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The House met today on 30th 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.


Starred Questions: 37 Starred Questions set down in the Question list were answered in writing, out of which nine (09) questions were called and answered orally as well. Fifteen (15) Supplementary Questions were also raised and answers given.


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 1: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat (INC) raised A. Q. No. 1056 listed at S.No. 5 on behalf of Hon'ble Member, Mr. G. A. Mir.

Note 2: At this stage, the Hon'ble Speaker called upon Hon'ble Member, Mr. Javaid Iqbal (NC) to raise A. Q. No. 1402 listed at S. No. 9, however, he was not present in the House.

Note 3: At this stage, the Hon'ble Member, Mr. Satish Kumar Sharma, supported by entire Opposition Hon'ble Members of BJP, raised the issue of regularizing the services of daily wagers, casual labours and other temporary workers. The Hon'ble Members stated that despite repeated assurances by the Government, their services were not regularized. Hon'ble Member, Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia (BJP) added that though the Government constituted a Committee for this purpose, but no progress has been made so far subsequently, demanded an update on the Committee's status.

 The Hon'ble Speaker while standing requested the Hon'ble Members to take their seats. He stated that a bill regarding the regularization of casual and other workers is listed on today's Business and discussing the matter twice would be inappropriate, accordingly assured the Hon'ble Members that they would have an opportunity to speak once the bill is formally introduced.

 Thereafter, the Hon'ble Speaker called the following Hon'ble Members to raise their Constituency related issues:-

1. Mr. Hasnain Masoodi (NC)

2. Mr. S. S. Slathia (BJP)
3. Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi (PDP)
4. Mr. Farooq Ahmad Shah (NC)
5. Dr. Syed Bashir Ahmad Shah Veeri (NC)
6. Mr. Nazir Ahmad Khan (NC)

Note 4: On a point of information, Hon'ble Minister, Ms. Sakina Masood Itoo, while addressing the issue raised by Hon'ble Member, Mr. Nazir Ahmad Khan (NC) stated that in order to reform the School Education Department and to address acute staff shortages in rural and remote areas, instructions have already been issued for the detachment of employees particularly in Bandipora, Baramullah and Srinagar Districts. She also informed the House that these employees have already been directed to report their original places of posting. She further stated that no representation regarding the transfer of these employees will be entertained, except on health or marriage grounds besides, assured the House that no contractual appointments have been made in the School Education Department.

7. Mir Saifullah (NC)
8. Mr. Tanvir Sadiq (NC)
9. Mr. Shakti Raj Parihar (BJP)
10. Dr. Narinder Singh Raina (BJP)
11. Ch. Iftikar Ahmed (INC)
12. Engineer Khurshied Ahmad (NC)
13. Mr. Shabir Ahmad Kullay (Ind.)

14. Mr. Mubarik Gul (NC)
15. Mr. Altaf Ahmad Wani (NC)
16. Dr. Sajjad Shafi (NC)
17. Mr. R. S. Pathania (BJP)
18. Mr. Garu Ram Bhagat (BJP)
19. Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat (INC)
20. Mr. Sajad Shaheen (NC)
21. Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC)

Note 5: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC) drew the attention of the Chair to his Adjournment Motion which is about to discuss the Government's failure to rationalize Economically Weaker Section (EWS) criteria. The Hon'ble Speaker termed his Adjournment Motion as "procedurally inappropriate" clarifying that he rejected the device used to introduce it, rather than the motion itself and stressed that a Member cannot bring an Adjournment Motion on the matter and made it clear that only Legislation is required to correct it. Hon'ble Member, Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC) suggested that Government should follow the Kerala model, which links EWS eligibility directly to Public Distribution System (PDS) data to ensure consistency and fairness. In the meanwhile, Hon'ble Member, Dr. Narinder Singh Raina (BJP) tried to contest his suggestion, however, Hon'ble Speaker intervened and asked the Hon'ble Member not to interfere as the discussion is between Speaker and Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC).

22. Mr. M. Y. Tarigami (CPIM)
23. Mr. Saif-ud-Din Bhat (NC)
24. Mr. Irshad Rasool Kar (NC)
25. Mian Mehar Ali (NC)
26. Mir Mohammad Fayaz (PDP)
27. Mr. Sunil Bhardwaj (BJP)
28. Mr. Abdul Majeed Bhat (NC)
29. Mr. Reyaz Ahmad Khan (NC)
30. Mr. Ali Mohammad Dar (NC)
31. Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta (BJP)
32. Mr. Baldev Raj Sharma (BJP)
33. Mr. Qaysar Jamshaid Lone (NC)

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

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1. **MR. ALTAF AHMAD WANI** called the attention of Hon'ble Chief Minister (Incharge Power Development Department) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of non-availability of electricity due to damaged transformer of Gopalpora Grid Station in Pahalgam Constituency.

Ans

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

2. **MR. SALMAN SAGAR** 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 halted construction of additional building of Sub-District Hospital, Hazratbal.

Mtr. Sakina Masood Itoo, Hon'ble Minister for Health & Medical Education read out a reply.

➤ **PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

(I) Mr. Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister laid on the Table of the House, a copy of each of the following Books:-

- (i)** Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Public Health Infrastructure and Management of Health Services for the period ended March 2022 (Report No. 2 of 2025, Performance Audit-Civil);
- (ii)** Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Working of University of Jammu for the period ended March 2022 (Report No. 3 of 2025, Performance Audit-Civil);
- (iii)** Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Conservation and Management of Lakes in Jammu and Kashmir for the period ended March 2022 (Report No. 4 of 2025, Performance Audit-Civil);
- (iv)** Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the period ended March 2022 (Report No. 05 of 2025, Compliance Audit Report-Revenue and Public Sector Undertakings);
- (v)** Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the period ended March 2022 (Report No. 06 of 2025, Composite Audit Report-Civil);
- (vi)** Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the period ended March 2023 (Report No.7 of 2025, Compliance Audit Report Civil-1); and



(vii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the period ended March 2023 (Report No.1 of 2026-UT Revenue).

(II) **Mr. Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister** laid on the Table of the House, a copy of each of the following Books:-

- (i) Finance Accounts (Volume i) for the year 2024-25;
- (ii) Finance Accounts (Volume ii) for the year 2024-25; and
- (iii) Appropriation Accounts for the year 2024-25.

➤ **BILLS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Secretary informed the House about the Bills Passed by the Legislative Assembly and assented to by the Lieutenant Governor.

➤ **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS FOR INTRODUCTION**

(1) **Mr. Qaysar Jamshaid Lone** moved for leave to introduce "A Bill to amend the Cooperative Societies Act, 1989 (L.A. Private Members' Bill No.1 of 2025)".

Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Cooperative, Mr. Javid Ahmad Dar opposed the motion.

Hon'ble Member, Mr. Qaysar Jamshaid Lone spoke in support of his motion.

Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Javid Ahmad Dar replied the points raised by the Hon'ble Member and requested the Hon'ble Member to withdraw the Bill.

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

- (2) **Mir Saifullah** moved for leave to introduce "A Bill to make it obligatory on the part of Private Educational Institutions to provide reservation to Children of Below Poverty Line and Antyodaya Anna Yojana Families in Agriculture Colleges, Para Medical Colleges, Law Colleges and Skill Development Institutions **(L.A. Private Members' Bill No. 6 of 2025)**".

Hon'ble Minister for Health & Medical Education, Mtr. Sakina Masood Itoo opposed the motion.

Hon'ble Member, Mir Saifullah spoke in support of his motion.

Hon'ble Minister, Mtr. Sakina Masood Itoo replied the points raised by the Hon'ble Member and requested the Hon'ble Member to withdraw the Bill.

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

- (3) **Mr. Waheed Ur Rehman Para** moved for leave to introduce "A Bill to provide for establishment of a residential and technical University in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to offer higher learning in various streams. The University will be set up by utilizing the surplus funds of Kashmir Creative Educational Foundation, a Society **(L.A. Private Members' Bill No. 9 of 2025)**".

Hon'ble Minister for Health & Medical Education, Mtr. Sakina Masood Itoo opposed the motion.


Hon'ble Member, Mr. Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra spoke in support of his motion.

Hon'ble Minister, Mtr. Sakina Masood Itoo replied the points raised by the Hon'ble Member and requested the Hon'ble Member to withdraw the Bill.

The Bill was rejected by the House with voice vote and the leave to introduce the Bill was not granted.

- (4) **Mr. Nizam-Ud-Din Bhat** moved for leave to introduce "A Bill to provide for equitable opportunities of employment in the civil services in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir keeping in view its complex socio-economical, geographical, ethnic, linguistic concerns and matters connected therewith and incidental thereto **(L.A. Private Members' Bill No. 11 of 2025)**".

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Omar Abdullah opposed the motion.

 Hon'ble Member, Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat spoke in support of his motion.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Omar Abdullah replied the points raised by the Hon'ble Member and requested the Hon'ble Member to withdraw the Bill.

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

- (5) **Mr. Altaf Ahmad Wani** moved for leave to introduce "A Bill to amend the Jammu and Kashmir Preservation of Specified Trees, Act, 1969, to grant owners the free will to cut Walnut Trees standing on their land while ensuring environmental sustainability **(L.A. Private Members' Bill No. 13 of 2025)**".


Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Omar Abdullah opposed the motion.

Hon'ble Member, Mr. Altaf Ahmad Wani spoke in support of his motion.


Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Omar Abdullah replied the points raised by the Hon'ble Member and requested the Hon'ble Member to withdraw the Bill.

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

- (6) **Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia** moved for leave to Introduce "A Bill to provide for the protection of temples and retrieval of Illegally occupied land in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (**L.A. Private Members' Bill No. 16 of 2025**)".

 Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Mr. Surinder Kumar Choudhary opposed the motion.

Hon'ble Member, Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia spoke in support of his motion.

 Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Mr. Surinder Kumar Choudhary replied the points raised by the Hon'ble Member and requested the Hon'ble Member to withdraw the Bill.

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

- (7) **Mr. Mubarik Gul** moved for leave to introduce "A Bill to provide for the Salaries, Allowances and other benefits of the Chief Whip of the majority party in the Legislative Assembly of the Union

Territory of the Jammu and Kashmir (L.A. Private Members' Bill No. 19 of 2025)".

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Omar Abdullah opposed the motion.

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

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Omar Abdullah replied the points raised by the Hon'ble Member and requested the Hon'ble Member to withdraw the Bill.

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

- (8) **Dr. Syed Bashir Ahmad Veeri** moved for leave to introduce "A Bill to restore and safeguard River Jhelum and to protect from further degradation, ensuring its ecological sustainability through waste management measures and strict penalties for pollution (L.A. Private Members' Bill No. 23 of 2025)".

Hon'ble Minister Jal Shakti, Forest & Tribal Affairs, Mr. Javed Ahmed Rana opposed the motion.

Hon'ble Member, Dr. Syed Bashir Ahmad Shah Veeri spoke in support of his motion.

Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Mr. Javed Ahmed Rana replied the points raised by the Hon'ble Member and requested the Hon'ble Member to withdraw the Bill.

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

Note 6: At this stage, the Hon'ble Speaker corrected the record, stating he never moved a bill to enhance salaries or benefits while

serving as Leader of the Opposition (LOP). He noted that such remarks were originally made in the House by the Hon'ble Member, Mr. Mubarik Gul.

- (9) **Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta** moved for leave to introduce "A Bill to provide compassionate appointments to the next of kin of deceased government employees, security personnel and civilians affected by militancy or enemy action (**L.A. Private Members' Bill No. 27 of 2025**)".

Note 7: At this stage, Hon'ble Speaker informed the Hon'ble Member that his Bill will be again taken up for discussion during the on-going Session.

The House adjourned at 1:30 PM, to meet again at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, the 31st of March, 2026 in the Jammu & Kashmir Assembly Hall, Jammu.