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BULLETIN

Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026

The House met today on 22nd of September, 2026 at 10:00 AM in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Hall, Srinagar.

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

At the inception of the day's proceedings, Hon'ble Member of National Conference, Mr. Abdul Majid Bhat while addressing the Chair demanded that the holidays for Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah's Birth Anniversary falling on December 5th and death Anniversary on September 8th be restored by the Government. He stated that either the holiday on the birth Anniversary of Party founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah be restored or the existing holiday being observed on 23rd September for Maharaja Hari Singh's Birth Anniversary be cancelled. His remarks irked the BJP Legislators who protested and strongly opposed the demand made by the Hon'ble Member. Hon'ble Member, Miss Devyani Rana (BJP) said that the holiday on the anniversary of the Maharaja Hari Singh would not be cancelled. Hon'ble member, Mr. R.S. Pathania (BJP) said that the ruling party is raising a controversial issue in the House.

Intervening Hon'ble Speaker amid uproar stood up from his seat and informed the agitating Members that he does not have any administrative authority to grant or revoke Government holidays and requested them to resume their seats. However, the agitating Hon'ble Members continued their protest and disrupted the business of the House. Hon'ble Members of National Conference, Mr. Mubarik Gul and Mtr. Shamim Firdous while addressing the Chair stated that it is the stand of their party to restore the holidays of the Leader Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah which was endorsed by Hon'ble Members of PDP namely Mr. Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra and Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi who sought restoration of holiday on 13th July as well a tribute to Martyrs. Meanwhile, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Surjit Singh Salathia (BJP) supported by Hon'ble Member, Mr. Sham Lal Sharma (BJP) amid fray in the House demanded reply from the Government on the public issues raised by the BJP Legislators on the day before. Meanwhile, the Congress party supported the NC's demand and stated that they are in favour of restoring the public holiday on Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah's birth anniversary and insisted on retaining the holiday for Maharaja Hari Singh. Hon'ble Member, Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat (INC) said "hooliganism" will not be allowed and there should be a consensus on the issue of the holiday. Hon'ble Speaker while observing the chaos in the House stood up from his seat and directed all the Hon'ble Members to resume their seats and abstain from disrupting the Question Hour which is meant for addressing the concerns of the people and further informed the House that Hon'ble Members are bound to follow the Rules of Procedure besides had to function in accordance with the day's listed business and the Government has to respond accordingly.

Note 1: At this stage, all the Hon'ble Members of BJP staged a walk out from the House in protest and Mr. Yudhvīr Sethi (BJP) entered the House back immediately as his question was listed.

➤ **QUESTION HOUR**

Starred Questions: 45 Starred Questions set down in the Question list were answered in writing, out of which only six (06) questions were called and answered orally as well. Nine (09) Supplementary Questions were also raised and answered.

Un-starred Questions: Written replies to 45 un-starred questions set down in the Question List were distributed among the concerned Hon'ble Members

Note 2: At this stage, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Omar Abdullah before replying to the question raised by the Hon'ble Member, Mr. Yudhvīr Sethi (BJP) appreciated him for standing apart from his party and preferred to raise the public issues on the Floor of the House. Hon'ble Chief Minister further stated that he stayed in House in the interest of the people that shows the difference between a real and a fake MLA.

Note 3: At this stage, all the Hon'ble Members of BJP returned back to the House and resumed their respective seats.

Note 4: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Mehraj Malik (AAP) intended to raise the supplementary in the question D.No. 1/6/151 regarding Amnesty Scheme which was not allowed by the Chair. Infuriated by the denial from the Chair, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Mehraj Malik shouted in the House that Assembly is not anybody's property.

Note 5: At this stage, Hon'ble Speaker clarified the House that the Business Advisory Committee had decided in its meeting that supplementary questions would be raised only by Member who had asked the primary question. Observing the unethical attitude exhibited by the Hon'ble Member, Mr. Mehraj Malik (AAP) in the House, Hon'ble Speaker said that the Hon'ble Member had not behaved properly in the House and added that he had exercised restraint during the verbal exchange but his unbecoming attitude on the Floor of the House would not be tolerated in future.

➤ **ZERO HOUR**

The following Hon'ble Members raised their Constituency related issues during the Zero Hour:-

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| 1. Mir Saifullah (NC) | 11:03 A.M. to 11:06 A.M. |
| 2. Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia (BJP) | 11:06 A. M. To 11:08 A.M. |
| 3. Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed (INC) | 11:08 A.M. to 11:12 A.M. |
| 4. Mr. Shafi Ahmad Wani (NC) | 11:13 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. |
| 5. Mr. Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra (PDP) | 11:15 A.M. to 11:17 A.M. |
| 6. Mr. Payare Lal Sharma (Ind.) | 11:17 A.M. to 11:19 A.M. |
| 7. Mr. Daleep Singh Parihar (BJP) | 11:19 A.M to 11:21 A.M. |
| 8. Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC) | 11:21 A.M. to 11:23 A.M. |
| 9. Mr. Altaf Ahmad Wani (NC) | 11:23 A.M. to 11:27 A.M. |
| 10.Mr. Abdul Majid Bhat (NC) | 11:27 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. |
| 11.Mr. M.Y. Tarigami (CPIM) | 11:30 A.M. to 11:35 A.M. |
| 12.Mr. Sunil Bhardwaj (BJP) | 11:35 A.M. to 11:39 A.M. |
| 13. Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Jan (NC) | 11:39 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. |

Note 6: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Jan (NC) raised the issue of relief and restoration of flood affected people in Pir Panchal Range. He said that Pir Panchal always faced injustice and BJP Legislators did not speak about this region and they considered two and a half districts as Jammu. His remark created a strong uproar from the Hon'ble Members of BJP. They refused the allegation of Hon'ble Member, Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Jan (NC) and stressed that BJP would not allow balkanisation of Jammu and Kashmir and it would remain united.

14. Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Sheikh (Ind.)

11:49 A.M. to 11:50 A.M.

Note 7: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Sheikh (Ind.) raised the issue of bringing back the mortal remains of a student belonging to his Constituency who died in Chandigarh. In response, Hon'ble Minister for Cooperative, Mr. Javid Ahmad Dar stated that as soon as the information of this tragic incident was received, the Government contacted the senior officers in Chandigarh and issued the necessary instructions to expedite the repatriation.

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

11:52 A.M. to 11:57 A.M

16.Mr. Rafiq Ahmad Naik (PDP)

11:57 A.M. to 11:59 A.M.

17.Mr. Arjun Sing Raju (NC)

11:59 A.M. to 12:02 P.M.

18.Mr. Rajeev Kumar Bhagat (BJP)

12:02 P.M. to 12:05 P.M.

19.Mr. Salman Sagar (NC)

12:08 P.M. to 12:12 P.M.

20.Mr. Qaysar Jamshaid Lone (NC)

12:12 P.M. to 12:15 P.M.

21.Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta (BJP)

12:15 P.M. to 12:20 P.M.

22.Mr. Mehraj Malik (AAP)

12:20 P.M. to 12:27 P.M.

23.Mr. Gh. Mohi-ud-Din Mir (NC)

12:27 P.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Note 8: At this stage, Zero Hour concluded at 12:30 P.M.

➤ **BILL FOR CONSIDERATION AND PASSING**

Mr. Javid Ahmad Dar, Hon'ble Minister for Cooperative moved that "A Bill to amend the Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Societies Act, 1989, to repeal the Jammu and Kashmir Self Reliant Cooperative Act, 1999 and to provide transitional arrangement of self-reliant cooperatives under the Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Societies Act, 1989 and for matters connected or incidental thereto." **(L.A. Bill No. 9 of 2026) be taken into consideration.**

Note 9: At this stage, on the point of information, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat (INC) addressing the Chair stated that there should be a gap betwixt the introduction and consideration/passing stage in the proposed legislation so that the Hon'ble Member would be able to express his views with regard to the passing of the Bill after being introduced in the House. In response, Hon'ble Speaker informed the Hon'ble Member that the Chair had an authority to exercise extra ordinary powers keeping into consideration the calendar issued for a specific time.

The following Hon'ble Members also took part in the discussion on the consideration motion on the Bill which was already introduced a day before in the House:-

1. **Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia**
2. **Mr. Sham Lal Sharma**
3. **Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta**
4. **Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat**
5. **Mr. Arjun Singh Raju**
6. **Mr. Rajiv Jasrotia**

Hon'ble Minister for Cooperative, Mr. Javid Ahmad Dar replied the points raised by the Hon'ble Members. The Motion was carried and the Bill was passed by the House with the voice vote.

➤ **RESOLUTION**

Ms. Sakeena Itoo, Hon'ble Minister for School Education moved the following Resolution:-

"This House unanimously urges the Union Government to make necessary statutory amendment to Section 23 of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, to exempt all Teachers appointed before 01.01.2019 from appearing in the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET).

This House further urges the Union Government to take all legal steps and issue the requisite Notification through National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) for exemption of Teacher Eligibility Test (TET)."

The following Hon'ble Members took part in the discussion on Resolution:-

1. Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia
2. Mr. R. S. Pathania
3. Mr. Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra
4. Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Sheikh

Note 10: At this stage, Hon'ble Speaker decided that the discussion on the Resolution would continue on 24th September, 2026, taking into consideration the passionate appeal made by the Hon'ble Members and the general consensus achieved within the House.

The House then adjourned at 1:35 P.M. to meet again on Thursday, the 24th September, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly Hall, Srinagar.