

**JAMMU AND KASHMIR
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

6th SESSION

PART II

List of Questions for Written Answers
(Un-starred Questions)

Friday, the 25th of September, 2026

Total No. of Questions = 41

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REGARDING: REPRESENTATION OF OFFICERS

1. (D. No. 1/6/370) **Mr. Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Mir** : Will the Government please state :—
- (a) whether it has undertaken any exercise to assess the representation of officers belonging to reserved categories at the level of Head of Departments (HoDs) in Jammu & Kashmir; if so, the details thereof;
 - (b) category-wise, the number of aforesaid posts presently occupied by officers belonging to aforesaid category including SC/ST, RBA, ALC/IB, OSC and other notified reserved categories;
 - (c) department-wise, the number and percentage of reserved category officers who have reached HoD / equivalent level during the last 3 years; and
 - (d) whether it has identified any shortfall in the representation of reserved category officers at HoD level; if so, the steps being taken to ensure adequate and equitable representation of Officers belonging to aforesaid categories at senior administrative/ departmental levels?

(Minister Incharge Social Welfare)

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REGARDING : JAL JEEVAN MISSION (JJM)

2. (D. No. 1/6/483) **Mr. Sunil Kumar Sharma** : Will the Government please state :—
- (a) district-wise; the details of villages and habitations covered under Jal Jeevan Mission indicating also the number of households provided with functional tap water connections;

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- (b) the number of WSS declared completed but reported as non-functional / partially functional indicating also the reasons in this behalf;
- (c) year-wise; the quantum of funds utilized under Jal Jeevan Mission during the last three financial years; and
- (d) district-wise; the number of villages expected to receive reliable and regular piped drinking-water supply during current financial year?

(Minister Incharge Jal Shakti)

REGARDING: POWER SUPPLY

3. (D. No. 1/6/354) **Mr. Sheikh Ahsan Ahmed Pardesi** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that a 10 MVA Power Receiving Station with two outgoing feeders was established at Zewan Bala about a decade ago on a piece of land donated by the local inhabitants there with the assurance that it would cater to the electricity requirements of Zewan Bala, Zewan Payeen, Zawoorra and adjoining areas;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said Receiving Station is operational for a considerable period but Zewan Bala, Zewan Payeen and Zawoorra villages are still being supplied electricity from the Pampore Receiving Station instead of the Zewan Bala Receiving Station; and
- (c) if reply to above parts be in affirmative, the reasons for delay in connecting these areas to the Zewan Bala Receiving Station despite being in operational status?

(Minister Incharge Power Development)

REGARDING : NATIONAL FLAG PROJECT

4. (D. No. 1/6/474) **Mr. Satish Kumar Sharma** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether the Billawar-Duggan Development Authority has approved the installation of a National Flag project in Billawar Constituency; if so, the date of administrative approval/sanction, the name of the project, and the approving authority;
- (b) whether any detailed project report (DPR) has been prepared for the aforesaid project; if so the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost, source of funding, executing agency entrusted with the work and the timeline fixed for its commencement and completion;
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned/released/utilized under the aforesaid project till date along with the present physical/financial status of the work; and
- (d) the reasons for delay in the execution/completion of the project, if any, and the revised timeline fixed for completion and commissioning of the aforesaid project?

(Minister Incharge Tourism)

REGARDING : MINING SECTOR

5. (D. No. 1/6/641) **Mr. Ali Mohammad Dar**: Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it has formulated any action plan for the restoration and ecological rejuvenation of degraded Karewas in

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Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in Chadoora Constituency; if so, the details thereof ;

- (b) whether 'Environmental Compensation', if any, has been levied/ recovered from such persons, firms or companies during the last five years who were found involved in unauthorized excavation of earth/minerals in Chadoora Constituency, particularly for the construction of the Srinagar Ring Road; if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of works/projects taken up by NKC Projects Pvt. Ltd. under CSR in Budgam district indicating also the overall quantum of investments made there?

(Minister Incharge Mining)

REGARDING : DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

6. (D. No. 1/6/515) **Miss Shagun Parihar** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the steps taken/being taken to augment/strengthen the water supply/distribution infrastructure in Tunder and Saroor villages of Kishtwar Constituency indicating also the measures taken for providing of functional tap water connections to every household there together with the quantum of funds sanctioned/released, works proposed/ identified and the timeline fixed in this behalf; and
- (b) whether a DPR stands formulated/prepared for the aforementioned purpose; if so, the present status thereof ?

(Minister Incharge Jal Shakti)

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REGARDING : INTRODUCING OF NEW RECRUITMENT
PATTERN

7. (D. No. 1/6/554) **Mr. Showkat Hussain Ganie** : Will the Government please state whether it proposes to introduce a Combined Graduate Level (CGL) examination through JKSSRB, on the pattern/analogy of SSC-CGL for recruitment/selections against available vacancies across various Departments in view of ever growing unemployment figures especially of educated youth in Jammu & Kashmir vis-a-vis delay and complexity in conduct of multiple recruitment examinations ; if so, when; indicating also the contours of the proposed pattern; if not, the reasons therefor?

(Minister Incharge General Administration Department)

REGARDING : ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

8. (D. No. 1/6/545) **Th. Randhir Singh** : Will the Government please state :—
- (a) constituency/scheme-wise; the details of funds earmarked/ released under R&B Sector for Rajouri District during 2025-26 and 2026-27 indicating also the relevant Head/ Components in this behalf vis-a-vis the details of projects sanctioned and expenditure incurred on each work; and
 - (b) the criteria/norms adopted with regard to aforesaid allocation/release of funds and the reasons for variation, if any, particularly in the allocations to Kalakote-Sunderbani Constituency as well as other constituencies?

(Minister Incharge Public Works)

REGARDING : UPGRADATION OF FOOD CRAFT INSTITUTE

9. (D. No. 1/6/492) **Miss Devyani Rana** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the present status of the proposal for up-gradation of the Food Craft Institute (FCI), Nagrota to Institute of Hotel Management (IHM) indicating also the steps taken/being taken for expediting the process particularly according requisite approvals/ fulfilling administrative requirements; and
- (b) whether it contemplates to make the aforesaid IHM fully operational during the current financial year; if so, the timeline fixed for formal commencement of academic programmes there?

(Minister Incharge Skill Development)

REGARDING : DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

10. (D. No. 1/6/378) **Mr. Javaid Iqbal** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that 15 villages of Khawas are facing acute shortage of drinking water, particularly owing to drought-like conditions prevailing in the area ;
- (b) whether a DPR for lifting water from the Ans River for providing sustainable drinking water supply to these villages has been prepared and submitted; if so, the estimated cost and date of its submission ; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that the in-Charge Hon'ble Minister , during the last Assembly Session had held out an assurance

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on the Floor of the House that the said project would be taken up for execution and had subsequently conveyed the same in writing; if so, the present status of the DPR/project, including its approval, funding and execution and the date when will aforesaid assurance be fulfilled with regard to execution of the project ?

(Minister Incharge Jal Shakti)

REGARDING : FUND ALLOCATION

11. (D. No. 1/6/362) Mr. Shakti Raj Parihar: Will the Government please state :—

- (a) district-wise; the details of funds allocated/utilized for construction of play-fields, grounds and sports infrastructure in J&K during the last two years;
- (b) the budget allocated to the Department and J&K Sports Council, Doda for the development of sports infrastructure in Doda District during the last three years;
- (c) the steps being taken to promote women participation in sports particularly in rural areas of Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts where social and infrastructural barriers are higher; and
- (d) whether it has any plan to promote Indoor Olympic Games in Doda District; if so, when?

(Minister Incharge Youth Services & Sports)

REGARDING : IMPLEMENTATION OF 50% RESERVATION
CEILING AND SAFEGUARDING THE INTERESTS OF OPEN
MERIT CANDIDATES IN JAMMU & KASHMIR

12. (D.No.1/6/232) Mr. Shabir Ahmad Kullay : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is fact that the issue of reservation of Open Merit candidates in respect of recruitments in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been persistently raised in earlier Assembly Session(s) ;
- (b) whether it has examined the proposal for ensuring 50% representation for Open Merit candidates in accordance with the applicable constitutional and judicial provisions; if so, the present status of the process for earmarking said quota for Open Merit candidates ;
- (c) whether the aforesaid proposal stand placed before the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor for his consideration/approval; if so, when; if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether it proposes to take appropriate measures to ensure a fair and equitable balance between reserved and Open Merit categories in recruitment and admissions; if so, the details and timeline fixed thereof ?

(Minister Incharge Social Welfare)

REGARDING : TIMBER SALE DEPOTS

13. (D.No. 1/6/444) **Mr. Reyaz Ahmad Khan** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it intends to revive the Forest Timber Sale Depots in J&K; if so, when ; and
- (b) the steps taken/being taken to ensure regular availability of firewood and timber to the public at reasonable rates particularly during harsh winters?

(Minister Incharge Forest)

REGARDING : CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

14. (D.No.1/6/81) **Dr. Rajeev Kumar Bhagat** : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether there exists any scope or permissibility for amending/ altering Constituency Development Plan by any Officer/ Official subsequent to its approval/ vetting by the Hon'ble MLA concerned ; and
- (b) whether such unilateral changes are permissible under the approved guidelines , if not, what action is proposed to be taken against the officers/officials found indulging in such acts?

(Minister Incharge Finance)

REGARDING : ENHANCEMENT OF REMUNERATION

15. (D.No.1/6/198) **Mr. Khurshed Ahmad Sheikh**: Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that PhD-qualified contractual faculty engaged in various Degree Colleges in Jammu and Kashmir are

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being paid meager ₹28,000 remuneration per month as against ₹92,000 disbursed by the Government of Bihar for equivalent positions; if so, the reasons for such disparity; and

- (b) whether it intends to enhance the aforesaid remuneration and review the service conditions of such engagees to ensure a fair and dignified compensation to them; if so, when; if not; the reasons therefor?

(Minister Incharge Higher Education)

REGARDING : COMPREHENSIVE REFORMS IN EXAM PATTERN

16. (D.No.1/6/498) Mr. Tariq Hamed Karra: Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether the existing recruitment examination pattern of JKPS/ JKSSB requires comprehensive reform so as to align it with national standards; if so, the reforms proposed to modernize aforesaid examinations through computer-based testing, standardized question banks and updated syllabi aligned with current recruitment needs ;
- (b) the number of recruitment examinations conducted during the last three years in respect of which prescribed timeline for declaration of results exceeded , indicating the reasons thereof ;
- (c) the number of malpractice/examination-related irregularities, if any, reported during the last five years and action taken thereon ;
- (d) the measures being taken to prevent recurrence, including biometric verification, secure question-paper handling and anti-cheating measures;

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- (e) whether a fixed, time-bound recruitment calendar is proposed for recruitment ,examinations and result declaration; and
- (f) whether any mechanism exists to ensure transparency in the JKCCE Mains examination process conducted by JKPSC; if so, the details thereof ?

(Minister Incharge General Administration Department)

REGARDING : CSR FUNDS

17. (D.No. 1/6/460) Dr. Rameshwar Singh: Will the Government please state:—

- (a) the quantum of CSR funds released/provided by the concerned agency/company for Sewa-II Hydropower Project during last three years and currently available for further utilization ;
- (b) the details of works undertaken/executed under aforesaid funding source indicating also the nature/location of works executing together with expenditure component; and
- (c) the details of works proposed to be undertaken under the aforesaid CSR funds indicating also the nature/ location/ estimated cost and proposed timeline for its execution in each case ?

(Minister Incharge Power Development)

REGARDING : SCHOOLS

18. (D.No.1/6/329) Mr. Sham Lal Sharma : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) category-wise, the number of Schools existing in Jammu North constituency indicating also the enrollment figures,

sanctioned/in position staff strength and vacant posts as on 31 August 2026 in each institution ;

- (b) the number of School Buildings in the aforesaid Constituency declared unsafe / in dilapidated condition indicating also the funds sanctioned/released/utilized during 2025-26 and current FY for their reconstruction/ restoration ;
- (c) whether it proposes to construct new/additional classrooms /toilets/ boundary walls in various Schools of aforesaid Constituency, if so, the timeline fixed in this behalf ;
- (d) the number of schools in Jammu North constituency where Mid Day Meal Scheme stands introduced indicating also the number of students got benefited and the rate per child/honorarium being paid to cooks/helpers; and
- (e) whether any complaints regarding poor quality of food grains supplied to Schools in the aforesaid Constituency stands received during last one year, if so, the details thereof and action taken against those involved ?

(Minister Incharge School Education)

REGARDING : POOR DRAINAGE SYSTEM ON NH-244

- 19. (D.No.1/6/568) Mr. Zafar Ali Khatana:** Will the Government please state whether it is a fact that drainage system along NH-244 from Vailoo to Kokernag stands damaged at various locations; if so, whether it proposes to take-up the matter with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for restoration of the damaged drainage system on the said stretch ? If so, if not, the reasons therefor ?

(Minister Incharge Public Works)

REGARDING: RESTORATION OF DAMAGED WOODEN
CROSSINGS/FOOTBRIDGES

20. (D. No. 1/6/608) **Mr. Payare Lal Sharma:** Will the Government please state :—

- (a) detail-wise; the total number of wooden crossings/footbridges damaged/washed away during the recent flash floods/ cloudbursts in Inderwal Constituency indicating also the details of such wooden crossings /footbridges restored together with the expenditure incurred on such works there;
- (b) location-wise; the details of aforesaid infrastructure yet to be restored together with the steps taken/being taken for their restoration/ reconstruction in aforesaid Constituency particularly in far-flung and inaccessible areas?

(Minister Incharge Rural Development and Panchayati Raj)

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REGARDING: COMMUNITY CENTERS

21. (D. No. 1/6/592) **Mr. Mushtaq Guroo:** Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of Community Centres in Srinagar District including those in Chanapora Constituency exclusively meant for public use/social function/activities are presently also being utilized as Ward Offices; if so, the reasons for such utilization of these Centers indicating also the period in each case as well;

- (b) whether it is a fact that such use has hindered the normal functioning of these Community Centres and also affected the privacy/convenience of the residents using them for community purposes; and
- (c) whether it proposes to identify separate and suitable accommodation for such Ward Offices and restore the Community Centres exclusively for public use; if so, the locations identified and timeline fixed for shifting the Ward Offices ?

(Minister Incharge Housing and Urban Development)

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REGARDING: INDOOR STADIUM

22. (D. No. 1/6/241) **Mr. Choudhary Mohammed Akram :** Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite having considerable sporting talent Surankote Constituency lack requisite sports infrastructure including indoor sports facilities for training and competitive activities; if so, whether it proposes to establish an Indoor Stadium in aforesaid Constituency to ensure availability of basic sports infrastructure and facilities to the youth there ;
- (b) the present status of the aforesaid proposal indicating also the details of the sports facilities to be provided in the proposed Indoor Stadium, including facilities for indoor games, fitness and training; and

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- (c) the timeline fixed for sanction/commencement/completion of the aforesaid project together with the steps being taken to ensure early establishment of the Indoor Stadium in the aforesaid Constituency?

(Minister Incharge Youth Services and Sports)

REGARDING: DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE
INFRASTRUCTURE

23. (D. No. 1/6/275) **Mr. Irshad Rasool Kar:** Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the steps taken for undertaking survey in respect of construction of ‘Deep Drainage System’ in Sopore Town;
- (b) the present status of the DPR formulated for a comprehensive town-wide drainage network, particularly in view of the engagement of J&K Urban Environmental Engineering Department in its formation on 25th March, 2026 ; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that a large number of drains are directly discharging into River Jhelum and Wular Lake, if so, the details thereof and the measures taken for establishment of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at respective places to prevent such discharge and timeline thereof ?

(Minister Incharge Housing and Urban Development)

REGARDING: BEAUTIFICATION WORKS

24. (D. No. 1/6/426) **Mr. Rafiq Ahmad Naik:** Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it has formulated or approved any comprehensive plan for the beautification and urban upgradation of Tral and Awantipora Towns covering roadsides, footpaths, street lighting, drainage, parks, public spaces, medians, traffic management and other civic amenities;
- (b) whether DPRs stands prepared for the proposed beautification works in Tral and Awantipora Towns; if so, the details thereof, including estimated cost, major components and present status of approval; and
- (c) the quantum of funds sanctioned/released for the beautification and urban infrastructure works in Tral and Awantipora during the last three financial years, indicating also the expenditure incurred and the physical progress achieved in this regard ?

(Minister Incharge Housing and Urban Development)

REGARDING: CDF WORKS/UTILIZATION OF TENDER SAVINGS

25. (D. No. 1/6/417) **Mr. Gulam Ahmad Mir :** Will the Government please state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that delays in execution of works under CDF occur at different stages ‘viz’. from recommendation to

- completion; if so, whether stage specific timelines and officer's responsibilities have been laid down/prescribed;
- (b) whether processing of CDF works in Dooru Constituency has been assessed with regard to said timelines; if so, the major causes of delay and the mechanism for fixing responsibility;
 - (c) whether uniform rules govern tender savings where the allotted cost is below the sanctioned/estimated cost indicating mode of utilization these savings and prescribed competent authority in this behalf; and
 - (d) whether permissible tender savings can be utilized for additional eligible works within the same Constituency; if so, the procedure adopted in this regard?

(Minister Incharge Finance)

REGARDING: ALLOTMENT OF PLOTS

26. (D. No. 1/6/53) Mr. Arvind Gupta : Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the total number of residential plots developed and allotted by JDA in Gole Gujral Housing Colony in Jammu West Constituency indicating also the reasons for not handing over the physical possession of the plots in respect of some allottees despite receipt of full payments;
- (b) the number of allotted plots under illegal encroachment or under litigation together with the action taken / being taken to settle such disputes indicating also the timeline fixed for handing over the possession to legitimate allottees;

- (c) the present status and framework for regularization of unauthorized housing colonies within JMC limits particularly in Jammu West Constituency;
- (d) whether it proposes to develop a new planned and affordable housing colonies in Jammu City; if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures being taken to tackle the issue of unauthorized habitations so as to ensure planned urban development across Jammu City?

(Minister Incharge Housing and Urban Development)

REGARDING: SRTC SHOPPING MALL PROJECT

27. (D. No. 1/6/600) **Dr. S. Bashir Ahmed Shah Veeri:** Will the Government please state:—

- (a) whether it is a fact that the SRTC Shopping Mall Project at Lal Chowk, Anantnag taken up for execution in the year 2002 is still incomplete; if so, the reasons for inordinate delay in its completion;
- (b) the physical/financial targets achieved so far in respect of the aforesaid project; and
- (c) whether a time-bound plan has been formulated to resolve the pending identified issues and complete / operationalize the Shopping Mall there; if so, the details and timeline fixed thereof ?

(Minister Incharge Housing and Urban Development)

REGARDING: DISASTER RESPONSE

28. (D. No. 1/6/410) Mr. Sajjad Shaheen: Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that entire Jammu & Kashmir including of Ladakh has been classified by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) 2025 as highest-risk Seismic Zone VI ;
- (b) if reply to above part be in affirmative, whether it has made district-wise; assessment of seismic vulnerability, availability of disaster response infrastructure, trained manpower, emergency shelters, and early-warning systems in J&K, particularity in hilly and border districts; if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether safety audits have been conducted in respect of all the government buildings, schools, hospitals, bridges, tunnels and critical infrastructure projects in compliance with Zone VI-specific earthquake resistant standards, if not, the reasons therefor indicating the timeline fixed in this behalf; and
- (d) the steps being proposed to formulate a comprehensive Seismic Risk Mitigation and Disaster Preparedness Plan for J&K in view of its placement in Seismic Zone VI, and the timeline fixed for its implementation ?

*(Minister Incharge Disaster Management, Relief,
Rehabilitation & Reconstruction)*

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REGARDING: FELLING OF TREES

29. (D. No. 1/6/540) **Mr. Surinder Kumar:** Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the reasons for alarming rise in felling of trees vis-a-vis illegal timber extraction/wood cutting during the last three years in the Marh Constituency ;
- (b) the details of permission granted for tree felling in the aforesaid Constituency during the aforesaid period indicating also the total number actually felled down ; and
- (c) whether any institutional or monitoring system has been put in place to curb unabated illegal felling of trees; if so, the details thereof, alongwith the actions taken and total number of cases registered/acted upon during the last three years ?

(Minister Incharge Forest)

REGARDING : WORK DONE LIABILITIES

30. (D. No. 1/6/506) **Mr. Saif-ud-Din Bhat :** Will the Government please state whether it is a fact that work done liabilities in respect of the developmental works executed in Khansahib Constituency under MGNREGA/VB-GRAM-G are pending disbursement for a considerable period causing financial hardship to affected workers there besides impeding/hampering the execution of ongoing works there; if so, the steps taken/being taken to clear aforesaid liabilities within a fixed timeline?

(Minister Incharge Rural Development and Panchayati Raj)

REGARDING : WELFARE POLICY FOR JOURNALISTS

31. (D.No. 1/6/19) **Mr. Ranbir Singh Pathania:** Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether there exists any structured welfare policy or social-security framework for working journalists in Jammu & Kashmir including stringers, freelance, non-accredited and digital-media journalists; if so, the exact policy provisions regarding health insurance, group life insurance, ex-gratia assistance, pension and emergency financial assistance;
- (b) year/district-wise; the details of funds sanctioned, applications received/processed and financial assistance released to journalists or to their surviving dependents under the J&K Journalist Welfare Scheme during the last five financial years;
- (c) the reasons for excluding non-accredited, district-level and digital-media journalists from the existing welfare and accreditation benefits despite their role in ground-level news reporting; and
- (d) whether it proposes to establish a dedicated and non-lapsable J&K Journalists Welfare Fund, with a representative governing council, to provide assistance in cases of disability, terminal illness, accidental injury or death; if so, the details thereof ?

(Minister Incharge Information)

REGARDING : REGIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF
UNANI MEDICINE

32. (D. No. 1/6/530) **Mr. Salman Ali Sagar:** Will the Government please state :—

- (a) category-wise; the name, designation, year of appointment, stay and other particulars of Gazetted/non-Gazetted and Consolidated/Contractual employees presently working at the Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine, Naseem-bagh, Srinagar indicating also their original place of posting and nature/tenure of appointment/engagement;
- (b) year-wise; the average daily inflow of patients reported in OPD in the aforesaid Institute during the last three years; and
- (c) whether it has assessed the adequacy of the existing staff and patient-care facilities in the said Institute in view of the patient load; if so, the details of the measures being proposed to strengthen manpower, OPD services and other patient-care facilities there?

(Minister Incharge Health and Medical Education)

REGARDING : VACANT POST OF CDPO KANGAN

33. (D. No. 1/6/629) **Mr. Mian Mehar Ali:** Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that the post of Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), Kangan is lying vacant since long, thereby affecting the smooth functioning and supervision of ICDS/POSHAN activities in Kangan Constituency; if so, the

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reasons thereof and the date since the post is vacant there;
and

- (b) whether it proposes to fill up the aforesaid vacant post in a time-bound manner there; if so, when ?

(Minister Incharge Social Welfare)

REGARDING : PUNJABI LANGUAGE TEACHERS

- 34.** (D. No. 1/6/433) **Dr. Narinder Singh Raina:** Will the Government please state whether it is a fact that Schools / Colleges particularly in Sikh-dominated areas in J&K continue to function without an adequate number of Punjabi language teachers thereby limiting the access of Sikh community students to learn their mother tongue; if so, the reasons therefor and the timeline fixed for ensuring the timely appointment of aforesaid Teachers to facilitate students to study Punjabi as part of their curriculum?

(Minister Incharge School Education)

REGARDING : NOCs ISSUED PERMITTING SOIL MINING

- 35.** (D. No. 1/6/207) **Mr. Hasnain Masoodi:** Will the Government please state :—
- (a) area-wise; the total number of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) issued during 2025 and 2026 for soil mining in Chandhara, Wuyan, Konibal and other areas of Pampore ;
 - (b) the total quantity of soil excavated/lifted during the said period pursuant to such NOCs, particularly from saffron-

growing areas of Chandhara, Wuyan, Konibal and other areas of Pampore ;

- (c) whether it is aware of the reality that indiscriminate soil mining has resulted in damage to Kerews, soil erosion, loss/degradation of saffron land, removal of topsoil and increased dust pollution, thereby causing environmental concerns ; and
- (d) whether it has assessed the impact of soil mining and construction activities on saffron land and the consequent threat to saffron cultivation and production in Pampore; if so, the details of the measures taken or proposed to be taken to regulate such activities and protect saffron-growing land ?

(Minister Incharge Agriculture Production)

REGARDING : PARKING FACILITIES

36. (D. No. 1/6/455) Mr. Yudhvir Sethi: Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it proposes to construct an additional parking facilities at suitable locations in Jammu East Constituency particularly in and around major markets/congested areas to ease traffic jams vis-a-vis for the convenience of residents/shopkeepers/visitors ; and

- (b) if reply to above part be in affirmative, the name of the locations identified/proposed in this behalf indicating also the estimated date of execution of aforesaid projects there ?

(Minister Incharge Housing and Urban Development)

REGARDING : STREET LIGHTS

37. (D. No. 1/6/621) **Mr. Ali Mohammad Sagar:** Will the Government please state whether it is a fact that as on date Street Lights have not been installed in several areas of Khaniyar Constituency ; if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/being taken to install requisite number of latest LED Street Lights from Khaniyar Chowk to Nowhatta-Bohri Kadal and its adjoining localities indicating also the date when will aforesaid lights be installed there?

(Minister Incharge Housing and Urban Development)

REGARDING : TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

38. (D. No. 1/6/266) **Mr. Mir Mohammad Fayaz:** Will the Government please state :-

- (a) whether it has formulated or intends to formulate a Tourism Development Plan (TDP) for Bungus, Sadbaran-Kalaroos, Wayun, Lolab, Sadhna Pass, Keran, Seemab, Drangyari, Machil and other identified destinations in Kupwara District; if so, the details thereof indicating also the timeline fixed for its implementation;
- (b) separately, the details of the tourism infrastructure and allied facilities currently available at aforesaid places of tourist attraction;

- (c) scheme-wise; the details of funds sanctioned/ released/ utilized for tourism promotion during the last five years in J&K with special reference to Kupwara Constituency indicating also the project-wise physical/financial progress achieved there so far ;
- (d) the details of State owned tourist assets indicating their capacity/occupancy/condition and revenue generation component;
- (e) whether it is committed to preserve the natural environment, local heritage and traditional character while formulating TDPs for eco-fragile zones; and
- (f) whether Tourism Development Authorities/JKTDC have defined roles in implementing such plans?

(Minister Incharge Tourism)

REGARDING : STATUS OF STPs, SWMP

39. (D. No. 1/6/34) **Mr. Javid Hassan Baig:** Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that construction of Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) for Baramulla Town and GMC Baramulla have been approved; if so, indicate the date when has the administrative approval been granted;
- (b) the present status of the projects, tendering process and the timeline fixed for the completion of the aforesaid projects indicating also the reasons for delay in their execution;

- (c) whether a Solid Waste Management Plant (SWMP) for Baramulla was also approved, if so, the date of Administrative Approval and present status of its tendering / execution; and
- (d) the present status of land acquisition and clearance of encumbrances in respect of the SWMP.

(Minister Incharge Housing and Urban Development)

REGARDING : LIABILITIES

40. (D. No. 1/6/132) **Mr. Baldev Raj Sharma:** Will the Government please state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that material component liabilities under MGNREGA for the financial year 2017-18 are yet unpaid/ undischarged; if so, the specific reasons therefor;
- (b) district/block-wise, the accrued amount of said liabilities; and
- (c) the steps being taken to clear aforesaid liability indicating also the date when the same will be cleared ?

(Minister Incharge Rural Development and Panchayati Raj)

REGARDING : CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNELS

41. (D. No. 1/6/586) **Mr. Irfan Hafiz Lone:** Will the Government please state :—

- (a) the steps taken/being taken for timely execution of the proposed tunnel projects with special reference to Peer Ki Gali (Mughal Road), Singhpora-Vailoo (Vailoo- Kishtwar)

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and Sadhana Tunnel (Kupwara-Karnah) indicating also their present status and timeline fixed for completion;

- (b) the present status of the proposals with regard to construction of Baba Reshi-Gulmarg Road, Hajibal-Gratbal Daji-Baba Reshi Road, Cherry Valley Road and Dandmuh-Satrisiran Road and the steps taken for timely execution of the projects in view of persistent public demand; and
- (c) the present status of the Jammu & Kashmir Economic Reconstruction Agency (JK ERA), constituted about two decades ago with reference also to its ongoing projects and available human resources?

(Minister Incharge Public Works)

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