

**JAMMU AND KASHMIR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**  
**JAMMU**

**1<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE  
UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**

**(5<sup>th</sup> SESSION)**

**BULLETIN**

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

The House met today on 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, 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:** 26 Starred Questions set down in the Question list were answered in writing, out of which, eight (08) questions were called and answered orally as well. Fourteen (14) 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 emphasized strict adherence to Parliamentary procedures, ruling that Members who will be absent during their listed questions must formally notify the Chair.

This ensures a smooth Question Hour, maximizing both participation and accountability to House.

**Note 2:** At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. R. S. Pathania (BJP) expressed dissatisfaction with the reply of his listed Question No. 1240. He requested a deferment of the question and half-an-hour discussion on the matter. However, Hon'ble Speaker declined the request for deferment and instead advised the Hon'ble Member to submit a notice for a discussion, so that it may be reviewed under the established rules.

The following Hon'ble Members raised their Constituency related issues:-

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1. Mr. Payare Lal Sharma (Ind.)
  2. Mr. Sajad Shaheen (NC)
  3. Mr. S. S. Slathia (BJP)
  4. Mr. Showkat Hussain Ganie (NC)
  5. Engineer Khursheid Ahmad (NC)
  6. Mr. Hasnain Masoodi (NC)
  7. Ms. Shagun Parihar (BJP)
  8. Mr. Rajeev Kumar (BJP)
  9. Mr. Rafiq Ahmad Naik (PDP)
  10. Javid Reyaz Bedar (NC)
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11. Mr. Javaid Mirchal (NC)
12. Ch. Iftikar Ahmed (INC)
13. Ch. Mohammad Akram (Ind.)
14. Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj (BJP)
15. Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Jan (NC)
16. Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani (NC)
17. Mr. Hilal Akbar Lone (NC)
18. Mr. Salman Sagar (NC)
19. Mr. Shakti Raj Parihar (BJP)
20. Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi (PDP)
21. Mr. Altaf Ahmad Wani (NC)
22. Mr. Abdul Majeed Bhat (NC)
23. Mtr. Shamim Firdous (NC)
24. Peerzada Feroz Ahmad (NC)
25. Mr. Yudhviri Sethi (BJP)
26. Dr. Narinder Singh Raina (BJP)
27. Mr. Arvind Gupta (BJP)
28. Mr. Zafar Ali Khatana (NC)
29. Mian Mehar Ali (NC)
30. Mr. Tanvir Sadiq (NC)
31. Dr. Rameshwar Singh (BJP)
32. Mir Mohammad Fayaz (PDP)

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33. Mr. M. Y. Tarigami (CPIM)

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

35. Mr. Farooq Ahmad Shah (NC)

**Note 3:** At this stage, Hon'ble Member, Mr. S. S. Slathia (BJP) supported by all BJP Hon'ble Members raised the issue of SCARD Bank and demanded a Government's statement on the matter. They alleged that the Government has failed to provide a clear update on the status of depositors' money, leaving individuals struggling to recover their hard earned savings. While pacifying the agitated Members, the Hon'ble Speaker noted that the concerned Hon'ble Minister had already addressed this matter during the reply on the Demand for Grants.

Meanwhile, Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Javed Ahmad Dar responded that depositors' funds are secure under a Government Guarantee. He clarified that the Government has initiated the liquidation process. He further explained that the matter involves various technicalities and pertains to approximately 181 crore, therefore, it cannot be resolved overnight. The entire process is expected to conclude within one to two months.

Hon'ble Speaker directed the Government to ensure that the employees of SCARD Bank are also rehabilitated.

Hon'ble Member, Mr. Sham Lal Sharma (BJP) asserted that anyone involved in the scam should be punished.

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

(I) **Mir Saifullah** called the attention of Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Jal Shakti) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of non-availability of drinking water in five panchayats of Dardpora area of Trehgam Constituency.

**Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Jal Shakti), Mr. Javed Ahmed Rana** read out a reply.

(II) **Mr. Nizam-Ud-Din Bhat** called the attention of Hon'ble Chief Minister (Incharge Housing and Urban Development) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of non-functional/failed online portal of Municipal Committees thereby causing distress among the general public who are unable to submit their applications for availing the building permissions or to track their already submitted applications.

**Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Health & Medical Education), Mtr. Sakina Masood Itoo** read out a reply on behalf of Hon'ble Chief Minister, **Mr. Omar Abdullah**.

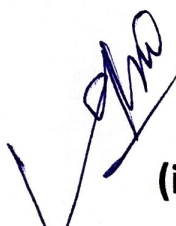
(III) **Mr. Javaid Hassan Baig** called the attention of Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Education) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of non-availability of Principals and subject specific teachers in some Higher Secondary schools of Baramulla Constituency.

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

(IV) **Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia** called the attention of Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (Incharge Mining) towards a matter of urgent public importance namely; the situation arising out of recent closure of stone crushers in major parts of Jammu and Kashmir as a result causing significant affect on the ongoing developmental works.


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

➤ **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 Reports:-

- (i) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Union Territory Finances for the year 2023-24(Report No.01 of year 2025)
- (ii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Union Territory Finances for the year 2024-25(Report No.02 of year 2026).

➤ **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.

➤ **BILL FOR INTRODUCTION**

- (i) **Mr. Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister** introduced "A Bill to amend certain enactments decriminalising and rationalizing offences for ease of living and ease of doing business and also

to repeal certain enactments" (L.A. Bill No.07 of 2026) already published in an extraordinary issue of the Official Gazette.

- (ii) **Mr. Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister** introduced "A Bill to provide for the establishment and in-corporation of Private Universities in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, and to regulate their functioning, management and academic standards for ensuring quality education and protecting the interests of students". (L. A. Bill No. 08 of 2026) already published in an extraordinary issue of the Official Gazette.

**Hon'ble Member, Mr. Mubarik Gul (A Panel of Chairmen)** in the Chair at 1:10 P.M.




➤ **PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS**

- 1) **Dr. Narinder Singh Raina** moved:-

"This House urges for the proposal of establishment of a Veterinary & Animal Sciences University in the Jammu region of Jammu & Kashmir: a strategic imperative for VIKSIT BHARAT @2047".

**Hon'ble Member, Dr. Narinder Singh Raina** spoke in support of his resolution.



Amendment Notices to Resolution appearing at Item No. 6 (i) in the List of Business whereof given by Hon'ble Members, Mir Saifullah and Mr. Nizam-ud-Din bhat 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. Nazir Ahmad Khan (NC)

**Hon'ble Minister (Incharge Agriculture, Production & RDD), Mr. Javed Ahmad Dar** replied the points raised by the Hon'ble Members and requested to withdraw the amendments.

**Note 4:** At this stage, the time was extended by five (05) minutes with the leave of the House.

The amendments were withdrawn with the leave of the House.

The resolution was rejected with the leave of the House.

The House adjourned at 1:35 P.M. to meet again at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026 in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Hall, Jammu.

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(Fouzia Tabbassum)  
Deputy Secretary