minister Incharge Finance)

REGARDING : IMPLEMENTATION OF FOREST RIGHTS ACT

- *9. (D. No. 1/6/231) **Mr. Shabir Ahmad Kullay** : Will the Government please state that District/constituency-wise ; the details of claims/ rights recognized and benefits provided to stakeholders in J&K under the Forest Rights Act during 2025-26 and current financial year indicating also the number of beneficiaries benefited under the said Act ;

(Minister Incharge Tribal Affairs)

REGARDING : HEALTH SECTOR

- *10. (D. No. 1/6/219) **Mr. Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi** : Will the Government please state :—
- (a) the total number of vacant posts of medicos and paramedics in health institutions across the UT of Jammu and Kashmir ;
 - (b) the present status of the 125-bedded District Hospital and 100-bedded Critical Care Unit at Reshipora, Budgam indicating also the details of funds released, reasons for suspension of work, and timeline fixed for completion ;
 - (c) the details of sanctioned posts /in position Doctors in Budgam district indicating also the vacancies arising due to proceeding of doctors to abroad for higher studies in UT of J&K ; and

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- (d) whether medical officers currently abroad for higher studies continue to draw salary and allowances, if so, the details thereof pertaining to last three years with specific reference to Budgam district ?

(Minister Incharge Health and Medical Education)

REGARDING : DELAY IN EXECUTION/COMPLETION OF ROADS

*11. (D. No. 1/6/559) **Sh. Sunil Bhardwaj** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that concern stands expressed with regard to poor quality/premature deterioration/delays in completion of road projects and other allied works despite substantial public expenditure investment ; if so, the reasons therefor ;
- (b) whether it ensures that aforesaid contracts are allotted not only on L1 (lowest tendered cost) but mandatorily inclusive of the contractor's technical capacity, past performance, quality record and ability to complete the work within the stipulated period ;
- (c) whether it proposes to strengthen the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) by incorporating stricter quality-control provisions, adequate CDR/Performance Security, defect-liability clauses and penalties for delayed, abandoned or sub-standard works ;
- (d) the action taken against defaulting contractors and Government officers/engineers responsible for such deficiencies ; and
- (e) whether defaulting contractors have been debarred/blacklisted and any responsibility stands fixed against them ; if so, the list thereof for the year 2025-26 if not, the reasons therefor ?

(Minister Incharge Public Works)

REGARDING : ESTABLISHMENT OF AI LABS AND CENTRES
OF EXCELLENCE

*12. (D. No. 1/6/98) **Mr. Tanvir Sadiq** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether in view of the growing rapid use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) it proposes to establish AI Labs, AI Learning Centres or Centres of Excellence in its Schools, Colleges, Sports facilities and other institutions across Jammu & Kashmir ; and
- (b) whether it proposes to identify suitable vacant State land for such facilities and establish an AI Lab/Centre of Excellence in Zadibal Constituency as a pilot initiative to provide youth access to emerging technologies ; if so, the proposed location and timeline in this behalf ?

(Minister Incharge Information Technology)

REGARDING : GRANTING DISTRICT STATUS TO BILLAWAR

*13. (D. No. 1/6/472) **Mr. Satish Kumar Sharma** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether under the powers vested in the Government by Sections 3 and 4 of the Jammu & Kashmir Land Revenue Act, 1996 (Svt. 1957) for constitution/alteration or reorganization of Districts and Tehsils, any proposal has been initiated or is under its consideration for granting district status to Billawar in District Kathua ;
- (b) whether any administrative, demographic, geographical or feasibility assessment has been conducted or is proposed to be undertaken, keeping in view population, geographical area, remoteness, administrative convenience and public interest ; and
- (c) whether it has considered the precedent of creation of new districts in 2006 under the applicable statutory provisions while examining the demand for Billawar ?

(Minister Incharge Revenue)

REGARDING : UNINTERRUPTED WATER SUPPLY

*14. (D. No. 1/6/526) **Mr. Salman Ali Sagar** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that the SE Canal, supplies raw water to the 30 MGD Rangil/7.8 MGD Alusteng/various other WSS in rural Ganderbal ;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that during the irrigation season, shortage of raw water in the SE Canal affects drinking and irrigation water supply in Hazratbal ;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that PDD utilizes water from said SE Canal for power generation resulting in reduced discharge ;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the 5 MGD Rangil and 5 MGD Alusteng plants are nearing completion/commissioning and from where adequate raw water will be sourced for their operation ; and
- (e) whether the contingency plan presently operated only during SE Canal shutdown, can be operated throughout the year during water shortages/crisis to ensure continuity of water supply, and the timeline for such measures ; if so, details thereof ?

(Minister Incharge Jal Shakti)

REGARDING : RESERVATIONS IN PROMOTIONS

*15. (D. No. 1/6/2) **Dr. Bharat Bhushan** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that reservation in promotions to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe category employees stands discontinued by it since 2015-2016 owing to wrong

interpretation of the decision(s) of Hon'ble J&K High Court and Hon'ble Supreme Court ; and

- (b) if reply to part (a) be in affirmative whether it intends to review the matter to undo the injustice meted out to aforesaid category of employees vis-a-vis for upholding the constitutional rights of such employees ?

(Minister Incharge Social Welfare)

REGARDING : UP-GRADATION OF SCHOOLS

*16. (D. No. 1/6/604) **Mr. Payare Lal Sharma** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the exact road distance from the following Government High Schools to the nearest Government Higher Secondary School, alongwith details of their present student enrolment :—
(i) Bhata; (ii) Sigdi; (iii) Boys High School Drubeel/Horna; (iv) Girls High School Dekri; (v) Kwath; (vi) Singhpura; (vii) Inderwal; (viii) Dambar; (ix) Chingam; (x) Balgran, Zone Drabshalla; and (xi) Deharna, Zone Marwah;
- (b) whether 11th and 12th class students have to face lot of difficulties while traveling through hilly/mountainous terrains to reach their schools; if so, the steps take for upgradation of aforementioned Schools to their next higher level; and
- (c) the number, names and locations of High/Higher Secondary Schools in Block Bunjawah; alongwith their distances from the nearest Government Degree College ?

(Minister Incharge School Education)

REGARDING : TEACHING/NON-TEACHING STAFF

*17. (D. No. 1/6/86) **Mr. Mubarik Gul** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the details of all Schools functioning in rented, temporary or other non-permanent buildings in Eidgah Constituency, indicating also the name and location of each school and the period for which it is operating from such premises ;
- (b) school/gender-wise; the details of enrollment vis-a-vis sanctioned/in position staff strength/vacant posts in teaching/non-teaching category in various schools of the aforesaid Constituency ;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred during the last two financial years for construction/up-gradation/repair/renovation and other infrastructure development of Schools in the said Constituency ; and
- (d) subject/stream-wise; the details of courses being offered at Hamidi Kashmiri College indicating also the present student enrollment together with the steps taken for introduction of new subjects/courses in the said College there ?

(Minister Incharge School Education)

REGARDING : ROAD PROJECTS

*18. (D. No. 1/6/574) **Mr. Iftkar Ahmed** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) scheme/constituency/location-wise; the details of road and bridge projects sanctioned for Rajouri and Poonch Districts under NABARD/State Sector/City & Town/CRIF/CAPEX Budget/Languishing Projects and other schemes during the last

3 years indicating also the approved cost/date of sanction and name of executing agency in respect of each project ;

- (b) separately, the number of aforesaid projects completed/under execution/pending indicating also the expenditure incurred and present physical/financial progress achieved ;
- (c) the details of projects for which funds have been earmarked/sanctioned but work has not commenced as yet indicating the reasons for delay and time-bound plan for their commencement/completion ; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that a construction/establishment of Mini Secretariat has been announced at Rajouri; if so, the present physical/ financial status of the said project, indicating also the funds sanctioned/released/utilized and the timeline fixed for its completion ?

(Minister Incharge Public Works)

REGARDING : RE-ALIGNMENT OF NH701A

*19. (D. No. 1/6/159) **Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani** : Will the Government please state :—

- a) whether it is a fact that there is a persistent demand from the residents, traders and other stakeholders of Beerwah area for aligning NH-701A through the existing Main Market Road instead of proposed Bye-Pass ; if so, the details thereof ; and
- b) whether it has taken up the aforesaid matter with the concerned authorities/Government of India; if so, the details thereof and the response received from concerned quarters ?

(Minister Incharge Public Works)

REGARDING : SCHOOLS

- *20. (D. No. 1/6/258) **Mr. Mir Mohammad Fayaz** : Will the Government please state :—
- (a) category-wise, the details of Schools functioning in Kupwara Constituency indicating also the existing enrollment figures and teacher-student ratio there ;
 - (b) the details of sanctioned /in position staff strength and the subject-wise vacancies in aforesaid Schools ;
 - (c) separately, the number of schools operating from Government-owned, rented and other buildings indicating the latest physical status of each such buildings with reference also to classrooms, toilet, drinking water, electricity, laboratory, library, ICT/smart classrooms, playgrounds and boundary wall ;
 - (d) institution-wise; the details of schools proposed for upgradation in the aforesaid Constituency indicating level, sanction date, estimated cost, funds released, expenditure incurred, and timeline fixed for completion indicating also the details of pending infrastructure works, reasons for delay and agency responsible for such delay ; and
 - (e) the contours of the Action Plan formulated to address the dearth of Teachers and infrastructure gaps in each school there ?

(Minister Incharge School Education)

REGARDING : DENTAL SURGEONS

- *21. (D. No. 1/6/336) **Mtr. Shamim Firdous** : Will the Government please state :—
- (a) whether it is a fact that 5753 Dental Surgeons are jobless in UT of J&K as no recruitment process / drive has been initiated / undertaken since 2008 ;

- (b) whether it is also a fact that out of sanctioned strength of 62 Dental Surgeons, 48 vacancies are available in Dental College Srinagar ;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that no infrastructure has been upgraded in the said college since 2010; if so, the steps being initiated in this regard ; and
- (d) if reply to above parts be in affirmative, whether it intends to initiate a special recruitment drive for aforesaid Dental Surgeons and fill up all available vacancies of said surgeons in a time-bound manner ; if so, when ; if not, the reasons therefor ?

(Minister Incharge Health and Medical Education)

REGARDING : WATERLOGGING AND DRAINAGE

*22. (D. No. 1/6/640) **Mr. Ali Mohammad Dar** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that agricultural land in several low-lying areas of Chadoora Constituency including Rak Shalina, Sahlina, Tengan, Sumurbugh, Pohru, Kenhama and adjoining areas get frequently affected by water-logging and accumulation of rainwater due to heavy precipitation, overflowing streams and inadequate drainage, resulting in substantial crop damage ;
- (b) whether a comprehensive drainage and flood-mitigation plan has been formulated to address the aforesaid recurring problem; if so, the details thereof indicating the works identified, estimated cost, funds sanctioned and present status thereof; if not, the reasons therefor ; and
- (c) whether it proposes to undertake necessary drainage and mitigation measures on time-bound basis to safeguard the agricultural land, livelihood of affected farmers and vulnerable households ; if so, the proposed timeline?

(Minister Incharge Irrigation and Flood Control)

REGARDING : INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGED IN
CLOUDBURST/FLOODS

- *23. (D. No. 1/6/236) **Mr. Choudhary Mohammed Akram:** Will the Government please state :—
- (a) separately, the details of vital and other roads including Foot Julla Bridges (FJBs) which either suffered damages or got completely washed away in Surankote Constituency due to the recent cloudburst/flash floods indicating also the steps taken/being taken for their permanent restoration ; and
 - (b) whether it is also a fact that Mondi-Paghla Road Project was taken up for execution under PMGSY during the year 2008-2010 but is still incomplete; if so, the reasons for inordinate delay in its completion and the date when the said projected will be completed there ?

(Minister Incharge Public Works)

REGARDING : REGULARIZATION OF SERVICES

- *24. (D. No. 1/6/452) **Mr. Mohammad Yousuf Rather (Tarigami) :** Will the Government please state :—
- (a) the present status of the Report/Recommendations of the Committee constituted on 29.3.2025 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, J&K in the matter of regularization of casual, seasonal and other temporary/contractual, need-based workers in the UT of J&K;
 - (b) the reasons of considerable delay and lack of tangible progress in finalizing and implementing the comprehensive policy formulated for regularization/absorption of aforesaid workers in various Departments;
 - (c) the proposed time-frame for submission of the Committee's report and final policy decision thereon to ensure a fair, transparent and time-bound resolution of their long-pending regularization issue; and

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- (d) the contours of the policy for compassionate engagement of an eligible family member of such workers who have died in harness while awaiting regularization?

(Minister Incharge General Administration Department)

REGARDING : SPORTS GROUNDS

*25. (D. No. 1/6/204) **Mr. Hasnain Masoodi** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the total number of Sports grounds existing in Pampore Constituency;
- (b) constituency-wise; the total allocations made for the maintenance/upgradation of the Sports grounds in Pulwama and Shopian districts during the financial year 2025-26; and
- (c) whether the Government having regard to the location of Pampore Town and its connectivity with Srinagar and rest of the country through road and railways, consider setting up international sports stadium at Pampore and pending decision in this regard, upgrade the Iqbal Sports Stadium Pampore to the international level ?

(Minister Incharge Youth Services and Sports)

REGARDING : UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

*26. (D. No. 1/6/486) **Miss Devyani Rana** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) department/district-wise; the total number of developmental works/projects in J&K presently under *status-quo* by any Court or Competent Authority ;

- (b) the total quantum of budgetary allocation sanctioned and expenditure tied up or remaining un-utilized on account of such *status-quo* ;
- (c) the total expenditure incurred on such works prior to the issuance of the "*Status-quo*" order ;
- (d) whether where a work under status-quo cannot be completed within the current financial year, the amount allocated for such work(s) is surrendered, re-appropriated, carried forward or otherwise dealt with and the procedure followed in such cases ; and
- (e) whether it has any mechanism in place to resolve such cases within the current financial year so that funds allocated for developmental works do not remain un-utilized/blocked ?

(Minister Incharge Finance)

REGARDING : HOUSING ASSISTANCE UNDER PMAY-G

*27. (D. No. 1/6/246) **Mr. Peerzada Feroze Ahmad** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) district/constituency-wise; the total number of Landless/Houseless eligible beneficiaries identified under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) ;
- (b) the details of Landless/ Houseless eligible beneficiaries provided houses under aforesaid Scheme in Devsar Constituency indicating also those left out and the date when will houses be allotted to them;
- (c) block-wise, the total number of incomplete houses constructed under PMAY-G in Kulgam District along with the reasons for the delay in this behalf ; and
- (d) the steps taken to oversee and expedite the construction work of incomplete houses there, if not, the reasons therefor ?

(Minister Incharge Rural Development and Panchayati Raj)

REGARDING : PROVIDING OF FUNDS

*28. (D. No. 1/6/566) **Mr. Zafar Ali Khatana**: Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that Daksum is a famous tourist destination ; if so, the reasons for non-availability of basic tourism infrastructure/ huts and other amenities there ; and
- (b) whether it intends to allocate requisite funds during the current financial year for boosting the tourism activities and developing aforesaid tourism infrastructure there ?

(Minister Incharge Tourism)

REGARDING : WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES

*29. (D. No. 1/6/119) **Mr. Daleep Singh Parihar** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) scheme-wise; the details of WSS sanctioned under Jal Jeevan Mission for District Doda with special reference to Bhaderwah Constituency indicating also the type, location, sanctioned cost and expenditure incurred on each said water supply scheme ;
- (b) the name of aforesaid WSS completed/commissioned indicating also date of completion/commissioning in each case ; and
- (c) the number of ongoing/under execution WSS indicating also their present status including reasons for delay and the timeline fixed for their completion ?

(Minister Incharge Jal Shakti)

REGARDING : SDH BIJBHARA

*30. (D. No. 1/6/599) **Dr. S. Bashir Ahmed Shah Veeri** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the timeline fixed for the construction of a new hospital building for SDH Bijbehara in view of the persistent public demand also

considering the fact that the old building has been declared unsafe ; and

- (b) the steps taken for completion of the residential staff quarters for Doctors and Paramedics at Sirhama and K. Klan, abandoned midway ?

(Minister Incharge Health and Medical Education)

REGARDING : SHORTAGE/NON-AVAILABILITY OF ESSENTIAL
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

*31. (D. No. 1/6/110) **Mr. Altaf Ahmad Wani** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is aware of the fact that execution of various ongoing developmental and infrastructure projects in J&K has been delayed or stalled owing to shortage/non-availability of essential construction material such as Sand, Aggregate, RBM, WBM Grade-I/II and Earth Filling material; if so, district-wise; the details of affected projects and duration of delay in each such case; and
- (b) whether any mechanism has been put in place to ensure adequate and timely availability of aforesaid materials to tackle execution delays of public projects with special reference also to lawful extraction, transportation and supply of said material to executing agencies/contractors; if so, the details thereof and the proposed timeline fixed in this behalf?

(Minister Incharge Mining)

REGARDING : ISSUANCE OF ST-II CERTIFICATES

*32. (D. No. 1/6/429) **Dr. Narinder Singh Raina** : Will the Government please state that whether Scheduled Tribe II (ST-II) Certificates are being issued to eligible persons belonging to the Pahari ethnic group(s) residing across Jammu and Kashmir; if so, district-wise ; the

number of said Certificates issued so far with specific reference to Jammu District ; if not, the reasons therefor ?

(Minister Incharge Revenue)

REGARDING : CREATION OF NEW PATWAR HALQA

*33. (D. No. 1/6/406) **Mr. Sajjad Shaheen** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that pursuant to Cabinet Decision No. 20/01/2014 and Government Order No. Rev(S) 169 of 2014 Dated 18.07.2014 Sub-Divisions/Tehsils/Niabats were created whereas creation of new Patwar Halqas was to be Notified separately; if so; the name of new Patwar Halqa/Girdawar Circle/Revenue Villages created thereafter ;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Tehsil Ramsoo was created vide aforesaid Government Order but post of Tehsildar, Ramsoo is yet to be sanctioned/created; if so, the reasons therefor and the date when will said post be sanctioned/created ;
- (c) district-wise; the total number of Patwar Halqas/Girdawar Circles in J&K and assessment done to ascertain additional requirement of same subsequent to creation of 4,290 Panchayat Halqas ; and
- (d) whether it proposes to align Patwar Halqas with Panchayat Halqas in rural areas and ULB wards in urban areas and create additional Girdawar Circles/GPS Assistant posts in view of digitization, geo-referencing of revenue records and implementation ?

(Minister Incharge Revenue)

REGARDING : SUBSTANDARD PESTICIDES

*34. (D. No. 1/6/549) **Mr. Showkat Hussain Ganie** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether apple orchards in Zainapora Constituency suffered damage due to hailstorms during the current year; if so, the extent of damage, estimated losses and relief/compensation provided or proposed alongwith the measures taken/proposed to prevent such damage in future; and
- (b) whether premature apple fruit fall was reported in the aforesaid Constituency owing to use of substandard pesticides; if so, whether any enquiry was conducted, if so, the findings thereof and the action taken against those responsible for its sale/distribution and reference also to affected areas, estimated losses and action taken thereof?

(Minister Incharge Agriculture Production)

REGARDING : MINING SECTOR

*35. (D. No. 1/6/464) **Mr. Mehraj Malik** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) year-wise; the royalty/other mining revenue generated from District Doda during last three years indicating also the volume/quantity of minor minerals legally extracted;
- (b) whether it has assessed the revenue loss due to illegal mining in the District Doda during the aforesaid period; if so, year-wise, the details thereof;
- (c) whether inadequate legal sources of minor minerals in Doda may encourage to illegal mining, increased construction costs and loss of legitimate revenue; if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it contemplates to introduce a simple and transparent local permit mechanism for minor mineral extraction with

prescribed limits in designated areas, royalty payment, environmental safeguards and digital monitoring; if so, the details thereof; and

- (e) the alternative mechanism proposed to ensure availability of construction material, curb illegal mining and protect livelihoods, environment and revenue generation?

(Minister Incharge Mining)

REGARDING : AUGMENTATION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES

*36. (D. No. 1/6/281) **Mr. Ali Mohammad Sagar** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the present status of the Water Supply augmentation projects in Khanyar Constituency including proposed additional water reservoir at Sulaiman Teng, Dalgate ;
- (b) the reasons for delay in augmentation of sources, improvement of distribution network and groundwater management in the Constituency ; and
- (c) the present status and timeline fixed for the installation of proposed new pipeline from Superpash Panzgam through Dachigam up to Harwan Filtration Plant sanctioned at an estimated cost of ₹3.50 crore ?

(Minister Incharge Housing and Urban Development)

REGARDING : VEGETABLE MARKET

*37. (D. No. 1/6/272) **Mr. Irshad Rasool Kar** : Will the Government please state that :—

- (a) the steps taken/being taken for the promotion of vegetable cultivation in Arampora area in Sopore Constituency indicating also the details of financial assistance, subsidy, quality seeds,

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inputs and technical support provided to vegetable growers there during last three years ; and

- (b) whether it proposes to establish a Vegetable Market cum Mandi and cold storage facility in and around Arampora for facilitating the marketing, storage and post-harvest management of local vegetable produce ; if so, when ; if not, the reasons therefor ?

(Minister Incharge Agriculture Production)

REGARDING : JOB CARDS

*38. (D. No. 1/6/533) **Mr. Surinder Kumar** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the number of job card holders provided employment opportunities in Marh Constituency during the current financial year under the newly introduced VB-GRAM-G Scheme ; and
- (b) the number of fresh job cards issued/added in Marh Constituency under aforesaid VB-GRAM-G during the current financial year indicating also the number of active job cards as on date ?

(Minister Incharge Rural Development and Panchayati Raj)

REGARDING : CHEST DISEASE HOSPITAL

*39. (D. No. 1/6/352) **Mr. Sheikh Ahsan Ahmed Pardesi** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Chest Disease Hospital at Dalgate, Srinagar, is presently functioning from old and inadequate infrastructure which is not commensurate with the present-day requirements and prescribed standards for providing specialized medical treatment and patient care ;

- (b) whether it is a fact that a proposal for the construction of a new G+4 building at Chest Disease Hospital, Dalgate, has already been formulated and a DPR bearing No.CE/CK/DB/4129-30 dated 25.06.2025, amounting to 1,999.53 lakh, was submitted to the Government and is pending for approval ;
- (c) the present status of the said DPR/proposal, including the department/authority with which it is presently pending, and the reasons for the delay in according the requisite administrative and financial approval ; and
- (d) the timeline within which the DPR is proposed to be approved, funds sanctioned and construction work commenced; if not, the reasons therefor ?

(Minister Incharge Health and Medical Education)

REGARDING : ENCROACHMENT OF FOREST LAND

*40. (D. No. 1/6/390) **Mr. Kuldeep Raj Dubey** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Forest land stands encroached in District Reasi particularly in forest ranges adjacent to private/State land by the individuals possessing holdings in the vicinity of forest areas, if so, the comprehensive identification, demarcation and verification policy being contemplated to retrieve the encroached forest land in such areas ;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that allegations of encroachment upon Forest land involve some former and serving officials/personnel's of the Forest, Revenue and Education Department belonging to Reasi and Ramban districts ; and
- (c) if reply to part (b) be in affirmative, whether it intends to conduct an impartial and time-bound inquiry against said

individuals to fix responsibility upon the officials/persons found responsible or involved in such acts and to retrieve the encroached Forest land ; if so, when ; if not, the reasons therefor ?

(Minister Incharge Forest)

REGARDING : INTRODUCTION OF MEDICAL AND NON-MEDICAL STREAMS

*41. (D. No. 1/6/543) **Th. Randhir Singh** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Medical/Non-Medical streams are yet to be introduced in the GDC Kalakote and GDC Sunderbani since their establishment ; if so, the reasons therefor ;
- (b) whether it contemplates to introduce said streams in the aforementioned Colleges at earliest; if so, the contours of proposal, if any, under its consideration in this behalf with specific reference to provision of faculty, laboratory and infrastructure requirements assessed in each case indicating also the date when will said streams be formally introduced there; if not, the reasons therefor ; and
- (c) stream-wise, the number of students from Kalakote-Sunderbani Constituency who sought admission during last three years in other Degree Colleges in Jammu or outside for securing education in respect of aforesaid streams ?

(Minister Incharge Higher Education)

REGARDING : CROP DAMAGES

*42. (D. No. 1/6/503) **Mr. Saif-ud-Din Bhat** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that hailstorms and other natural calamities have caused substantial damage to crops, fruits and other agricultural produce in Khansahib Constituency; if so, the details of assessment/survey, if any, conducted in this behalf there indicating also the relief/compensation provided or proposed to be provided to them ; if not, the reasons therefor ; and
- (b) whether it intends to waive off / restructuring of KCC loans borrowed by aforesaid farmer or providing adequate financial assistance to them ; if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor ?

(Minister Incharge Agriculture Production)

REGARDING : ENCROACHMENT OF PWD ROAD

*43. (D. No. 1/6/14) **Mr. Baldev Raj Sharma**: Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the sanctioned/available width details of drains and prescribed Right of Way (RoW) of the PWD road from Bus Stand, Katra to Darshani Deodi up to Balini Bridge ;
- (b) the details of unauthorized encroachments over/along the said road and drains and the action taken thereof ;
- (c) whether permission has been granted for parking of auto-rickshaws and private vehicles on the said road; if not, the action taken to prevent/remove such unauthorized parking there ;

- (d) whether unauthorized parking of auto-rickshaws and private vehicles on the PWD road from Government Girls High School, Katra, via Dak Bungalow Road up to Yog Ashram is obstructing the free movement of traffic and pedestrians ; if so, the action taken/proposed to address the same ; and
- (e) the action taken/being taken by the PWD to remove such unauthorized encroachments and parking on the said road ?

(Minister Incharge Public Works)

REGARDING : CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS

*44. (D. No. 1/6/510) **Miss Shagun Parihar** : Will the Government please State :—

- (a) the present status of the Chewes-Whankundla (2 km), Hamadi-Bamanwag (1.10 km) and Shangam-Gugnar road projects with specific reference to accord of approval and their execution in the backdrop of persistent public demand indicating also the reasons for dropping/deferring proposals submitted in respect of these road projects repeatedly ; and
- (b) whether accord of administrative/technical approval stands granted with regard to execution of Hud Mata Shrine Road Project; if so, the date when will said project be formally taken up for execution ; if not, the reasons therefor ?

(Minister Incharge Public Works)

REGARDING : TOURIST DESTINATIONS

*45. (D. No. 1/6/47) **Mr. Nizam-ud-din Bhat** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it intends to explore new tourist destinations in J&K with specific reference to Bandipora Constituency ; and
- (b) whether the existing tourist destinations are being developed further to make these fully tourist friendly ; if so, the concepts envisaged and resources being provided for such activities ?

(Minister Incharge Tourism)

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