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Saturday, March 28th, 2026

The House met today on 28th 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.

On the commencement of the day's proceedings, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Arvind Gupta (BJP) raised the issue of para-medical staff of GMC Jammu and its associated hospitals currently on strike against the withholding of two and a half day's salary. He requested the Chair to direct the Government to immediately address their grievances. Simultaneously, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Tanvir Sadiq (NC) drew the attention of the House towards the recent assassination attempt on National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah. He requested the Chair to lead a formal House condemnation of the incident.




Meanwhile, Mr. Salman Sagar (NC) supported by other ruling Members, rose to condemn the attack and requested an update on the adjournment motion, they had submitted to discuss the matter.

The Hon'ble Speaker, while standing requested the Hon'ble Members to take their seats, assuring them they would be permitted to speak after Question Hour.

Starred Questions: 33 Starred Questions set down in the Question list were answered in writing, out of which six (06) questions were called and answered orally as well. Twelve (12) Supplementary Questions were also raised and answers given.

Un-starred Questions: Written replies to 37 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. Balwant Singh Mankotia (BJP) raised a point of order regarding the length of Questions listed. In response, Hon'ble Speaker stated that most questions submitted by Hon'ble Members were too lengthy, in contradiction to Rule 38(2)(VII) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business. This rule states that questions "shall not be as excessive length; i.e. it shall not ordinarily exceed 150 words" while he had admitted several lengthy questions by using his discretionary powers. He urged ^{the} Hon'ble Members to be brief and cautioned that in future lengthy questions would be rejected to

ensure the House operates efficiently. He suggested organizing an expert-led workshop on the rules to ensure that Hon'ble Members are better informed of the prescribed guidelines.

Note 2: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Shabir Ahmad Kullay (Ind.) stood up from his seat and alleged that he has not been granted time to raise his question during Question Hour. In response, Hon'ble Speaker assured him that he would be given an opportunity to speak whenever his question appeared in the Question List, strictly as per the procedure in vogue.

Note 3: At this stage, Hon'ble Speaker informed the House that he has received a Notice of an Adjournment Motion from several National Conference Legislators namely Mr. Salman Sagar, Mr. Irshad Rasool Kar, Mr. Ahsan Pardesi, Mr. Mushtaq Guru, Mian Mehar Ali, Mr. Arjun Singh Raju, Peerzada Feroz Ahmad, Mr. Zafar Ali Khatana, Mr. Reyaz Ahmad Khan and Mr. Sajad Shaheen regarding attempted assassination bid on former Chief Minister, Dr. Farooq Abdullah immediately after assuming the Chair today. The notice should have been submitted an hour earlier to him and the Secretariat. However, taking into account the serious concern of the Hon'ble Members and the gravity of the incident, he decided to allow a discussion without a formal Adjournment Motion.

Meanwhile, the Hon'ble Member, Mr. S. S. Slathia (BJP) stood up and said that the matter is of serious concern for the entire House,

regardless of party lines and stated that Dr. Farooq Abdullah is a towering political personality.

The following Hon'ble Members ^{also} spoke while condemning the assassination attack on Dr. Farooq Abdullah:-

1. Mr. Salman Sagar (NC)
2. Mir Saifullah (NC)
3. Mr. Sham Lal Sharma (BJP)
4. Mr. Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra (PDP)
5. Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat (INC)

Note 4: At this stage, Hon'ble Minister, Mtr. Sakina Itoo, strongly condemned the attack. She stated that the House should acknowledge the security lapse and ensure necessary corrective measures to prevent such incidents in future. She further urged the Hon'ble Speaker to seek the investigation report and present it before the House. In addition, she described Dr. Farooq Abdullah as a true well wisher of India who upheld the Indian flag in 1996 when others were leaving J&K; he chose to "jump into the fire" and faced numerous terrorist attacks.

6. Mr. Arjun Singh Raju (NC)
7. Mr. Rajiv Jasrotia (BJP)
8. Ch. Mohammad Akram (Ind.)
9. Mr. Sajad Shaheen (NC)

10. Mr. Tanvir Sadiq (NC)
11. Mr. Javeid Riyaz Bedar (NC)
12. Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta (BJP)
13. Mr. M. Y. Tarigami (CPIM)
14. Mr. Shafi Ahmad Wani (NC)
15. Mr. S. S. Slathia (BJP)
16. Mr. Altaf Ahmad Wani (NC)
17. Mr. Showkat Hussain Ganai (NC)
18. Mr. Sajad Gani Lone (PC)
19. Mr. Rafiq Ahmad Naik (PDP)
20. Dr. Bashir Ahmad Shah Veeri (NC)
21. Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Jan (NC)
22. Mr. Nazir Ahmad Khan (NC)
23. Dr. Rameshwar Singh (Ind.)
24. Mr. Mubarik Gul (NC)

Note 5: At this stage, the Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Satish Sharma condemned the attack, stating that exemplary punishment should be given to the attacker as it was an assault on the soul of democracy. He also requested that Mr. Shafiq Ahmad, a security personnel from Mendhar be awarded for his bravery by risking his life to overpower the attacker.

While concluding, Hon'ble Speaker lauded the efforts of Dr. Farooq Abdullah as Chief Minister particularly during difficult times for the welfare of the Nation and stated that a "loud and clear" message has been sent to the public and those in power. He emphasized that a fair and transparent inquiry must be conducted to ensure that no one dares to attempt such an attack again. Terming the incident as not an ordinary matter, he noted that the entire House had spoken from the heart and that the Hon'ble Members' sentiments were unambiguous. Furthermore, he mentioned that the Hon'ble Home Minister, Mr. Amit Shah and the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Manoj Sinha had spoken to Dr. Farooq Abdullah following the incident. He expressed confidence that the investigation would reach its logical conclusion and the culprit would receive exemplary punishment.

➤ **PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

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 2023-24;
- (ii) Finance Accounts (Volume II) for the Year 2023-24;
- (iii) Appropriation Accounts for the Year 2023-24; and
- (iv) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Union Territory Finances for the year 2022-23.

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

1. **Mr. Mubarik Gul** called the attention of Hon'ble Chief Minister (Incharge Disaster Management, Relief & reconstruction) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of non-providing of compensation to the fire victims in Eidgah Constituency.

Mr. Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Incharge Public Works on behalf of Hon'ble Chief Minister read out the reply.

2. **MR. Salman Sagar on behalf of Mr. Ali Mohammad Sagar** called the attention of Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Forest, Ecology & Environment) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of grave and escalating wild boar menace in Theed village near Dachigam National park.

Mr. Javed Ahmed Rana, Hon'ble Minister Incharge for Forest, Ecology & Environment read out the reply.

3. **Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta** 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 grave disordered state of functioning of Government Medical College, Udhampur.

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

4. **Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani** called the attention of Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Jal Shakti) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of acute scarcity of drinking

water in Magam, Kanihama and adjacent villages of Beerwah Constituency.

Mr. Javed Ahmed Rana, Hon'ble Minister Incharge Jal Shakti read out the reply.

Note 6: At this stage, time was extended by half an hour with the leave of the House.

➤ **BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION AND PASSING**

- (i) **Mr. OMAR ABDULLAH, HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER** moved that:-
"A Bill to amend certain enactments of the Union Territory of the Jammu and Kashmir, for discriminalising and rationalizing offences to further enhance trust-based governance for ease of living and doing business" (**L.A. Bill No.01 of 2026**) be taken into consideration.

The Motion was carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Amendments moved by Hon'ble Members, Mir Saifullah and Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat were deemed to have been moved to save the time of the House.

Mr. Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister also moved that the Bill be passed.

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

1. **Mir Saifullah (NC)**
2. **Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat (INC)**
3. **Mr. Nazir Ahmad Khan (NC)**

4. Mr. Hasnain Masoodi (NC)

5. Mr. Saif-ud-Din Bhat (NC)

Mr. Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister 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 whereof amendments moved by Mir Saifullah and Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat were withdrawn with the leave of the House.

(ii) Mr. OMAR ABDULLAH, HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER moved that:-

Agree

"A Bill to amend certain enactments of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to eliminate any discrimination or denial of equal treatment for persons affected by Leprosy that negatively affect such persons and promote their segregation and discrimination and to enable the Union Territory to discharge its positive obligations through affirmative action." (L.A. Bill No.02 of 2026) be taken into consideration.

The Motion was carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Amendment moved by Hon'ble Member, Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat was deemed to have been moved to save the time of the House.

Yes

Mr. Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister also moved that the Bill be passed.

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

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

Note 7: At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta (BJP), supported by other BJP Hon'ble Members objected to the Amendment Notice moved by the Hon'ble Member, Mr. Nizam-ud-din Bhat (INC) regarding Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Act. He argued that there is no justification for discussing amendment to a separate Act, that was neither listed nor scheduled for debate. The Hon'ble Speaker requested the Hon'ble Members to resume their seats, assuring them he would not allow the Notice. He further advised the Hon'ble Members to focus on the scope of listed Business rather than individual speeches.

2. Mr. Hasnain Masoodi (NC)

3. Mr. Tanvir Sadiq (NC)

Note 8: At this stage, the Hon'ble Chief Minister replying to points raised by the Hon'ble Members clarified that the Assembly have a power to propose amendments to laws, subject to due process and necessary approvals. He noted it would be incorrect to suggest that Members cannot propose such ideas. However, the Hon'ble Chief Minister clarified that the Government does not accept the amendment proposed by Hon'ble Member, Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat (INC), stating it exceeds the scope and intent of the matter under discussion.

The Motion was carried and the Bill was passed by the House with the voice vote whereof amendment moved by Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat was withdrawn with the leave of the House.

(iii) **Mr. OMAR ABDULLAH, HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER** moved that:-

“A Bill to amend the Jammu and Kashmir State Civil Courts Act, (Svt) 1977” (L.A. Bill No.03 of 2026) be taken into consideration.

The Motion was carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Amendments moved by Hon'ble Members, Mir Saifullah, Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat and Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia were deemed to have been moved to save the time of the House.

Mr. Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister also moved that the Bill be passed.

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

1. **Mir Saifullah (NC)**
2. **Mr. Hasnain Masoodi (NC)**
3. **Mr. Shabir Ahmad Kullay (Ind.)**
4. **Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat (INC)**
5. **Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia (BJP)**

Mr. Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister 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 whereof amendments moved by Mir Saifullah, Mr. Nizam-ud-Din Bhat and Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia were withdrawn with the leave of the House.

The House then adjourned at 2:30 PM, to meet again at 10:00 AM on Monday, the 30th of March, 2026 at Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Hall, Jammu.

Jammu
March 28th, 2026


(Fouzia Tabbassum)
Deputy Secretary