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BULLETIN

Thursday, February 19th, 2026

The House met today on 19th 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.

Starred Questions: 72 Starred Questions set down in the Question list were answered in writing, out of which fourteen (14) questions were called and answered orally as well. Eighteen (18) Supplementary Questions were also raised and answers given.

 **Un-starred Questions:** Written replies to 18 un-starred questions set down in the Question List were distributed among the concerned Hon'ble Members.

Note 1: At this stage, A. Q. No. 65 at S.No. 1 of the day's Question List was not taken up due to the absence of the concerned Hon'ble Member, Dr. Rameshwar Singh (Ind.).

Note 2: At this stage, Hon'ble Speaker informed the House that the Hon'ble Chief Minister would give reply at 3 PM and voting would take place at 3.30 PM.

Note 3: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Irfan Hafiz Lone (INC) alleged that Kashmiri students are being harassed in Rajasthan and requested the Chair to direct the Government to intervene in the matter.

Note 4: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Tanvir Sadiq (NC) informed the House about the frequent fire incidents in Lal-Bazar area of Srinagar which caused grave loss to the property of the inhabitants and urged for better safety infrastructure there.

**Discussion and Voting On Demands for Grants for the Year 2026-27/
Supplementary Demands for Grants for the Year 2025-26.**

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

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1. Mr. Qaysar Jamshaid Lone (NC) 11.04 AM to 11.16 AM
 2. Mr. Javaid Hassan Baig (NC) 11.16 AM to 11.26 AM
 3. Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta (BJP) 11.26 AM to 11.46 AM

Note 5: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat (INC) informed the Chair about an order issued by District Magistrate Kishtwar with regard to regulating the collection of donations in the district during the holy month of Ramzan terming the directive as unconstitutional and argued that such administrative scrutiny is an

intrusion into the privacy of religious obligations (Sadaqah and Zakat) besides requested the Chair to direct the Government to furnish the statement on this count. Meanwhile, Mr. G. A. Mir (INC) also demanded the immediate revocation of such order.

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| 4. Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Mir (INC) | 11.48 AM to 12.02 PM |
| 5. Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Jan (NC) | 12.02 PM to 12.11 PM |
| Hon'ble Member, Mr. Mubarik Gul (A Member on Panel of Chairmen)
in the Chair at 12.03 PM | |
| 6. Mr. Sajad Shaheen (NC) | 12.11 PM to 12.25 PM |
| 7. Mr. Rajiv Jasrotia (BJP) | 12.26 AM to 12.41 PM |
| 8. Mr. M. Y. Tarigami (CPIM) | 12.42 PM to 12.57 PM |
| 9. Mr. Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra (PDP) | 12.57 PM to 12.59 PM |
| 10. Mr. Payare Lal Sharma (Ind.) | 12.59 PM to 1.06 PM |
| 11. Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC) | 1.06 PM to 1.13 PM |
| 12. Mr. Chander Prakash (BJP) | 1.13 PM to 1.25 PM |

Note 6: At this stage, Hon'ble Minister, Mtr. Sakina Masood Itoo recalled a decision taken by Hon'ble Member, Mr. Sajad Gani Lone as a Minister in 2014 in which he allegedly cancelled the appointments of eighty (80) Anganwani Workers. She further asserted Hon'ble Member, Mr. Sajad Gani Lone(PC) not to give advice to the present Government regarding their works.

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| 13. Mr. Saif-ud-Din Bhat (NC) | 1.27 PM to 1.33 PM |
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The House then adjourned at 1.33 PM to meet again at 2.30 PM.

The House re-assembled at 2.38 PM.

Advocate Abdul Rahim Rather, Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair at 2.38 PM.

Further discussion on Demands for Grants :-

13. Mr. Saif-ud-Din Bhat (NC)	2.38 PM to 2.40 PM
14. Ch. Mohammad Akram (Ind.)	2.40 PM to 2.43 PM
15. Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad (INC)	2.43 PM to 2.48 PM
16. Mir Mohammad Fayaz (PDP)	2.48 PM to 2.52 PM
17. Mr. Sunil Sharma (Leader of Opposition)	2.52 PM to 3.22 PM

Note 7: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Sheikh Khursheed Ahmad (Ind.) addressing the Chair agitated that he did not get ample opportunity to raise his concerns in the House during the discussion on grants.

➤ **Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Omar Abdullah replied the debate from 3:23 PM to 4:13 PM.**

While replying to the discussion on Demands for Grants, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Omar Abdullah expressed gratitude to the legislators for their active participation in the debate and also appreciated the efforts of the administrative machinery, including Secretaries, Heads of Departments, Officers and staff particularly in view of the record number of Cut Motions.

He informed the House that the process of regularization of daily-rated, adhoc and other temporary workers will be started in a legally and financially sustainable manner in 2026. He reiterated that the Government aims to fill up nearly thirty thousand (30,000) vacant posts this year without creating new positions.

He also assured the House that all vacancies would be filled in a transparent and time-bound manner in co-ordination with the Service Selection Board and Public Service Commission to avoid legal challenges that had derailed recruitment process in the past.

He also underlined the importance of SASCI calling it one of the best schemes for Jammu and Kashmir especially due to the provision of 50-year interest free loan.

Acknowledging delays in retirement benefits he said that the Government has significantly increased disbursement.

Calling Tourism a vital sector, Hon'ble Chief Minister said the Government successfully revived this industry despite difficult circumstances following the tragic Pahalgam incident adding that several destinations have been reopened with the intervention of the Central Government and expressed hope that by May, all remaining closed destinations would be reopened.

Hon'ble Chief Minister also spoke about projects like the Jammu River front envisioning its development similar to Ahmedabad's Sabarmati River front.

He also assured full implementation of the RDSS scheme to improve distribution infrastructure and reiterated that the Government has no intention of privatizing distribution companies.

On encroachments, Hon'ble Chief Minister assured that action would begin against 'big sharks' and land grabbers rather than a poor.

He also announced that 2-3 major vertical housing projects would be launched in Jammu and Srinagar this year with special focus on Economically Weaker Sections.

On issues raised regarding CDF and related matter, Hon'ble Chief Minister assured the Hon'ble Members that saving under the scheme belong entirely to them and it will not go back to the Treasury, adding that an order would be issued to bring the clarity on this account soon.

While concluding his reply, Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked legislators for their valuable contributions and assured that concerns raised would be addressed appropriately.

Cut motion Notices moved by Hon'ble Members viz **Mr. M. Y. Tarigami (CPIM), Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia (BJP), Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC), Mir Mohammad Fayaz (PDP), Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta (BJP), Mr. Shakti Raj Parihar (BJP), Mr. Satish Kumar Sharma (BJP), Mr. Mohan**

Lal Bhagat (BJP), Mr. Shabir Ahmad Kullay (Ind.), Mr. Yudhvir Sethi (BJP), Thakur Randhir Singh (BJP), Sheikh Khursheed (Ind.), Mr. Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra (PDP), Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi (PDP), Mr. Darshan Kumar (BJP), Mr. Kuldeep Raj Dubey (BJP), Mr. Baldev Raj Sharma (BJP), Mr. Surinder Kumar (BJP) and Ms. Shagun Parihar (BJP) were withdrawn with the leave of the House.

Afterwards, Demand for Grants for the year 2026-27 viz 01, 03, 04, 06, 08, 09, 10, 14, 19, 20, 24, 31 and 33 alongwith Supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 2025-26 viz 01, 02, 03, 06, 07, 08, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 30, 32, 35 and 36 were put to vote and passed in the House with voice vote.

The House then adjourned at 4.21 PM, to meet again at 10:00 AM on Friday, the 20th of February, 2026 at Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Hall, Jammu.