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BULLETIN

Tuesday, March 31st, 2026

The House met today on 31st of March, 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.**

 As soon as the Hon'ble Speaker took the Chair, Hon'ble Member, Justice Hasnain Masoodi supported by all the Hon'ble Members of Ruling Party stood up from their seats while stating that they have submitted an Adjournment Motion regarding withdrawal of security cover from the headquarter of National Conference in Srinagar. In response, Hon'ble Speaker assured them that the issue will be taken up after Question Hour.

Starred Questions: 32 Starred Questions set down in the Question list were answered in writing, out of which eleven (11) questions were called and answered orally as well. Fifteen (15) Supplementary Questions were also raised and answers given.

Un-starred Questions: Written replies to 43 un-starred questions set down in the Question List were distributed among the concerned Hon'ble Members.

Note 1: At this stage, Hon'ble Speaker called Hon'ble Members namely Mr. Nazir Ahmad Khan (NC), Mr. Javed Hassen Baig (NC) and Mr. Payare Lal Sharma (Ind.) to raise their respective questions viz-a-viz A. Q. No. 768 listed at S. No. 2, A. Q. No. 400 at S. No. 3 and A. Q. No. 675 at S. No. 8. However, they were not present in the House.


Note 2: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Hasnain Masoodi (NC) raised the issue relating to sudden withdrawal of security from the National Conference (NC) headquarter, Nawa-i-Subh, in Srinagar besides, withdrawal of escort from several Kashmir-based Hon'ble Legislators. The entire ruling party Members expressed resentment over the complete removal of the security cover at the Party's headquarters.


Hon'ble Member, Mr. Nazir Ahmad Khan (Gurezi) asserted that since the Lieutenant Governor (LG) holds the Home Department

portfolio, the administration must be held accountable for any untoward incident, resulting from these security lapses.

Hon'ble Member Mr. Nizam-ud-din Bhat (INC) stated that every life is important and deserves protection, noting that the State is obligated to protect all citizens, especially those in public roles. He further asserted that under the Re-organization Act, 2019, Members of this House are at par with Members of Parliament, subsequently requested the Chair to adopt a resolution to restore fair and adequate security arrangements besides, priority should be given to safeguard human lives rather than assets.

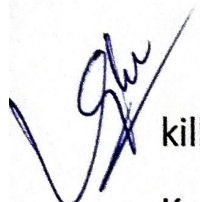
Hon'ble Member, Mr. Surjit Singh Slathia (BJP) said that withdrawing security is the concern of everybody across party lines and should be reviewed.

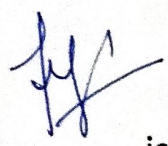
 Hon'ble Member, Mr. Salman Sagar (NC), stated that this move comes only weeks after an assassination attempt on NC President Dr. Farooq Abdullah in Jammu. He further stated that Dr. Abdullah visits the office atleast twice a week and the withdrawal of security significantly heightens the threat level for both leadership and staff. He criticized the administration for what they called a "non-merit-based" approach to security categorization.



Meanwhile, Hon'ble Member Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC) accused the National Conference of 'selective outrage', stating that when we tried to bring such issue which is not in our domain, we are not allowed, but why NC Members being allowed to raise the security issues. He urged the aggrieved Members to take their concerns to the Union Home Ministry or the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, rather than disrupting House proceedings. In response, Hon'ble Speaker said that every Member is allowed to speak in the House.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Mr. Surinder Kumar Choudhary objected the statement made by Hon'ble Member, Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC) and said that he is residing in the house of a Cabinet Minister and should leave it.

 Hon'ble Member, Mr. Javed Hassan Baig (NC), stated that the killing of Mr. Sajad Lone's father was the loss for whole Jammu and Kashmir. He further stated that the issue was not about any single party but a collective concern for all.

 Hon'ble Member, Mr. Rafiq Ahmed Naik (PDP) remarked that God is the ultimate saviour and everybody should have faith in Devine. Further stated that even under high security, one can be killed but if God chose to protect anybody, no one can cause harm to him.

While concluding, the Hon'ble Speaker stressed that the security scenario cannot be taken lightly and said "If the holders of the National Flag are not safe, how can the flag itself be safe." He further added, if they do not want to provide security to the legislators then declare Jammu and Kashmir a "risk-free" region or ensure a uniform, merit-based security system. He emphasized that there should be clear norms rather than "pick and choose" policy and asked the concerned security agencies to review the decision immediately. He remarked that those who have survived past security incidents understand the gravity of the threat better than anyone else and stated that past incidents must guide present decisions.

Note 3: At this stage, Hon'ble Member Mr. S.S. Slathia (BJP) drew the attention towards the plight of nearly 22,000 account holders of SCARD Bank, whose hard-earned savings are currently withheld. Although, the concerned Minister previously assured that the matter will be resolved, as on date their money remained unreleased. He urged the Chair to recognize the Government's responsibility in ensuring the immediate return of these deposits.

Thereafter, the following Hon'ble Members raised their Constituency related issues:-

1. Ms. Shagun Parihar (BJP)

2. Mr. Irfan Hafiz Lone (INC)
3. Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani (NC)
4. Mr. Gh. Mohi-u-Din Mir (NC)
5. Mr. Javiad Riyaz Bedar (NC)
6. Mr. Tariq Hameed Karra (INC)
7. Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal (BJP)
8. Mr. Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra (PDP)
9. Mr. Javaid Mirchal (NC)
10. Ch. Mohammad Akram (Ind.)
11. Mr. Muzaffar Iqbal Khan (Ind.)
12. Mr. Surinder Kumar (BJP)
13. Ch. Zaffar Ali Khatana (NC)
14. Mr. Arjun Singh Raju (NC)
15. Mr. Javaid Iqbal (NC)
16. Sheikh Ahsan Pardesi (NC)
17. Mr. Satish Kumar Sharma (BJP)

➤ **CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- (I) Mr. Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami called the attention of Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the

situation arising out of perceived shortage of LPG and Petroleum products in the region.

Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs) Mr. Satish Sharma read out a reply.

- (II) **Mtr. Shamim Firdous** called the attention of Hon'ble Chief Minister (Incharge Planning Development and Monitoring) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of refusal by the District Administration Srinagar to utilize CDF for rehabilitation of fire sufferers.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Omar Abdullah read out a reply.

- (III) **Mr. Ranbir Singh Pathania** called the attention of Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (Incharge Industries & Commerce) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of operation of red category Industries in Battal Balian Industrial estate, Udhampur causing serious environmental pollution as well as grave health hazards to the nearby residents

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Mr. Surinder Kumar Choudhary read out a reply.

- (IV) **Dr. Syed Bashir Ahmad (Veeri)** called the attention of Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Health and Medical Education) towards a

matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of delay in providing of two critical care ambulances procured through World Bank funding for Sub-District Hospital Bijbehara.

Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Health and Medical Education), Mtr. Sakina Masood Itoo read out a reply.

Note 4: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Dr. Syed Bashir Ahmad Shah Veeri (NC) desired to raise more supplementary questions on his Calling Attention. However, the Hon'ble Speaker clarified that Rule 212 (2) provides that there shall be no debate on such statement at the time it is made but each member in whose name the item stand in the list of business may, with the permission of the Speaker, ask a clarificatory question and the Minister shall reply at the end to all such questions.


(V) **Mr. Baldev Raj Sharma** called the attention of Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Jal Shakti) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of acute shortage of water supply in Shri Mata Vishno Devi Constituency.

Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Agriculture Production), Mr. Javed Ahmad Dar read out a reply on behalf of Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Jal Shakti).


(VI) **Mr. Hilal Akbar Lone** called the attention of Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Jal Shakti) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of scarcity of drinking water in Dudwan Saderkote Bala area of the Sonawari Constituency.

Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Agriculture Production), Mr. Javed Ahmad Dar read out a reply on behalf of Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Jal Shakti).

(VII) **Mr. Irshad Rasool Kar** called the attention of Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (Incharge Public Works) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of deteriorating condition of recently macadamized Sopore Bypass Bridge.

 **Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Mr. Surinder Kumar Choudhary** read out a reply.

➤ **PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

 **Mr. Satish Sharma, Hon'ble Minister For Transport** laid on the Table of the House, a copy of each of the following Reports as required under Sub-Section 4 of Section 33 of the Road Transport Corporation Act, 1950:-

- (i) Annual Accounts for J&K State Road Transport Corporation for the year 2014-2015;
- (ii) Annual Accounts for J&K State Road Transport Corporation for the year 2015-2016;
- (iii) Annual Accounts for J&K State Road Transport Corporation for the year 2016-2017;

- (iv) Annual Accounts for J&K State Road Transport Corporation for the year 2017-2018; and
- (v) Annual Accounts for J&K State Road Transport Corporation for the year 2018-2019.

➤ **PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF THE FINANCIAL AND OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE**

- i. **Mr. Sham Lal Sharma**, Hon'ble Chairman, Committee on Public Accounts presented the Report of the Committee for the year 2025-26;
- ii. **Mr. Ali Mohammad Sagar**, Hon'ble Chairman, Committee on Public Undertakings presented the Report of the Committee for the year 2025-26;
- iii. **Mtr. Shamim Firdous**, Hon'ble Chairperson, Committee on Estimates presented the Report of the Committee for the year 2025-26;
- iv. **Mr. Sajad Gani Lone**, Hon'ble Chairman, Government Assurances presented the Report of the Committee for the year 2025-26;
- v. **Mr. Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami**, Hon'ble Chairman, Committee on Environment presented the Report of the Committee for the year 2025-26;
- vi. **Mr. Nizam-ud-din Bhat**, Hon'ble Chairman, Committee on Privileges presented the Report of the Committee for the year 2025-26;

vii. **Pirzada Farooq Ahmad Shah**, Hon'ble Chairman, Committee on Petitions presented the Report of the Committee for the year 2025-26;

➤ **PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS**

i. **Mr. Nazir Ahmad Khan (Gurezi)** moved:-

"This House resolves that the promotion of employees especially in Education and Health Department may be based on at least two years service in far flung areas".

Hon'ble Member, Mr. Nazir Ahmad Khan spoke in support of his resolution.

Amendment Notices to Resolution appearing at Item No. 4 (i) in the List of Business whereof given by Hon'ble Members, Mir Saifullah, Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat, Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia and Mr. Qaysar Jamshaid Lone were deemed to have been moved.

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

1. Mir Saifullah (NC)
2. Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat (INC)
3. Mr. Farooq Ahmad Shah (NC)
4. Mr. Devinder Kumar Manyal (BJP)

The House then adjourned at 1:18 P.M. to meet again after one hour.

The House re-assembled at 2:44 P.M.


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

Further discussion on Resolution moved by Mr. Nazir Ahmad Khan (Gurezi):-


5. Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia (BJP)
6. Mr. Qaysar Jamshaid Lone (NC)
7. Dr. Sajjad Shafi (NC)
8. Dr. Rameshwar Singh (Ind.)
9. Ch. Iftikhar Ahmed (INC)
10. Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC)
11. Mr. Shabir Ahmad Kullay (Ind.)
12. Mr. Shakti Raj Parihar (BJP)

Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Health & Medical Education), Mtr. Sakina Masood Itoo replied the points raised by the Hon'ble Member and requested him to withdraw the resolution.

The amendments were withdrawn with the leave of the House.

 The resolution was withdrawn by the mover with the leave of the House.

ii. **Justice Hasnain Masoodi** moved:-

 "This House resolves that all measures be taken by the Government to regularize the possession of State land and all types of Shamilat land in use of registered Private and Government educational institutions and till the regularization process is completed to allow such educational institutions function from present premises without any objection on account of proprietary status of such land".

Hon'ble Member, Mr. Hasnain Masoodi spoke in support of his resolution.

Amendment Notice to Resolution appearing at Item No. 4 (ii) in the List of Business whereof given by Hon'ble Member Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat was deemed to have been moved.

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

1. Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat (INC)
2. Mr. Rajiv Jasrotia (BJP)
3. Mir Saifullah (NC)
4. Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta (BJP)
5. Mr. Farooq Ahmad Shah (NC)
6. Mr. Nazir Ahmad Khan (NC)

Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Health & Medical Education), Mtr. Sakina Masood Itoo replied the points raised by the Hon'ble Member and requested him to withdraw the resolution.

The amendments were withdrawn with the leave of the House.

The resolution was withdrawn by the mover with the leave of the House.

iii. **Mr. Mubarik Gul** moved:-

"This House resolves that considering the alarming degradation of lakes and water bodies in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, it urges the government to establish a dedicated lakes, water bodies and waterways development authority on the pattern of the Manasbal Lake Development Authority Model, with a


mandate for protection, restoration and sustainable development of Khusal Sar, Gilsar, Shallabug Water Body etc".

Hon'ble Member, Mr. Mubarik Gul spoke in support of his resolution.

Amendment Notice to Resolution appearing at Item No. 4 (iii) in the List of Business whereof given by Hon'ble Member, Mir Saifullah was deemed to have been moved.

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

1. Mir Saifullah (NC)
2. Ms. Devyani Rana (BJP)
3. Mr. Tanvir Sadiq (NC)
4. Mr. Salman Sagar (NC)

 **Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Jal Shakti), Mr. Javed Ahmad Dar** replied the points raised by the Hon'ble Member and requested him to withdraw the resolution.

 The amendments were withdrawn with the leave of the House.

The resolution was withdrawn by the mover with the leave of the House.

The House adjourned at 5:00 P.M. to meet again at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, the 1st of April, 2026 in the Jammu & Kashmir Assembly Hall, Jammu.