

MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

AUTUMN SESSION

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Construction of Road under NLCPR

Shri JIM M. SANGMA

*54. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Public Works (Roads) be pleased to state :-

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG

**[Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Public Works (Roads)]**

(a) The physical progress of the ongoing construction of road under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) from Rongjeng-Mangsang-Adokgre (RMA) Road?

(a) Sir, up-to-date physical progress of work is 97%.

(b) The stipulated time for the completion of this Project?

(b) Sir, the stipulated time for completion of the Project is 24 months after issuing the final work order.

Engineering College at Thadmuthlong

Shri COMINGONE YMBON

*55. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state :-

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI

(Minister in-charge Education)

(a) When was the Engineering College at Thadmuthlong, West Jaintia Hills, sanctioned?

(a) Sir, the State Government conveyed sanction under the Special Plan Assistance during the Financial Years 2013-14 and 2016-17 for the establishment of Engineering Colleges at Thadmuthlong, West Jaintia Hills and Ampati, South West Garo Hills.

(b) The status of the Engineering College at Thadmuthlong, West Jaintia Hills?

(b) Sir, as per the State Government's sanction, an amount of approximately ₹15 crore was originally available for the Engineering College at Thadmuthlong, West Jaintia Hills District. However, the initial estimate submitted by the State PWD for the Project was over ₹44 crore and was, therefore, revised to ₹27.80 crore following observations of the Departmental Scheme Committee. As the revised estimate still exceeds the available allocation, the Department is actively pursuing suitable options, including optimisation of the Project cost and mobilisation of additional resources, with the objective of commencing construction at the earliest.

Baljek Airport

Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA

Shri SNIAWBHALANG DHAR
(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Transport)

*56. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Transport be pleased to state the status of the expansion of Baljek Airport?

Sir, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is presently preparing a revised Master Plan for the expansion of Baljek (Tura) Airport to facilitate operation of ATR-72/Q-400 and A320 category aircraft. AAI would undertake a LiDAR survey and feasibility assessment to determine the technical viability and exact land requirement for the proposed expansion. Simultaneously, the Government of Meghalaya has entered into an O&M MoU on 06.05.2025 with AAI and is presently pursuing the matter with AAI to takeover, develop and operate the airport on an "as-is-where-is" basis.

Upon finalisation of the Master Plan and assessment of land requirements by AAI, the State Government will take necessary steps for acquisition of the required land for expansion of the airport.

Tourism Infrastructure Projects

Shri RUPERT MOMIN

Shri TIMOTHY D. SHIRA
(Minister in-charge Tourism)

***57. Will the Minister in-charge Tourism be pleased to state :-**

(a) The total number of 5-Star hotels currently operating in the State, along with their locations?

(a) Sir, the total number of 5-Star Hotels currently operating in the State is 2 (two) in numbers. Both are in Shillong.

(b) The total number of 5-Star hotels proposed to be constructed in the future, along with their proposed locations?

(b) Sir, 8 (eight).

The proposed locations are in Shillong, Umiam, Sohra, New Shillong and Tura.

(c) The major Tourism infrastructure and Construction Projects undertaken by the Government to boost the Tourism Industry?

(c) Sir, is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(d) The total revenue earned by the State from the Tourism Industry during the Financial Years 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025?

(d) Sir, information is being collected.

Maternal and Child Healthcare

Smti. SANTA MARY SHYLLA

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA

(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)

*58. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) The trends in the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR), Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) and Under-Five Mortality Rate (U5MR) during the last five years, District-wise?

(a) Sir,

Indicators	Maternal Deaths	Infant Mortality Rate	Neonatal Mortality Rate	Under-5 Mortality Rate
FY: 2021-22	228	27	15	33
FY: 2022-23	158	28	14	34
FY: 2023-24	123	24	12	29
FY: 2024-25	135	25	11	29
FY: 2025-26	106	23	10	27

(b) The major interventions that are undertaken by the Government to improve maternal and child health outcomes?

(b) Sir,

The major interventions to improve Maternal Health outcomes are listed below:

- Rescue Mission & Chief Minister Safe Motherhood Scheme (CM-SMS)
- Ongoing Capacity Building of the various Health Cadres to provide quality healthcare services.
- Strengthening of CHC's to First Referral Units (FRU's).

- Continuous Monitoring and Inter-convergent approach: Relevant Departments, including Rural Development, Social Welfare, Education, and Health, work collaboratively towards achieving the common goals of improving Maternal and Child Health outcomes.
- Community engagement through the involvement of the Village Health Councils.

The major interventions to improve Child Health outcomes are listed below:

- Strengthening facility-based newborn and child care through Special Newborn Care Units (SNCU), Newborn Stabilisation Unit (NBSU), Neonatal Intensive Care Units and Paediatric ICU (PICU for timely and specialised management of sick newborns and children).
- Community based interventions through Home Based Newborn Care (HBNC) and Home-Based Care for Young Child (HBYC).
- **Prepositioning of ORS and Zinc in all households with under 5 children for management of Diarrhoea.**
- Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) and Primary Rehabilitation Centres establishment for management of childhood malnutrition.
- Universal Immunization Programme.
- Comprehensive newborn screening for birth defects.
- Regular training and capacity-building programme.

(c) The total amount of financial assistance received under various State and Centrally Sponsored Schemes for maternal and child health?

(c) Sir,

The Financial assistance received under State Schemes:

- ₹118.17 Crore under Chief Minister Safe Motherhood Scheme (CMSMS) since 2022-2023.

The Financial assistance under Central Schemes:

- ₹89.45 Crore during the period 2021–2025.
- ₹19.12 Crore under Janani Suraksha Yojna (JSY).

(d) The initiatives steps for further improving maternal and child health indicators?

(d) Sir, the initiatives to improve the **Maternal Health Indicators** are:

- CM Child Care Support including Mother Baby Kit.
- Community involvement to increase the first trimester registration, increase ANC and promote Institutional deliveries by involving the Community Institutions such as Village Health Councils.
- Training on Danger Signs to Traditional Birth Attendants.
- Strengthening of CHC's to First Referral Units (FRU's).
- Capacity-building of in-service Medical Officers.

The initiatives to improve the **Child Health Indicators** are:

- **Upgradation of Special Newborn Care Units to Aspirational NICU's.**
- **Establishment of Newborn Stabilisation Unit in all First Referral Units (FRU).**
- Implementation of Mission 1000 days.
- Strengthen identification, risk stratification, and follow-up of at-risk newborns and children.
- Strengthening the comprehensive newborn screening at Delivery points to identify any birth defects.
- Strengthening referral linkages and continuum of care from peripheral health facilities to Newborn Stabilization Units (NBSUs), Special Newborn Care Units (SNCU's), and Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU's).

Presidential Act Order, 1950

Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

*59. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-

(a) The status of the proposed amendment of the Presidential Act order, 1950 which was assured during the Autumn Session, 2024?

(a) Sir, the Government *vide* Notification No.SW(S)59/2020/131 dated 13.12.2024 has constituted the Working Group Committee to work out on the list of Scheduled Tribes in Meghalaya for Amendment of Part-XI of the Schedule of the Presidential Order, 1950 (Pertaining to the State of Meghalaya). The Working Group Committee held 5(five) meetings since the year 2024-2025 to 2026-2027. A High Level Committee was constituted to examine inclusion/exclusion of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes *vide* Notification No.SW(S)59/2020/199 dated 08.07.2026.

(b) Whether the Government has constituted a concerned Committee for the proposed amendment?

(b) Yes, Sir, the Government has constituted a Working Group Committee comprising a Chairperson, Member Secretary and Eight Members to examine and work out the proposed amendment to the Scheduled Tribes list under Part XI of the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950. A High Level Committee was constituted to examine inclusion/exclusion of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes.

(c) If the reply at (b) above is in the negative, the reason thereof?

(c) Sir, not applicable, as the Government has constituted the working Group Committee and a High Level Committee for the purpose.

(d) The total number of times the Committee has met, the details thereof?

(d) Sir, the Committee has held 5(five) meetings as follows:-

05.02.2025

15.05.2025

14.08.2025

27.02.2026

27.07.2026

Government & Non-Government L.P. Schools in North Garo Hills

Shri MARTHON J. SANGMA

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

*60. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of Government L.P. Schools and Non-Government L.P. Schools that are there in the North Garo Hills?

(a) Sir, there are 242 Government Lower Primary Schools and 75 Non-Government Lower Primary Schools in North Garo Hills District.

(b) Whether all these Government L.P. Schools/U.P. Schools except Non-Government L.P. Schools are receiving maintenance funds from the Department, yearly?

(b) Sir, under Samagra Shiksha, Government Schools and Government-aided Private Schools are provided the Composite School Grant annually for their maintenance and other essential school requirements.

In addition, under Mission Education, the State Government undertakes repair, renovation and wherever necessary, construction of new school buildings based on assessed requirements.

(c) The total amount of funds received during the last Financial Year in the North Garo Hills District, School-wise?

(c) The total amount of funds received during the last Financial Year in North Garo Hills District is ₹7,10,19,652/-. The fund received School-wise is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Employment Outcome Database

Shri ARDENT M. BASALAWMOIT

***61. Will the Minister in-charge Labour Employment & Skill Development be pleased to state :-**

Shri METHODIUS DKHAR

(Minister in-charge Labour, Employment & Skill Development)

(a) Whether the Government will establish an employment outcome database to track whether beneficiaries of skill programmes have obtained sustainable employment?

(a) Sir, Yes. The Government through the Meghalaya State Skill Development Society (MSSDS) is strengthening its existing training and placement monitoring mechanism to develop a more comprehensive employment outcome database for tracking beneficiaries beyond the completion of training and certification.

Also, at present all records regarding skills programmes beneficiaries, with regards to placement and alumni database are maintained by the respective Industrial Training Institute under Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training (DECT).

(b) The steps taken to create private-sector employment opportunities within Meghalaya so that educated youth do not have to migrate outside the State?

(b) Sir, the various steps taken by the Government to create private-sector employment opportunities for the educated youth of the State include:

1. Promoting private-sector investment.
2. Creating opportunities for Self-Employment & Entrepreneurship.
3. Promote skill development and vocational training.

Forest Cover in the State

**Dr. (Mrs.) MEHTAB CHANDEE
A. SANGMA**

**Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)**

*62. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-

(a) The details of forest cover in the State as on date, District-wise?

(a) Sir, is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(b) The details of increase/decrease in forest cover during the last 15 years?

(b) Sir, there is a decrease in forest cover by 325 sq. km. between 2009 and 2023 as per successive ISFR assessments.

(c) The details of funds allocated, released and utilised for afforestation during 2014-16, 2018-23, 2023 - till date, Scheme-wise and District-wise?

(c) Sir, is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(d) Whether the Government is considering to run afforestation programme across the State?

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) If the reply at (d) above is in the affirmative, the details thereof?

(e) Sir, the Forests & Environment Department is raising plantations across the State under the State Plan Scheme, Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as CAMPA, MEPRF and MMMRF, along with plantation drives and awareness programmes on forest conservation.

For the year 2006-27, afforestation is proposed over a total area of 3,065.09 ha for an amount of ₹8,66,14,185.24. A venue plantation is also proposed for 20 km. for an amount of ₹1,09,70,614.

The activities proposed under the MMMRF, State Plan and CAMPA Schemes is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Mission Education

Shri IAN BOTHAM K. SANGMA

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI

(Minister in-charge Education)

*63. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of LP (Lower Primary) and UP (Upper Primary) Schools upgraded and renovated under Phase I, II and III of Mission Education, District-wise?

(a) Sir, the total number of Lower Primary and Upper Primary schools upgraded and renovated under Phase I, II and III of Mission Education, District-wise is as detailed below:

District	Phase-I (Upgraded)		Phase-II (Upgraded)		Phase-III	
	LP	U.P	LP	U.P	LP (Upgraded)	LP (Renovated)
East Khasi Hills	33	2	16	0	8	146
West Khasi Hills	17	2	10	0	6	128
South West Khasi Hills	10	1	5	0	7	71
West Jaintia Hills	29	0	20	0	14	79
East Jaintia Hills	5	0	3	0	6	70
Ri-Bhoi	14	1	6	0	5	115
West Garo Hills	38	1	24	0	29	432
East Garo Hills	13	0	5	0	14	166
North Garo Hills	15	0	6	0	4	140
South Garo Hills	12	0	3	0	10	45
South West Garo Hills	5	0	2	0	14	216
Total	191	7	100	0	117	1608

(b) The total number of LP (Lower Primary) and UP (Upper Primary) Schools upgraded and renovated under Phase IV of Mission Education, District-wise?

(b) Sir, the total number of Lower Primary and Upper Primary schools which will be upgraded under Phase IV of Mission Education, District-wise is as detailed below:

District	Phase-IV (Upgraded)	
	LP	UP
East Khasi Hills	19	0
West Khasi Hills	8	0
South West Khasi Hills	9	0
Eastern West Khasi Hills	8	0
West Jaintia Hills	28	0
East Jaintia Hills	9	0
Ri-Bhoi	13	0
West Garo Hills	41	0
East Garo Hills	7	0
North Garo Hills	13	0
South Garo Hills	17	0
South West Garo Hills	9	0
Total	181	0

(c) The total number of LP (Lower Primary) and UP (Upper Primary) Schools currently undergoing renovation and upgradation under Phase IV of Mission Education, District-wise?

(c) Sir, the project is currently in tendering stage.

(d) The total funds utilised in Financial Year 2025-26, District-wise?

(d) Sir, the total fund utilized in Financial Year 2025-26 District-wise, is as detailed below:

District	Fund Utilised (₹ in Crore)
East Khasi Hills	9.02
West Khasi Hills	3.70
South West Khasi Hills	4.07
Eastern West Khasi Hills	0.63
West Jaintia Hills	8.77
East Jaintia Hills	2.36
Ri-Bhoi	4.99
West Garo Hills	15.04
East Garo Hills	6.39
North Garo Hills	3.50
South Garo Hills	3.65
South West Garo Hills	7.99
Total	70.11

(e) The funds sanctioned and utilised as on 31st July, 2026, District-wise?

(e) Sir, the total funds sanctioned and utilized as on 31st July, 2026 is as detailed below:

Phase-I

District	Amount Sanction (₹ in Crore)	Amount Utilised (₹ in Crore)
East Khasi Hills	₹109.34	16.44
West Khasi Hills		13.07
South West Khasi Hills		4.65
West Jaintia Hills		16.44
East Jaintia Hills		5.45
Ri-Bhoi		6.64
West Garo Hills		21.29
East Garo Hills		5.33
North Garo Hills		13.06
South Garo Hills		4.92
South West Garo Hills		2.05
Total	₹109.34	₹109.34

Phase-II

District	Amount Sanction (₹ in Crore)	Amount Utilised (₹ in Crore)
East Khasi Hills	₹97.38	13.87
West Khasi Hills		7.96
South West Khasi Hills		2.24
West Jaintia Hills		16.82
East Jaintia Hills		1.34
Ri-Bhoi		6.62
West Garo Hills		16.87
East Garo Hills		5.17
North Garo Hills		2.24
South Garo Hills		6.88
South West Garo Hills		3.91
Total	₹97.38	₹83.92

Phase-III (Category A)

District	Amount Sanction (₹ in Crore)	Amount Utilised (₹ in Crore)
East Khasi Hills	₹34.09	2.40
West Khasi Hills		0.89
South West Khasi Hills		1.60
West Jaintia Hills		5.21
East Jaintia Hills		1.76
Ri-Bhoi		1.48
West Garo Hills		9.10
East Garo Hills		3.98
North Garo Hills		0.83
South Garo Hills		2.48
South West Garo Hills		4.36
Total	₹34.09	₹34.09

Phase-III (Category B, C, D)

District	Amount Sanction (₹ in Crore)	Amount Utilised (₹ in Crore)
East Khasi Hills	₹62.50	2.96
West Khasi Hills		1.98
South West Khasi Hills		2.11
Eastern West Khasi Hills		0.63
West Jaintia Hills		2.78
East Jaintia Hills		1.45
Ri-Bhoi		2.77
West Garo Hills		16.78
East Garo Hills		5.95
North Garo Hills		4.63
South Garo Hills		1.69
South West Garo Hills		6.93
Total	₹62.50	₹50.66

Tura Development Project

Shri PONGSENG MARAK

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA
(Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Affairs)

*64. Will the Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Affairs be pleased to state :-

(a) The status of the State-wide Football League in the State?

(a) Sir, Meghalaya State League is being conducted by Meghalaya Football Association.

(b) The current status of works ongoing in the P.A. Sangma Sports Complex and its West Stand as on 31st July, 2026?

(b) Sir, the work is ongoing with a physical progress of 88.9% for the P.A. Sangma Sports Complex and 16% for the West Stand.

Flow Irrigation Projects

Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN

Shri METBAH LYNGDOH
(Minister in-charge Water
Resources)

***65. Will the Minister in-charge Water Resources be pleased to state :-**

(a) The total number of Flow Irrigation Projects that have been implemented during the last five years in East Khasi Hills District?

(a) Sir, the total number of Flow Irrigation Projects that have been implemented during the last five years in East Khasi Hills District is 12.

(b) The names of the Projects, their locations along with the sanctioned amounts may be provided?

(b) Sir, is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Whether Umkhynriam FIP under Mawryngkneng C&RD Block has received sanction as per Letter No. WRDES.24/JWKR/2022-23/702 dated 19th July, 2022, copy to the Executive Engineer, Water Resources Division, East Khasi Hills, Shillong?

(c) No, Sir.

Effluent Treatment Plants

Dr. CELESTINE LYNGDOH

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

***66. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-**

(a) The total number of sites & names of locations where there is Effluent Treatment Plants?

(a) Sir, there are 387 sites of Effluent Treatment Plants and the names of their locations is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(b) The total amount of waste effluent handled and generated per facility?

(b) Sir, the total amount of waste effluent handled and generated per facility is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The standard method of effluent disposal?

(c) Sir, the wastewater/effluent generated by the units is being treated to meet the parameters as set by Central Pollution Control Board prior to discharging into the public drain or nearby nullah.

Organic Mission

Shri CHARLES MARNGAR

Shri TIMOTHY D. SHIRA
(Minister in-charge Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare)

*67. Will the Minister in-charge Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) The total area converted into certified organic farming as on 31st July, 2026?

(a) Sir, 23,129 Ha of Land.

(b) The high value crops in focus under this programme?

(b) Sir, Ginger, Lakadong Turmeric, Megha Turmeric 1, Black Pepper, Cashew, Khasi Mandarin, Pineapple, Large Cardamom, Sticky rice.

(c) The total number of farmers brought under certified-organic cultivation, District-wise?

(c) Sir,

District	Total No. of Farmers
West Jaintia Hills	2476
South Garo Hills	1881
South West Garo Hills	2422
West Khasi Hills	1048
East Jaintia Hills	1855
Ri-Bhoi	2646
North Garo Hills	1579
East Garo Hills	500
West Garo Hills	2763
Eastern West Khasi Hills	0
South West Khasi Hills	1673
East Khasi Hills	2587
Total	21,430

(d) The steps taken by the Government to promote research and development under this programme?

(d) Sir, the Government is promoting R&D through :

- R&D on biochar;
- Tissue culture for ginger and turmeric;
- Package of Practices for Identified Organic Crops.

(e) The total utilisation under this programme as on 31st July, 2026?

(e) Sir, ₹75.80 Crore.

Policy/Roadmap to upgradation Health Sub-Centres

Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA
(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)

*68. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Government has a policy or roadmap to upgrade Health Sub-Centres into Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the State?

(a) Sir, we have norms of the State and guidance norms at National level.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the details thereof, including the targets fixed for the next five years?

(b) Sir, the target for the next forthcoming years is based on the following principles :

1. Reducing MMR & IMR.
2. Improving the FRU coverage.

(c) The criteria adopted for identifying Health Sub-Centres for upgradation?

(c) Sir, as per the State Norms dated 16th June, 2006.

Storm occurrences under the Dadenggre and Rongram C&RD Blocks

Shri RUPA MARAK

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Revenue & Disaster Management)

*69. Will the Minister in-charge Revenue & Disaster Management be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether a severe storm occurred under the Dadenggre and Rongram Community & Rural Development Blocks this year?

(a) Sir, Yes.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative,

(i) The total damage caused to houses, crops, and public infrastructure?

(b) (i) Sir,

Block	House		Crop	Infrastructure
	Severely	Mild		
Dadenggre C&RD	32	106	4 Ha	6 Schools
				1 Anganwadi Centre
				2 RCC culverts
Rongram C&RD	3	2180	75 Ha	25 Schools

(ii) The total amount of financial and relief provided to the affected families?

(ii) Sir, an amount of ₹1,46,90,000/- was paid to the affected families as below :-

Dadenggre C&RD - ₹52,23,000/-
Rongram C&RD - ₹94,67,000/-

Status of Rajabala and Bhaitbari (Rajpur) Veterinary Dispensaries

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

*70. Will the Minister in-charge Animal Husbandry and Veterinary be pleased to state :-

Shri SANBOR SHULLAI
(Minister in-charge Animal Husbandry & Veterinary)

(a) The functional status of Rajabala and Bhaitbari (Rajpur) Veterinary Dispensaries?

(a) Sir, both Rajabala Veterinary Dispensary and Bhaitbari (Rajpur) Veterinary Dispensary are functional.

(b) The immediate steps that are being taken to meet the challenges faced due to shortage of man power and basic medications in these dispensaries?

(b) Sir, for Rajabala Veterinary Dispensary 1 (One) number of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Officer, 3 (Three) number of Veterinary Assistants, 1 (One) Peon and 1 (One) Chowkidar are deployed.

Rajpur (Bhaitbari) Veterinary Dispensary is presently functional with 1 (One) number of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Officer attached from Key Village Centre, Phulbari, West Garo Hills, 1 (One) number of Veterinary Assistant deployed from Vigilance Unit, District Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Officer, Tura and 1 (One) number of Chowkidar from Poultry Farm, Phulbari (Rongadatgre) under Dadenggre Sub-Division.

Basic medicines for the dispensaries are being supplied regularly.

Town Planning Officer, MUDA

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

*71. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Urban Affairs be pleased to state :-

Shri SNIAWBHALANG DHAR
(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Urban Affairs)

(a) Whether it is a fact that the present Town Planning Officer (TPO), MUDA does not have the educational qualifications of an urban or town planner?

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The basis of him/her holding charge of the post?

(b) Sir, on the basis of his eligibility and competency to hold the post as additional charge.

(c) Whether there are no eligible or competent town planners in the Department?

(c) Sir, there are eligible and competent officers in the Department.

(d) The total number of architects and town/urban planners and sanctioned posts in the Department?

(d) Sir, the total sanction posts are as follows :

- Architects
 - a) Joint Director-1
 - b) Architect-1
 - c) Assistant Architect-3
- Urban Planners
 - a) Joint Director-2
 - b) District Urban Planner-3
 - c) Assistant Urban Planner-3.

Artificial Intelligence Infrastructure

Shri GABRIEL WAHLANG

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

***72. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-**

(a) Whether the State Government is planning to improve internet and telecom connectivity in the State?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of mobile towers in the State and telecom coverages of the State?

(b) Sir,

1. Number of Mobile Towers in the State of Meghalaya as on 01/08/26 is 2742.

2. Total Tele-density of Meghalaya is 88.11%, Rural Tele-density of Meghalaya is 70.55% and Urban Tele-density of Meghalaya is 155.01%.

Sources: TRAI-The Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicator, January-March, 2026 published on 22nd June, 2026, New Delhi, India.

(c) Whether the State Government is planning for an Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence in Meghalaya?

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) If the reply at (c) above is in the affirmative, the sanctioned amount and details of the project?

(d) Sir,

Estimated Budget: ₹20 Crore, with CAPEX of ₹7 Crore and OPEX of 3.25 Crore per annum for 4 Years.

Funding pattern: 90:10 with 90% contribution from IndiaAI Mission, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and 10% contribution from the State.

Implementing Agency: MITS (Meghalaya Information Technology Society) in partnership with Nasscom (National Association of Software and Service Companies).

Proposed Location: 10,000 Sq. ft. at Shillong Technology Park Phase II.

Focused Areas: Agriculture, Education, Health, Tourism, Music, Entertainment & Creative Industries and IT/ITES.

Project Activities: Startup Engagement/ Incubation, Capacity Building, Collaborative Projects, Consultation Services, Experience Zone, Data Governance Framework etc.

Current Status: Proposal submitted to IndiaAI Mission and awaiting final approval.

New Shillong Township Water Supply Scheme - Phase II

Shri RONNIE V. LYGDOH

Shri MARCUISE N. MARAK
(Minister in-charge Public Health Engineering)

*73. Will the Minister in-charge Public Health Engineering be pleased to state :-

(a) The progress made in planning for New Shillong Township Phase II Water Supply Scheme?

(a) Sir, tendering of the work is under process.

- (b) The areas proposed to be covered under Phase II of the Scheme?
- (b) Sir,
- (i) All Government Establishment and Institutions under NST.
- (ii) 32 numbers of adjoining villages.
- (c) The estimated cost and the total sanction of funds proposed for the Scheme?
- (c) Sir, ₹850.589 Crore.
- (d) The proposed timeline for commencement and completion of the Scheme?
- (d) Sir,
- (i) The target date of commencement is September, 2026.
- (ii) The target date of completion is September, 2029.

Science and Commerce College in the State

Dr. MUKUL M. SANGMA

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

*74. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state the status of the Science and Commerce Colleges at viz., (i) Mawphlang? (ii) Mahendraganj?

Sir, the College of Science & Commerce, Mawphlang, established by the Government of Meghalaya on 9th December, 2024 vide No.EDN.6/2025/4 dated 16.01.2025, which has made significant progress and commenced its first Academic Session in 2025-26. The College is formally affiliated with Captain Williamson Sangma State University and offers FYUP programmes under NEP 2020 in B.Sc. and B.Com.

The College infrastructure is 100% complete, with 28 classrooms, including facilities for lectures and Science laboratories. A regular Principal has been appointed, while 10 regular teachers and 11 contractual teachers have been deployed. Admissions for the 2026-27 Academic Session are presently underway.

Sir, the College of Science & Commerce, Mahendraganj was established by the Government of Meghalaya on 9th December, 2024, with a sanctioned Project cost of ₹36.31 crore. The construction and development of the College are progressing well, with 71.41% physical progress achieved so far.

The Department had initially invited applications for the B.Com. programme for the Academic Session 2025-26, with a proposal to commence classes from a temporary campus. However, no applications were received. The Government is now making concerted efforts to complete the remaining infrastructure and other essential requirements and will shortly initiate the admission process for B.Com. and B.Sc. programmes, with the objective of commencing regular academic activities at the earliest.

Shillong Tech Park Phase 1

Shri BANTEIDOR LYGDOH

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

*75. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Shillong Tech Park Phase 1 is presently functional and fully occupied?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the details of the IT/ Tech Companies operating therein?

(b) Sir,

1. 24/7 Customer Private Limited
2. HDFC Bank
3. Sirobilt Software Services Private Limited

4. **Shamrock AI Private Limited**
5. **TechDigital India Private Limited**
6. **iMerit Technology Services Private Limited**
7. **Pursuit Software Development Private Limited**
8. **Magic Workshop Private Limited**
9. **Meghalaya GIS & UAV Centre.**

(c) The total number of jobs created by Shillong Tech Park Phase I for local youth, gender-wise, including the number of women employees currently working in the Tech Park?

(c) Sir, the total number of jobs created by Shillong Tech Park Phase-I is **1454 (682 Males & 772 Females).**

Number of women employees currently working in Shillong Tech Park Phase-I is **474 (Total 881: Male 407, Female 474).**

Amount of Wages and Material Pending

Shri MAYRAL BORN SYIEM

Shri SOSTHENES SOHTUN
(Minister in-charge Community & Rural Development)

*76. Will the Minister in-charge Community & Rural Development be pleased to state :-

(a) The total amount of wages and material components pending as on 1st August, 2026 under VBGRAM G in the State, District-wise?

(a) Sir, total amount pending under VB-GRAM G as on 1st August, 2026 on wages is **₹ 92.25 lakh** and no amount is pending against the material component. The District-wise amount is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(b) The total amount of wages pending payment beyond the statutory 15 days as on 1st August, 2026 in the State with the reason for delay?

(b) Sir, the total amount of wages pending payment for more than 15 days as on 1st August, 2026 under VB-GRAM G is **₹47.54 lakh.**

The reason for the delay in clearing the pending wages is that the VB-GRAM G portal is not fully functional, as it is in the initial stage of testing the Fund Transfer Order for processing from the PFMS and SNA SPARSH.

(c) Whether compensation for the delay payments have been made?

(c) No, Sir.

Sports Infrastructure Projects

Shri JIM M. SANGMA

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA
(Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Affairs)

*77. Will the Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Affairs be pleased to state :-

(a) The physical progress of the ongoing large Sports Infrastructure Projects across the State?

(a) Sir, the information sought is as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of ongoing Sports Infrastructure Project	Physical progress
1.	Construction of Football Stadium at Mawkhanu Sports Complex, Meghalaya	20%
2.	Construction of the "Integrated Hospitality & Sports Complex" Shillong, Meghalaya	98%
3.	Construction of Aquatic and Tennis Centre at Mawdiangdiang, Meghalaya	55%

(b) Whether any cost or time overruns have occurred since Project initiation along with the details thereof?

(b) Sir, Projects are under construction.

- (c) The total allocation for Sports Infrastructure development in Financial Year, 2026-27 and its utilization as on 31st July, 2026?
- (c) Sir, the Budget provision for 2026-27 is **₹400 Crore**.
Further, funds utilised as on 31st July, 2026 is **₹50 Crore**.
- (d) The total budget proposed to the Department for the fiscal year 2026-27 compared to the previous year?
- (d) Sir,
Financial Year :-
2025-26- **₹521 crore**
2026-27- **₹400 crore**
- (e) How this allocation will transform Meghalaya into a premier sports hub in the Country?
- (e) Sir, the proposed infrastructure investment will create world-class, multi-disciplinary sporting facilities across Meghalaya, strengthening the State's capacity to host major National and International event.

Sanctions Amount accorded for Government Lower Primary Schools

Shri RUPERT MOMIN

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

*78. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state the total number of sanctions accorded for Government Lower Primary Schools in the State from 2018 to 2025, District-wise, Viz:

(a) Sir, the total number of sanctions accorded for Government Lower Primary Schools in the State from 2018 to 2025 for infrastructure is as follows :

(i) Khasi Hills District?

i. Khasi Hills District	
East Khasi Hills	222
West Khasi Hills	169
South West Khasi Hills	102
Eastern West Khasi Hills	8
Ri-Bhoi	153

(ii) Garo Hills District?

ii Garo Hills District	
West Garo Hills	564
East Garo Hills	205
South Garo Hills	87
North Garo Hills	178
South West Garo Hills	246

(iii) Jaintia Hills District?

iii. Jaintia Hills District	
West Jaintia Hills	170
East Jaintia Hills	93

Ampati International Stadium

Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA
(Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Affairs)

*79. Will the Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Affairs be pleased to state the current physical and financial status of the Ampati International Stadium?

Sir, the Physical and Financial status is 100%.

Revenue Collected

Shri ARDENT M. BASALAWMOIT

Shri BRENING A. SANGMA
(Minister in-charge Excise)

*80. Will the Minister in-charge Excise be pleased to state :-

(a) The total amount of revenue collected from 2023 till date, Year-wise?

(a) Sir, the total amount of Revenue collected is as follows :-

- i. 2023-2024: ₹ 458.19 crore.
- ii. 2024-2025: ₹ 505.66 crore.
- iii. 2025-2026: ₹ 477.13 crore.

(b) Whether the collection of revenue increases or decreases during this period?

(b) Sir, during the year :-
2023-2024: Increased
2024-2025: Increased
2025-2026: Decreased.

(c) If the reply at (b) above is in the negative, the reason thereof?

(c) Sir, the decrease during the Financial Year 2025-2026 was due to the delay on the part of the manufacturing companies/suppliers in submitting requisite documents for registration/renewal of brand and label registration intended for sale within the State leading to the shortfall in the volume of sales and consequently in Revenue realisation.

Mission Education

Dr. (Mrs.) MEHTAB CHANDEE
A. SANGMA

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

*81. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of School buildings that have been constructed under Mission Education?

(a) Sir, the total number of school buildings that have been taken up under Mission Education is 616 in various phases.

Under, Phase I – 208 Schools
 Phase II – 111 Schools
 Phase III – 117 Schools
 Phase IV – 180 Schools

Also, repairing/renovation of schools under Phase III Category B, C and D have been taken up in 1608 schools across the State.

(b) The total amount of fund spent by the State Government under Mission Education?

(b) Sir, the total amount of fund invested by the State Government under Mission Education till date is ₹452.68 Crore.

(c) When the State Government likely to upgrade all the Government School buildings?

(c) Sir, the upgradation of Government School buildings is a continuous process, particularly in Meghalaya where heavy rainfall and climatic conditions result in regular wear and tear of infrastructure. Under Mission Education, schools requiring the most urgent intervention were prioritised in the initial phases. The programme is presently in Phase IV and will continue in a phased manner to progressively upgrade Government Schools across the State and provide improved, safe and quality learning environments for our children.

Post Mortem Report

Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN

Shri BRENNING A. SANGMA
(Minister in-charge Civil Defence & Home Guards)

*82. Will the Minister in-charge Home (Civil Defence and Home Guards) be pleased to state :-

(a) The Post mortem report of Late Riboklang Kharsawian, the Home Guard found dead in Assam while on Training has been completed or not?

(a) Yes, Sir, the post mortem was conducted at AIIMS Guwahati and the final report has been received.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the finding report on the incident?

(b) Sir, as per final report the cause of Death was due to pulmonary edema with all injuries being ante mortem and caused by blunt force/surface impact.

(c) Whether the Department concerned issued a Medical Fitness Certificate or not before sending him for Training?

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) If the reply at (c) above is in the affirmative, whether the Department concerned issue a copy of such Certificate to the family concerned?

(d) No, Sir, as per procedure the medical certificates of all trainees undergoing training in NDRF is submitted to the NDRF authorities in order to be admitted in the training course.

New Tourist Destination

Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI

Shri TIMOTHY D. SHIRA
(Minister in-charge Tourism)

*83. Will the Minister in-charge Tourism be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Government has identified new tourist destinations for development?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The criteria adopted for such identification?

(b) Sir, the criteria depend on the availability of land, availability of water, electricity, approach road, population of the area, tourist footfall and proximity to existing tourist spots.

(c) The present status of these projects?

(c) Sir, for identified tourist destinations preparation of DPR and tendering processes are being undertaken.

State Hospitals run with Temporary Beds

Shri RUPA MARAK

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA
(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)

*84. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Government is aware that the patients in several State run hospitals are routinely accommodated, examined and treated on temporary beds placed in open public corridors, verandas and public though there's availability of beds in the wards?

(a) No, Sir.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the reason for the treatment of patients in the hospitals at (a) above?

(b) Sir, does not arise in view at (a) above.

Flood Mitigation in West Garo Hills District

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

Shri METBAH LYNGDOH
(Minister in-charge Water Resources)

*85. Will the Minister in-charge Water Resources be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of embankments require immediate strengthening for flood mitigation in West Garo Hills District?

(a) Sir, Nil.

(b) The permanent flood mitigation projects that have been proposed and sanctioned for the plain belt areas of West Garo Hills District and the status of implementation?

(b) Sir, there are 6(six) numbers of Flood Mitigation Projects that have been proposed and sanctioned for the plain belt areas of West Garo Hills District and all these Projects have been completed.

Acquisition of Land in New Shillong

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

Shri SNIAWBHALANG DHAR
(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Urban Affairs)

*86. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Urban Affairs be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the acquisition of land in New Shillong was done as per the LARR Act 2013?

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Whether the rate was assessed by the DC (Rev)?

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The amount per sq. feet?

(c) Sir, the amount varies for different plots.

(d) The names of the villages, where land acquired after 2018, Year-wise?

(d) Sir,

2021-2022	Mawpdang-Mawkhanu
2025-2026	Mawpdang-Mawkhanu and Tynring

(e) The land area acquired in the respective villages?

(e) Sir, Mawpdang-Mawkhanu-856.54 acres
Tynring-85 acres.

(f) The cost of land acquisition per sq. feet in each of the villages?

(f) Sir,

2021-2022	Mawpdang-Mawkhanu	₹85/-per Sq. feet
2025-2026	Mawpdang-Mawkhanu	₹490/-per Sq. feet
2025-2026	Tynring	₹250/-per Sq. feet

Ensuring Healthy Livestock and Poultry for Public Consumption

Shri RONNIE V. LYGDOH

Shri SANBOR SHULLAI
(Minister in-charge Animal Husbandry & Veterinary)

*87. Will the Minister in-charge Animal Husbandry & Veterinary be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Government has put in place an effective mechanism to safeguard the health of livestock and poultry also to ensure their fitness for human consumption and prevent the outbreak and spread of animal diseases across the State?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the details of the measures adopted in this regard?

(b) Sir, the measures adopted by the Government is through;

1. Regular disease investigation and monitoring.
2. Vaccination programmes against major livestock and poultry diseases.
3. Veterinary Health Services like Veterinary Hospitals, Dispensaries, Veterinary Aid Centres and Mobile Veterinary Units.
4. Disease Diagnosis and Laboratory testing available in Shillong and Tura.

5. Enforcement of bio-security and quarantine measures by the Rapid Response Teams (RRTs).
6. Regular Livestock Health Examination and Meat Inspection by Veterinary Officers.
7. Awareness and capacity building to farmers on scientific animal husbandry practices.
8. 167 Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) constituted and deployed for regular disease surveillance and emergency disease response.
9. Co-ordination with National Agencies like ICAR-NIHSAD (National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases) Bhopal and ICAR-NIVEDI (National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics) Bengaluru to strengthen disease surveillance and emergency preparedness.

Beds for the indoor patients in the State

Dr. MUKUL M. SANGMA

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA
(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)

*88. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of beds for the indoor patients in Viz.,

(a) Sir,

(i) The Shillong Civil Hospital (State Hospital Shillong)?

(i) The Shillong Civil Hospital (State Hospital Shillong) = 600.

(ii) The Shillong Ganesh Das Hospital?

(ii) The Shillong Ganesh Das Hospital = 400.

(iii) The District Civil Hospital (s) in the State that existed in the year 2018, District-wise?

(iii) The District-wise bed strength of Civil Hospitals in the State is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

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| <p>(b) The total number of beds for the indoor patients in different Private Nursing Home(s)/Private Hospitals in the State respectively that existed in the year 2018?</p> <p>(c) The current total number of beds for the indoor patients in Viz.,</p> <p>(i) The Shillong Civil Hospital (State Hospital Shillong)?</p> <p>(ii) The Shillong Ganesh Das Hospital?</p> <p>(iii) The District Civil Hospital (s) in the State as of the current year 2026, District-wise?</p> <p>(d) The total number of beds for the indoor patients in different Private Nursing Home (s)/Private Hospitals in the State respectively as of the current year 2026?</p> | <p>(b) The details of the Private Nursing Homes/Private Hospitals and their respective bed strength in 2018 is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.</p> <p>(c) Sir,</p> <p>(i) The Shillong Civil Hospital (State Hospital, Shillong) = 600.</p> <p>(ii) The Shillong Ganesh Das Hospital = 400.</p> <p>(iii) The District-wise bed strength of Civil Hospitals in the State is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.</p> <p>(d) Sir, at present, 22 Private Hospitals with an aggregate bed capacity of 2,712 beds are reported in the State. The Hospital-wise details is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.</p> |
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Khasi and Garo Language

Shri MAYRAL BORN SYIEM

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

*89. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-

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| <p>(a) The status of Khasi and Garo Language in the State?</p> | <p>(a) Sir, Khasi and Garo have been declared as Official Language of the State as per the Meghalaya Official Languages Ordinance, 2026.</p> |
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(b) The steps taken to ensure its inclusion in the 8th Scheduled of the Constitution?

(b) Sir, the following steps were taken by the State Government for inclusion in the 8th Scheduled of Indian Constitution :

- i. The Resolution unanimously passed by the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly during its Special Session on the 27th November, 2018 was duly published in the Gazette of Meghalaya on the 7th December, 2018 and taken up with Government of India for necessary consideration on the 14th December, 2018.
- ii. A meeting was held between the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes during his visit to Shillong on 15th May, 2019 which was followed up with D.O. letter dated 28.05.2019.
- iii. The matter was also taken up with Union Home Minister *vide* D.O. letters dated 25.08.2020, 30.10.2023, 31.10.2023 and 08.09.2025. Matter has also been raised on multiple occasion with the Union Home Minister in various meetings held in Delhi and also during his visits to Shillong.

(c) The Constitutional benefits to the people of the State by including Khasi and Garo Language in the State?

(c) Sir,

- (i) Acts, Rules, Notifications and Government Orders are published in official languages.
- (ii) Petition by public can be given in Khasi and Garo languages.
- (iii) Official Communication are also done in Khasi and Garo languages.

Shopping Malls

Shri RUPERT MOMIN

Shri SNIAWBHALANG DHAR
(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Urban Affairs)

*90. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Urban Affairs be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of Shopping Malls that have been constructed in the State?

(a) Sir, the total number of Shopping Malls that have been constructed in the State is 1 (One) number.

1. Shopping Mall at Polo.

(b) Whether there are any plans to construct Shopping Malls in each of the District Headquarters in the State?

(b) No, Sir.

Mission Antyodaya

Shri ARDENT M. BASAIAWMOIT

Shri SOSTHENES SOHTUN
(Minister in-charge Community &
Rural Development)

*91. Will the Minister in-charge Community & Rural Development be pleased to state :-

(a) The initiatives of the Mission Antyodaya in Meghalaya?

(a) Sir, the Mission Antyodaya is a Government of India initiative aimed at improving the living conditions of people in rural areas by promoting convergence of various Government schemes and programmes at the village level.

Through the Mission Antyodaya survey, data collection was done to identify gaps across villages. These identified gaps support the villages to prepare a holistic convergence plan with the active participation of community and departments in the Village Level Development Plans (VLDPs).

(b) Whereby Mission Antyodaya coordinates resources across multiple Government Departments to monitor and accelerate development at the village level, which are the villages in Meghalaya, which have benefitted from the Scheme?

(b) Sir, Mission Antyodaya does not focus only on Rural Development Schemes but it encompasses about 30 sectors under various Schemes and Departments too.

Under Community & Rural Development alone, 6343 villages have benefitted from various schemes. The list is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The total number of villages in the State that have Solid Waste Management system in place?

(c) Sir, the total number of villages in the State having Solid Waste Management System is 2351.

(d) The list of villages?

(d) Sir, the list of villages is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(e) The total number of villages that have adopted Waste-to-Wealth initiatives?

(e) Sir, 5 number of villages had adopted Waste-to-Wealth initiatives.

(f) The details of the initiatives thereof?

(f) Sir, the details of the initiatives is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Implementation of One District One Product (ODOP)

**Dr. (Mrs.) MEHTAB CHANDEE
A. SANGMA**

**Shri TIMOTHY D. SHIRA
(Minister in-charge Agriculture &
Farmers' Welfare)**

*92. Will the Minister in-charge
Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare be
pleased to state :-

(a) The current status of
implementation of the One District
One Product (ODOP) Scheme in
Meghalaya so far?

(a) Sir, the Directorate of Food
Processing, Meghalaya, is the State Nodal
Agency for implementation of the ODOP
Scheme and is implementing it in
convergence with various Departments
and organisations.

(b) The total number of Districts that
are under the ODOP Scheme?

(b) Sir, all **12 Districts of
Meghalaya** are covered under the ODOP
Programme.

(c) Whether the Government is
implementing measures to
channelise these products to
facilitate easier export?

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) If the reply at (c) above is in the
affirmative, the details thereof?

(d) Sir, the Government is
strengthening the State's export
ecosystem through supporting farmer
collectives on export compliance, trial
exports to South East Asia and the Middle
East and facilitating market linkages with
International retail chains. The
Government is further investing in NPOP/
NOP/EU Organic certifications, export-
compliant value addition infrastructure, and
participation in International food expos
to access premium International markets.

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| (e) If the reply at (c) above is in the negative, the reasons thereof? | (e) Sir, not applicable, in view of the reply furnished at (c) above. |
| (f) Whether the Government proposes to introduce scheme-based incentives for producers to boost the production of these items? | (f) Sir, the ODOP Scheme currently does not provide direct financial assistance or incentives, rather works in convergence with State and Central Government Schemes to boost the production of these items. |

Construction of Umkhen Bridge

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

*93. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Public Works (Roads) be pleased to state :-

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG
[Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Public Works (Roads)]

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| (a) Whether the Government will take up the construction of Umkhen Bridge near Jyntah village East Khasi Hills? | (a) Yes, Sir. |
| (b) Whether the proposed construction of the bridge has been sanctioned or not? | (b) Yes, Sir. |

Schemes to Promote Tourism

Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI

Shri TIMOTHY D. SHIRA
(Minister in-charge Tourism)

*94. Will the Minister in-charge Tourism be pleased to state :-

(a) The schemes and programmes currently being implemented by the Government to promote tourism in the State?

(a) Sir, the main schemes and programmes currently being implemented by the Government to promote Tourism in the State are listed below :-

1. Meghalaya Tourism Homestay Scheme.
2. Chief Minister's Meghalaya Homestay Mission.
3. Community Led Tourism Scheme.
4. Meghalaya Prime Tourism Vehicle Scheme.
5. Tourist Buddy Scheme.
6. Scholarship Scheme for Local students of IHM, Shillong and FCI, Tura.
7. Chief Minister's Meghalaya Hospitality Scholarship Scheme.
8. Meghalaya Film Tourism Policy.
9. Annual Festivals and Programmes.
10. Meghalaya Support for Tourism Events Programs (MSTEP).
11. Grant-in-Aid Schemes to Cooperatives.
12. Infrastructure Development and Tourism Projects.

(b) The objectives and budget allocation under each scheme?

(b) Sir, is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The progress achieved under these schemes during the last three Financial Years?

(c) Sir, is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Rationalization of Teachers

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

***95. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state :-**

(a) The total number of Schools closed after rationalization exercise of Teachers, District-wise?

(a) Sir, the Education Department has undertaken a rationalisation and consolidation of Government Schools to optimise educational resources, improve access and strengthen the quality of education. However, no separate exercise for rationalisation of teachers has been undertaken.

(b) Whether the rationalization of Teachers also affected the Government Aided Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools?

(b) Sir, does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The total number of vacancies of Teachers in Government Aided Upper Primary Schools, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools, District-wise?

(c) Sir, the appointment of Teachers against sanctioned posts in Government-Aided Private Schools is undertaken by the respective School Managements, and the process of filling vacancies is continuous. In many cases, School Managements also make temporary or alternative arrangements to ensure that teaching is not affected pending regular appointments. Consequently, the position of vacancies is dynamic and an exact, consolidated District-wise figure is not readily available. The Government, however, continues to monitor the functioning of such schools to ensure continuity of education for students.

Construction of Government Buildings in the State

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

*96. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Public Works (Buildings) be pleased to state :-

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG

**[Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Public Works (Buildings)]**

(a) Whether the construction of Government buildings in the State is undertaken by the Department, except in cases where the concerned Departments have their own engineering/technical wings?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Whether the construction of the Secretariat Buildings (3rd & 4th) at Shillong was undertaken by the Department?

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Whether the construction of the New Secretariat Buildings at New Shillong is being undertaken by the Department?

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Whether the construction of the Additional Secretariat Building at Tura is being undertaken by the Department?

(d) No, Sir.

Construction of Solid Waste Management Project at Nongpoh

Shri MAYRAL BORN SYIEM

Shri SNIAWBHALANG DHAR
(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Urban Affairs)

*97. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Urban Affairs be pleased to state :-

(a) The status of the construction of Solid Waste Management Project at Nongpoh?

(a) Sir, status of the construction of Solid Waste Management Project at Nongpoh is progressing well. The overall physical progress is 25%.

(b) Whether the District Headquarter of Ri-Bhoi has a functional sewerage or a faecal sludge management system?

(b) Sir, at present there is no functional sewerage system or operational Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) in Nongpoh.

(c) If the reply at (b) above is in the negative, the manner in which septage is presently disposed of and the proposal if any for a treatment plant?

(c) Sir, at present the **Shillong Municipal Board** is facilitating the collection and disposal of faecal sludge from septic tanks of residents of Nongpoh on a demand basis, thereby ensuring that desludging services are available to households and establishments requiring such services.

Further, the Urban Affairs Department under **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) 2.0** is actively promoting scientific **Faecal Sludge and Septage management (FSSM)** across urban areas of the State. To address the existing sanitation gap in Nongpoh and other towns, the Department has initiated the planning and development of decentralized waste water and faecal sludge treatment solutions. In this regard, an **Expression of Interest (EOI)** for the preparation of Detailed Project Reports and implementation support for decentralized wastewater management systems was floated on **15th April, 2026**.

Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme

Shri RUPERT MOMIN

***98.** Will the Minister in-charge Public Health Engineering be pleased to state :-

Shri MARCUISE N. MARAK
(Minister in-charge Public Health Engineering)

(a) The total number of Households that have been covered by safe drinking water tap connections under the JJM till date?

(a) Sir, the total number of Households that have been covered by Safe Drinking Water Tap Connections under Jal Jeevan Mission till date is 5,47,670 Households.

(b) Whether the uncovered Household will be covered under the JJM Scheme in the State?

(b) Yes, Sir, all uncovered Households already planned under the JJM Scheme in the State will be covered by the Scheme.

Upcoming new Households will be covered from schemes other than JJM.

Vehicles availed the OTS Scheme

Shri ARDENT M. BASAIWMOIT

***99.** Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Transport be pleased to state :-

Shri SNIAWBHALANG DHAR
(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Transport)

(a) The total number of vehicles which had availed the OTS Scheme provided by the Government to all commercial vehicles?

(a) Sir, the total number of vehicles which had availed the One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme till 19th August, 2026 is 7,329.

- (b) The total amount of taxes, penalties incurred in the process? (b) Sir,

The amount of Motor Vehicle tax is - ₹4,85,92,121/-

The amount of Meghalaya Passenger & Goods Tax is - ₹4,54,78,457/-

The amount on fitness is - ₹5,15,64,962/-

Total amount is - ₹14,56,35,540/-

- (c) The names of the registered owners of such vehicles? (c) Sir, the names of the registered owners of vehicles who had availed the One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme is as per the Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Structured Pay Framework (SPF)

**Dr. (Mrs.) MEHTAB CHANDEE
A. SANGMA**

**Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)**

*100. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state :-

- (a) The total number of Structured Pay Framework (SPF) is different from earlier pay structures of teachers?

(a) Sir, the total number of teachers covered under Structured Pay Framework (SPF) is 23,124.

The Structured Pay Framework is a significant improvement over the earlier system. It introduces experience-based Base Pay, a guaranteed 3% annual increment and Centralised Provident Fund (CPF) with 8% contribution each by the Government and the employee. It also provides eligible SSA and RMSA teachers continuity of service up to 58 years, subject to prescribed conditions. Thus, SPF provides greater financial security, predictable career progression and social protection to teachers.

(b) The additional fund provided under Structured Pay Framework (SPF)?

(b) Sir, the State Government has provided an additional budgetary provision of ₹226 crore in the first year of implementation of the Structured Pay Framework. This investment will increase progressively in subsequent years on account of the annual increments.

Medical College

Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA
(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)

*101. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state whether the Government has any intention to start a Para Medical College in the State?

Sir, at present the Government has no proposal approved to start a Para Medical College in the State.

Contractual Employees

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

*102. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of contractual employees who are serving in different Government Departments?

(a) Sir, the total number of contractual employees who are serving in different Government Departments is 2932.

(b) Whether there is any policy for their regularisation?

(b) No, Sir.

Sports Infrastructure Projects in Mawlai Constituency

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

*103. Will the Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Affairs be pleased to state :-

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA

(Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Affairs)

(a) The total number of sanctioned, ongoing and proposed sports infrastructure projects (including play fields, indoor stadiums and multipurpose complexes) in Mawlai Constituency as of date, along with the detailed break-up of allotted funds and financial expenditure incurred for each project?

(a) Sir, is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(b) Whether the Government has received proposals or representation for the upgradation, laying of artificial turf/laying of proper natural turf, and provision of proper drainage, lighting, and gallery facilities for local playfields across various localities in Mawlai (including Mawiong Rim, Mawiong Umjapung, Umthlong, Nongkwar, Mawroh, Mawkynroh, Umshing, Mawtawar, Umsaw, Nongkohlew, Mawsiatkhnam and Umrynjah); If so, the current status of administrative approval and sanction for each?

(b) Yes, Sir, proposals or representation has been received. They are under examination.

(c) Whether the Department is aware of the dilapidated condition of existing community and indoor facilities, such as the community-cum-indoor stadiums?

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) If the reply at (c) above is in the affirmative, the steps taken for immediate structural edit, repair and restoration?

(d) Sir, repairing/restoration works are being proposed for Indoor Halls at Mawlai Iewrynghep, Mawlai Mawiong Umjapung and Mawlai Mawdatbaki (Mawapkhaw).

(e) Whether the Government plans to construct a modern multi-discipline indoor sports complex in Mawlai to cater to disciplines such as Badminton, Basketball, Boxing and Table Tennis, alongside providing certified State coaching and financial grants to local sports clubs?

(e) Sir, no plan currently.

Implementation of National Food Security Act

Shri MAYRAL BORN SYIEM

Shri METHODIUS DKHAR
(Minister in-charge Food Civil
Supplies & Consumer Affairs)

*104. Will the Minister in-charge Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the implementation of National Food Security Act is being effectively carried out across all District in Meghalaya?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of National Food Security Act beneficiaries currently covered under Priority Household (PHH), Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Non NFSA category, District-wise?

(b) Sir,

Sl. No.	District/ Sub-Division	AAY Beneficiary	Priority Household (PHH) Beneficiary	Non-NFSA Beneficiary
1	AMLAREM	6814	25599	12788
2	AMPATI	36089	92664	33526
3	BAGHMARA	14580	92724	33315
4	DADENGGRE	28959	172670	59882
5	JOWAI	12897	157751	59618
6	KHLIEHRIAT	10368	84828	12382
7	MAIRANG	5853	79562	30249
8	MAWKYRWAT	7962	70607	19830
9	NONGPOH	11681	184298	63487
10	NONGSTOIN	5095	118669	47436
11	PYNURSLA	15754	51434	14767
12	RESUBELPARA	16898	108225	48546
13	SHILLONG	73701	346368	229832
14	SOHRA	7869	46737	14056
15	TURA	21467	127371	57074
16	WILLIAMNAGAR	15006	94649	35297
	Total	290993	1854156	772084

(c) The total number and nature of grievances received from National Food Security Act beneficiaries during the last three years?

(c) Sir, 3825 grievances were received during the last three years from beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act, 2013. The grievances mainly related to foodgrain distribution, Fair Price Shops, ration cards and e-KYC.

Affected Families due to Natural Calamities

Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Revenue & Disaster Management)

*105. Will the Minister in-charge Revenue & Disaster Management be pleased to state the total number of families who have been affected due to natural calamities that have taken place during the last one year in the whole of East Khasi Hills District?

Sir, a total of **903 families** were affected by natural calamities that occurred from 1st April, 2025 till 17th August, 2026.

Ration Card

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

Shri METHODIUS DKHAR
(Minister in-charge Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs)

*106. Will the Minister in-charge Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of ration card applications which are pending in the State and in West Garo Hills District with particular reference to Dadenggre Sub-Division?

(a) Sir, the total number of ration card applications pending in the State are 24,245 and 271 are pending in Dadenggre Civil Sub-Division, West Garo Hills.

(b) Whether consumers are getting food grains under the Public Distribution System regularly under Dadenggre Sub-Division?

(b) Yes, Sir, consumers are availing food grains under PDS regularly on a monthly basis.

(c) The total number of fair price shops that have been inspected during the last year under Dadenggre Sub-Division?

(c) Sir, total number of Fair Price Shops that have been inspected during period from 1st April, 2025 to 31st March, 2026 is 60 numbers.

(d) The irregularities that were detected?

(d) Sir, the irregularities detected at the time of inspections were -

(I) Poor maintenance of sales and stock registers.

(II) Important information like, beneficiaries names, names of Vigilance Committee Members, rates and entitlements, was not properly displayed in some Fair Price Shops (FPS) centres.

Mawkynroh Fire & Emergency Services

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG
[Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Home (Police)]

*107. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home (Police) be pleased to state the status of the construction of Mawkynroh Fire & Emergency Services?

Sir, the matter is under process.