

MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

AUTUMN SESSION

STARRED

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Friday, August 28, 2026.

Institutional Deliveries

Dr. CELESTINE LYNGDOH
Shri SENGCHIM N. SANGMA

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

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

(a) The percentage of institutional deliveries as per National Family Health Survey-6 Cycle?

(a) Sir, the percentage of Institutional deliveries of Meghalaya as per NFHS-6 is **65.6%**.

(b) The change in percentage of institutional deliveries between National Family Health Survey-6 and National Family Health Survey-5 Cycles?

(b) Sir, the change in percentage of institutional deliveries of Meghalaya between NFHS-6 and NFHS-5 is **12.9%** change from **58.1%** (NFHS-5) to **65.6%** (NFHS-6).

(c) The Meghalaya's strategic target for institutional deliveries over the next three years to align with the National Health Policy goals?

(c) Sir, over the next three years, Meghalaya aims to progressively increase institutional deliveries to at least **95%**, thereby moving higher than the National average of 90% that will ensure safe deliveries.

Nonghali Scientific Landfill Site

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANANG

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

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

(a) The progress of works in the Nonghali scientific landfill site?

(a) Sir, the progress of works is as follows :

- (1) In accordance with the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, the establishment of an integrated solid waste processing and disposal facility requires prior Environmental Clearance (EC) from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA). Accordingly, the prescribed procedures for obtaining Environmental Clearance were duly followed, including the conduct of a public hearing by the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) on 23rd September, 2025.**
- (2) Following the public hearing, the matter has become subjected to litigation and the Hon'ble High Court has disposed off the case on 14th July, 2026.**
- (3) The final EIA/EMP is now being prepared for consideration of grant of Environmental Clearance by the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Meghalaya.**

(b) The total number of landfill sites that have been identified Town-wise in the State?

(b) Sir, the identified sites for the Urban Towns of Meghalaya are as follows:

1. Tura – Wakkagre.
2. Jowai – Khliehriat Umlamat, Elaka Jowai.
3. Williamnagar – Rongakgre.
4. For the remaining towns, offers have been received and the offered sites are being scrutinized by the respective District Task force Committee's.

Network of Government Colleges

Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

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

(a) Whether the Government has prepared a roadmap for expanding the network of Government Colleges in the State over the next five years?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the targets fixed for establishing new Government Colleges?

(b) Sir, the Government is planning to expand Government colleges in a phased manner over the next five years to improve access to higher education and achieve Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) targets under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Government of India. Priority will be given to educationally underserved, remote and disadvantaged areas based on enrolment demand and population needs.

(c) The financial outlay earmarked for the same?

(c) Sir, the financial outlay for establishment of new Government colleges and strengthening of existing higher education institutions will be taken up in a phased manner, subject to availability of resources.

Assam-Meghalaya Cadre

Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

*164. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state the present status of the proposal for the bifurcation of the joint Assam-Meghalaya Cadre?

Sir, the State Government is actively pursuing with the Government of India on the proposal for bifurcation of the Assam-Meghalaya Joint Cadre and creation of separate cadre for Meghalaya. A final decision of the Government of India in the matter is awaited.

Veterinary Dispensary

Shri CHARLES MARNGAR

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

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

(a) Whether all Veterinary Dispensaries have sufficient medicines, vaccines, equipment and other essential facilities?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of Veterinary Dispensaries that are functioning from rented or temporary buildings?

(b) NIL, Sir.

(c) Whether the Government propose to construct permanent buildings for them?

(c) Sir, does not arise.

(d) Whether the Government has identified areas where farmers have to travel long distances to obtain veterinary treatment?

(d) Yes, Sir.

Village Employment Council (VEC) Elections under Batabari and Demdema C&RD Block

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

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

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

(a) The status of Village Employment Council (VEC) election under Batabari and Demdema Community & Rural Development Block?

(a) Sir, the status of the Village Employment Council (VEC) election under Batabari and Demdema Community & Rural Development Blocks are as follows :-

1. **Batabari C&RD Block** : Elections were conducted in all the 80 VECs.
2. **Demdema C&RD Block** : Elections were conducted in 84 VECs out of the total 103 VECs. In the remaining VECs, conduct of elections is under process.

(b) The action that has been taken by the Government to ensure transparency in the allotment of VEC work orders?

(b) Sir, whenever VEC submits its demand for work, it is submitted to the Block Development Officer & Programme Officer and the same is registered online. Within 15 days of demand, work orders are to be issued accordingly. The same is monitored by the State and District on a regular basis.

Food Safety, Quality Control and Prevention of Prohibited Chemical Preservatives

Shri RONNIE V. LYNGDOH

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA

(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)

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

(a) Whether the Commissionerate of Food Safety conducts routine food safety inspections and sampling across the State?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the frequency, designated inspection points and the District-wise deployment of Food Safety Officers?

(b) Sir,

Particulars	FSSAI Prescribed Frequency
Food Business Establishments inspected	Minimum 10 per/month
Regulatory Samples collected	Minimum 10 per/month
Surveillance Samples collected	Minimum 15 per/month

The inspections are conducted as per requirement and random basis.

The District-wise deployment of Food Safety Officers is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The total number of inspections conducted and food samples tested during the last three years, indicating the number of samples found unsafe, sub-standard or containing prohibited chemical preservatives?

(c) Sir, the total number of inspections for the last 3 (Three) years is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(d) Whether fish sold in the State are routinely tested for formalin and other prohibited chemical preservatives?

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) If the reply at (d) above is in the affirmative, the number of samples found positive and the action taken during the last three years?

(e) Sir, the number of samples found positive and the action taken during the last three years is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(f) The measures taken to strengthen food safety surveillance, quality control and market enforcement?

(f) Sir,
i. Regular inspection of food business establishments.
ii. Spot testing of food items using rapid testing kits through Mobile Food Testing Laboratory Vehicles.
iii. Collection of used cooking oil through FSSAI-notified Used Oil Aggregators.
iv. Collection of food samples for laboratory testing.
v. Conducting consumer awareness programmes.
vi. Conducting training programmes for Food Business Operators (FBOs).

Digital Farm Registry

Shri IAN BOTHAM K. SANGMA

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

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

(a) The total number of farmers registered into the NIC-based Farmer Information Management System (FIMS/Meg Farmer Portal) as on 31st July, 2026?

(a) Sir, 3,10,407.

(b) The total number of registrations on the portal in the last three years as on 31st July, 2026, Year-wise?

(b) Sir,
2024 - 27,508
2025 - 19,286
2026 - 6,415

Total - 53,209

(c) The registration on the portal, crop-categories wise?

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

(d) The total amount transferred directly into the bank accounts of Meghalaya's Farmers under PM-KISAN since the introduction of the digital registry?

(d) Sir, Meghalaya has successfully distributed a total of ₹664 crore to its PM-KISAN beneficiaries since the Scheme's launch in the 2018-19 Financial Year.

Recruitment taken place in Meghalaya Rural Bank

Shri ARDENT M. BASALAWMOIT

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) The total number of recruitments that have taken place in Meghalaya Rural Bank in the last ten years, Year-wise?

(a) Sir, the total number of recruitments that have taken place in Meghalaya Rural Bank in the last ten years is 226.

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Number of recruitment
1.	2016-17	8
2.	2017-18	0
3.	2018-19	30
4.	2019-20	22
5.	2020-21	27
6.	2021-22	30
7.	2022-23	16
8.	2023-24	29
9.	2024-25	50
10.	2025-26	14
	Total	226

(b) Whether proper procedures have been followed or not during recruitment process?

(b) Yes, Sir.

Medical College

Dr. MUKUL M. SANGMA

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

*170. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state the status of Tura Government Medical College?

Yes, Sir, the current work progress of Tura Medical College is 83% completed.

A total of ₹238,15,10,071/- had been released till the Financial Year 2025-26.

Villages affected by Cyclone and Hailstorm

Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA

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

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

(a) The total number of villages affected by cyclone and hailstorm in the years 2025-26 and 2026-27, District-wise?

(a) & (b)

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

(b) The total number of households affected in the respective years, District-wise?

(c) The measures taken as per the Disaster Management Act, 2005 to assist the affected victims?

(c) Sir, measures taken to assist the affected victims as per situation basis and as per the Disaster Management Act, 2005 include :-

- (1) Conduct search & rescue operations.
- (2) Setting up of relief camps and provision of temporary shelter.
- (3) Provision of minimum requirements such as food, safe drinking water, clothing, medicines, sanitation and other relief materials.

- (4) Ex-gratia assistance in cases of loss of life and admissible assistance for damage to houses and restoration of livelihoods.
- (5) Provision of relief assistance from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) as per Items & Norms.

Annual Electricity Generation from Umiam and Umtru Hydel Stages

Shri MAYRAL BORN SYIEM

Shri METBAH LYNGDOH
(Minister in-charge Power)

*172. Will the Minister in-charge Power be pleased to state :-

- (a) The Annual Electricity Generation from Umiam, Umtru Hydel Stages during each of the last ten years as against installed capacity and design energy together with the reason for any shortfall?

(a) Sir, the Annual Electricity Generation from Umiam, Umtru Hydel Stages during the last ten years as against installed capacity and design energy :

YEAR	Installed Capacity (MW)	Design Energy (MU)	Annual Energy Generation (MU)
2016-2017	176	508	378.28
2017-2018	216	743	709.95
2018-2019	216	743	608.69
2019-2020	216	743	651.33
2020-2021	216	743	806.69
2021-2022	216	743	495.06
2022-2023	216	743	681.59
2023-2024	216	743	542.63
2024-2025	216	743	600.32
2025-2026	216	743	512.26
2026-2027 (UPTO 17-08-2026)	216	743	192.9

Reason for Shortfall :

1. All Hydel Stations are wholly dependent on rainfall therefore the shortfall in generation is due to deficient rainfall during the reporting year.
2. New Umtru HEP was commissioned in the year 2017.
3. Umiam-Umtru Stage-III HEP is under Renovation Modernisation & Upgradation since April, 2025 and therefore there is no generation during this period resulting in lower generation overall.

(b) The status of renovation, modernization and uprating of the existing hydel units in Ri-Bhoi District?

(b) Sir,

(i) Umiam Stage-I Power Station - The Renovation and Modernisation of the Power Station was completed in January, 2003.

(ii) Umiam Stage-II Power Station - The Renovation, Modernisation and Uprating of the Power Station was completed in January, 2012.

(iii) Umiam-Umtru Stage-III Power Station - The Renovation, Modernisation and Uprating work of the Power Station is in progress and is scheduled to be commissioned in September, 2026.

(iv) Umiam-Umtru Stage-IV Power Station - Proposal for Renovation, Modernisation and Upgradation is under process.

(c) The reasons for the delay, if any?

(c) Sir, none.

Initiatives for Deaf and Mute Persons with Disabilities

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

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

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

**(a) Whether the State Government
has taken any initiatives for deaf
and mute Persons with
Disabilities?**

(a) Yes, Sir.

**(b) The steps initiated for development
and propagation of sign language
in the State?**

**(b) Sir, the initiatives includes setting
up of Early Diagnostic and Intervention
Centres, Community-based Rehabilitation,
development of Meghalaya Sign Bank
App, training of Sign Language
Interpreters, procurement and distribution
of assistive devices and capacity building
and awareness.**

Additional Gates of KHADC

Dr. MAZEL AMPAREEN LYNDOH

**Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG
(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
District Council Affairs)**

***174. Will the Deputy Chief Minister
in-charge District Council Affairs be
pleased to state :-**

**(a) Whether it is a fact that 11
additional KHADC Gates have
been opened under its jurisdiction
as per report "The Shillong Times"
dated 05th August, 2026?**

(a) Yes, Sir.

**(b) Whether District Council Affairs
Department have any role in the
operationalisation of such gates?**

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The list of items permissible for taxation under the jurisdiction of KHADC?

(c) Sir, permissible items for taxation is based on Para 8(3) of the Sixth Schedule which are as follows :-

- (i) Taxes on professions, trades, callings and employments;
- (ii) Taxes on animals, vehicles and boats;
- (iii) Taxes on the entry of goods into a market for sale therein, and tolls on passengers and goods carried in ferries; and
- (iv) Taxes for the maintenance of schools, dispensaries or roads.

(d) The clarification in this news report, justified that the reason for the setting up of these gates was, "to curb illegal collections and prevent revenue leakages"?

(d) & (e)
Sir, does not arise in view at (c) above.

(e) Whether the Government is aware of illegal collection and revenue leakage?

Global Tourist Destinations

Shri GAVIN MIGUEL MYLLIEM

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

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

(a) The utilisation of the ₹162 crore allocated for tourism infrastructure, destination development and community tourism as on 31st July, 2026?

(a) Sir, the amount of ₹162 crore allocated, has not been utilized till date.

(b) the steps taken to transform Umiam, Sohra, Dawki-Shnongpdeng and Nokrek into global-tourist destinations and the funds allocated for each location?

(b) Sir, the Government is transforming Umiam, Sohra, Dawki - Shnongpdeng and Nokrek into a global tourist destinations through major tourism infrastructure and construction projects with funding allocation for each location as per the details below :

1. Umiam : ₹595.98 crore
2. Sohra : ₹661.44 crore
3. Dawki - Shnongpdeng : ₹50.25 crore
4. Nokrek : ₹37 crore.

(c) The progress on the construction of modern convention centers at Nongpoh, Williamnagar, Resubelpara, Mairang, Mawkyrwat, Nongstoin and Khliehriat and the funds allocated?

(c) Sir, development of modern Convention Centres at Nongpoh, Williamnagar, Mairang, Mawkyrwat, Nongstoin and Khliehriat, are at the stage of being taken up for tendering, while the project at Resubelpara has already been tendered. Proposals have been submitted to the Central Government for funding.

(d) The steps taken by the Government to promote research in areas of arts and culture, land, language and lineage, etc., apart from promoting tourism?

(d) Sir, the steps taken by the Government of Meghalaya through Arts & Culture Department are :

1. Chief Minister's Research Grant.
2. Research on Arts and Culture, Evaluation, Heritage studies, Indigenous studies on land, people and language.
3. Ki Diengjat re-examining Khasi - Jaintia Socio-cultural linkages with Southeast Asia.

Missions/Agencies under MBDA

Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) The total number of Missions/ Agencies fall under the umbrella of MBDA?

(a) Sir, 1 (one) Mission.

(b) The names of those Missions/ Agencies may be provided?

(b) Sir, the Meghalaya Aroma Mission (MAM).

The Amount Funding to PHC and CHC

Smti. SANTA MARY SHYLLA

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

*177. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state the total amount of funds that are provided to PHCs/CHCs for maintenance and upkeep in Financial Year 2026-27 as on 31st July, 2026?

Sir, the total funds for the maintenance and upkeep earmarked from 2026-27 from various sources is ₹17.47 Crore (Seventeen Crore Forty Seven lakh rupees only).

Control the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF)

Shri BANTEIDOR LYNDOH

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

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

(a) Whether the Government has taken steps to prevent and control the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the State?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Whether the Government has taken steps to control the entry of live pigs from outside the State, so as to protect local pig farmers and promote locally reared pigs?

(b) Yes, Sir.

Digital Governance

Shri GABRIEL WAHLANG

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) The average reduction in turnaround time achieved for processing administrative and financial sanctions across Departments since the implementation of e-Proposal?

(a) Sir, the average reduction in turnaround time for processing of sanctions since implementation of eProposal System is from 45 days to 5 days.

(b) The measures taken to link MeghEA with central e-governance systems?

(b) Sir, Meghalaya One has been integrated with DigiLocker and EntityLocker of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India.

(c) The cost savings achieved in stationery, printing, courier, and physical file storage logistics following the reduction in paper file movement?

(c) Sir, the amount is being estimated.

(d) The steps taken by the Government to transition to a 100% paperless workflow across offices?

(d) Sir, the following systems have been implemented to achieve 100% workflow in the Government :-

- (1) Meghalaya One portal
- (2) Budget Estimation, Allocation and Monitoring System
- (3) eBilling System
- (4) Treasury NET
- (5) MegEIS
- (6) eCabinet System.

Construction of Sub-Station

Shri JIM M. SANGMA

Shri METBAH LYNGDOH
(Minister in-charge Power)

*180. Will the Minister in-charge Power be pleased to state :-

(a) The progress of the ongoing construction of Sub-station at Rongjeng and Mangsang Nongbak apal?

(a) Sir, The physical progress of construction at Rongjeng sub-station is 21% and Mangsang Nongbak Apal Sub-station is 15%.

(b) The total amount sanctioned for these two projects?

(b) Sir, the Project Cost for these two Sub-stations is :-

1. Rongjeng sub-station : ₹5.95 Crore
2. Mangsang Nongbak Apal sub-station: ₹5.59 Crore

Total Project cost = ₹11.54 Crore.

Stadiums, Indoor Stadiums and Sports Discipline

Shri RUPERT MOMIN

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

(a) The total number of Stadiums constructed in the State during the Financial Years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, District-wise along with the total amount sanctioned for each Stadium?

(b) The total number of Indoor Stadiums in the State, District-wise?

(c) The total number of Sports Discipline undertaken in the State?

(d) The total number of instructors for each discipline, District-wise?

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

(a) Sir, the total number of Stadiums constructed in the State w.e.f. Financial Year 2020-2021 to 2024-2025 is **33 (thirty three)** numbers.

The Financial Year - wise and district - wise break up alongwith the total amount sanctioned for each stadium is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(b) Sir, the total number of Indoor Stadiums in the State, District - wise is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Sir, the total number of registered Sports Associations conducting various Sports Discipline in the State is **53 (fifty three)** numbers.

(d) Sir, the total number of instructors for each discipline is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Fire and Emergency Service Station

Shri RUPA M. MARAK

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

*182. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home (Police) be pleased to state whether the Government has a plan to set up a Fire and Emergency Service Station in Jengjal Civil Sub-division?

Sir, the matter is under examination.

Mawlai Umsohlang Water Supply Scheme (WSS)

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

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

*183. Will the Minister in-charge Public Health Engineering be pleased to state whether the Government had taken up any proposals or Schemes for the comprehensive reparation, pipeline replacement and technical upgradation of the Mawlai Umsohlang Water Supply Scheme (WSS) to address water quality, recurring distribution leakages and supply deficits in Mawlai?

Yes, Sir.

Steps taken to Promote Eco-Tourism

Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI

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

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

(a) The steps taken to promote eco-tourism, rural tourism and community-based tourism?

(a) Sir, the steps taken to promote eco-tourism, rural tourism and community-based tourism includes implementation of various policies, schemes, programs, infrastructure creation and capacity building.

(b) The Districts where such initiatives are being implemented?

(b) Sir, in all the Districts of the State.

(c) The outcomes achieved so far?

(c) Sir, the tourist footfall of the last 5 years is given below :

2021 - 1,54,820

2022 - 10,24,864

2023 - 13,85,662

2024 - 16,08,610

2025 - 18,55,350

From January - June 2026 - 11,15,714.

Meghalaya Compulsory Registration of Marriage (Amendment) Act, 2022

Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM

Shri METHODIUS DKHAR

(Minister in-charge Registration & Stamps)

*185. Will the Minister in-charge Registration & Stamps be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Government has issued any directions, notifications, circulars or guidelines to all Departments and subordinate offices following the enactment of the Meghalaya Compulsory Registration of Marriage (Amendment) Act, 2022, particularly in relation to the deletion of the requirement that a marriage certificate be furnished for all official purposes?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Whether the Government has undertaken any review of Departmental forms, application procedures, service guidelines and document requirements to ensure that a marriage certificate is not insisted upon as a mandatory document for official services where such requirement is not specifically prescribed under the applicable law, rules or regulations?

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) If the reply at (b) above is in the affirmative, the details thereof that the Departments and offices covered?

(c) Sir, the office of the Inspector General of Registration, Meghalaya Shillong, and the subordinate Offices under the jurisdiction of the respective Deputy Commissioners in the State of Meghalaya.

(d) Whether the Government proposes to issue a uniform administrative guideline or advisory to all Departments and public authorities clarifying the circumstances in which a marriage certificate may legitimately be required, so as to ensure consistency and prevent unnecessary hardship to citizens?

(d) Yes, Sir.

Multipurpose Sports Complex

Shri CHARLES MARNGAR

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

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

(a) Whether the Government has any proposal to construct mini stadiums or multipurpose Sports Complexes in each Constituency?

(a) Sir, the proposal is under examination.

(b) The total number of football grounds that have been upgraded with artificial turf in the State?

(b) Sir, the total number is 9 (Nine).

(c) The criteria for selection?

(c) Sir, the criteria are :-

- Feasibility
- Size of the existing ground.

(d) Whether the Government has any proposal to develop at least one standard multipurpose playground or Sports Complex in Mawhati Constituency?

(d) Sir, it is under consideration.

Improvement of Mobile Network and Internet Connectivity

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) The measures that the Government has taken to improve mobile network and internet connectivity in the Rural areas of West Garo Hills?

(a) Sir, the Government is taking several measures to improve mobile network and internet connectivity in rural, remote, hilly and border areas including West Garo Hills, Meghalaya through the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) (erstwhile Universal Service Obligation Fund - USOF). The DBN project aims to bridge the digital divide between urban and rural areas by extending reliable mobile and internet connectivity to unserved villages.

(b) The total number of villages that still lack reliable telecom services?

(b) Sir, 6 (Six).

Stipend for Trainees

Shri ARDENT M. BASALAWMOIT

Shri SNIAWBHALANG DHAR
(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge
Commerce & Industries)

*188. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Commerce & Industries be pleased to state the amount of stipend for the trainees?

Sir, the stipend provided to the trainees under the various training programmes of the Department is as follows:

1. Departmental Training Centres Scheme.

₹500/- per month.

2. Training Inside and Outside the State Scheme.

(a) ₹500/- per month for trainees without hostel facilities inside the State.

(b) ₹450/- per month for trainees with hostel facilities inside the State.

(c) ₹800/- per month for trainees undergoing training outside the State.

3. Master Craftsman Scheme.

₹500/- per month.

Pine Mount International School Tura

Dr. MUKUL M. SANGMA

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

*189. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state the status of Pine Mount International School Tura?

Sir, Pine Mount International School, Tura has been renamed as 'Pine Mount School, Tura', and the project has achieved 96% physical progress. The Department is making efforts to complete the project and start the school at the earliest.

Application received for Scientific Coal Mining

Shri MAYRAL BORN SYIEM

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) The total numbers of application
received for prospecting licenses
and mining leases for scientific
coal mining since the notification
of the Meghalaya Mineral Policy?

(a) Sir, the total number of applications
received for prospecting license for
scientific coal mining as per the SOP, dated
05.03.2021 are 37; and mining lease 14 nos.

(b) The total numbers granted,
rejected and pending at the level
of the State and Central
Government respectively?

(b) Sir, the total number of applications
granted, rejected and pending at the level
of the State and Central Government
respectively are as follows:-

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| (i) Total number of Prospecting Licenses granted by State Government are | - 30 (thirty) nos. |
| (ii) Total number of Mining Leases granted by the State Government are | - 12 (twelve) nos. |
| (iii) Applications for prior approval for Mining Leases pending with Central Government | - 2 (two) nos. |
| (iv) Applications for prior approval for Prospecting Licenses pending with Central Government | - 4 (four) nos. |
| (v) Prospecting Licenses/Mining Leases applications pending with State Government | - 0 (zero). |
| (vi) Applications rejected | - Nil. |
| (vii) Applications withdrawn | - 3 (three) nos. |

National Games

Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA

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

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

(a) The total number and names of the new projects taken up in consideration of hosting the upcoming National Games in Meghalaya?

(a) Sir,

- 1. Construction Aquatics & Tennis at Mawdiangdiang.**
- 2. Integrated Multipurpose Indoor Hall, Polo Ground Shillong.**
- 3. Construction of PA Sangma Sports Complex at Tura.**
- 4. Construction Indoor Sports at Tura (Sunny Hills).**
- 5. Construction of Hostel Block at Athletic Track, Tura.**
- 6. Construction of Multipurpose Indoor Hall, Lawsohtun.**
- 7 White Water Slalom Course, Umtham Village.**

(b) The financial and physical status of these new projects?

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

Chief Minister Scholarship Scheme

Dr. (Mrs.) MEHTAB CHANDEE A. SANGMA
Shri MARTHON J. SANGMA

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

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

(a) The total number of students who received scholarships under Chief Minister Scholarship Scheme for 2025-2026?

(a) Sir, 97,852 (Ninety Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Two) students have been disbursed scholarships under the Chief Minister's Scholarship Scheme for 2025-26 till date.

(b) Whether the State Government resolved the issue of delayed scholarship disbursement under Umbrella Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students?

(b) Yes, Sir, during the last year, the State Government has successfully addressed and resolved the issue of delayed disbursement of scholarships under the Umbrella Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students.

(c) If the reply at (b) above is in the affirmative, the measures that the State Government is ensuring timely release of scholarships?

(c) Sir, despite the delay in receipt of funds from the Government of India for the academic year 2024-25, the State Government ensured that eligible ST students were not made to suffer. The State Government advanced ₹236.0056 crore from its own resources and released the scholarships to eligible students, pending receipt of the Central share. The amount advanced was subsequently adjusted against the Central share upon receipt of funds from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

Scheme Sponsored by Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Sbri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

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

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

(a) The total number of schemes
sponsored by the Ministry of Tribal
Affairs in the last five years?

(a) Sir, 1 (one) project has
been sanctioned under Article 275 (1)
of the Constitution, for the Tourism
Department.

(b) The total sanctioned amount?

(b) Sir, ₹14.42 Crore.

(c) The total number of schemes
sponsored by the Ministry of
DoNER?

(c) Sir,

(i) 3 (Three) Projects under PM-
DeVINE.

(ii) 1 (One) under NEC.

(d) The total sanctioned amount in the
last five years?

(d) Sir, PM-DeVINE: ₹354.76
Crore.

NEC: ₹4.65 Crore.

(e) The total number of State
Schemes and the amount
sanctioned in the last five years?

(e) Sir, 131 (One hundred and Thirty
One) projects have been sanctioned from
State funds during the last 5 (five)
years at a total estimated cost of ₹824.45
Crore.

Government Lower Primary Schools

Shri RUPERT MOMIN

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

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

- (a) The total number of Government Lower Primary Schools in the State, District-wise?
- (b) The total number of Assistant Teachers in the Government Lower Primary Schools in the State, District-wise?
- (c) The total number of students enrolled in Government Lower Primary Schools in the State, District-wise?
- (d) The teacher-student's ratio in Government Lower Primary Schools in the State, District-wise?

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

Artificial Green Chemical Dyes

Shri RUPA MARAK

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

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

- (a) Whether the Government has taken an action against the use of artificial green chemical dyes on pointed gourd vegetables?

(a) Yes, Sir.

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

(b) Sir, the Food Safety Officers have collected 20 (twenty) numbers of pointed gourd samples and send to the laboratory. 19 (nineteen) analysis report have been received out of which 3 (three) samples are reported to be unsafe.

Filing of the case in the Court of Adjudicating Officer is under process.

Total Area of Land Anjalee Petrol Pump

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

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

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

(a) The total area of land taken over by the Government from the Anjalee Petrol Pump?

(a) Sir, the total area of land is 7850 sq.ft.

(b) Whether the land was taken over from the Defense Authorities/ Cantt Board or from the Lessee himself/herself?

(b) Sir, the land was taken from the Defence Authorities.

(c) Whether land has already been allotted to him/her at Upper Shillong and the area thereof?

(c) Yes, Sir, the land has been handed over to M/S Ashok Auto Service, Upper Shillong on lease with a total area of 13,181 sq.ft.

(d) The activities proposed by the Lessee in the plot of land at Upper Shillong?

(d) Sir, as per Agreement the activities are for setting up of Petrol Pump, Retail Outlet/Fuel Station.

New Drinking Water Supply Scheme

Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI

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

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

(a) Whether the Government proposes to introduce any new drinking water or Rural Water Supply Schemes in addition to the Jal Jeevan Mission?

(a) Yes, Sir.

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

(b) Sir, in addition to Jal Jeevan Mission, the Government has initiated/ taken up new rural drinking water supply schemes under the State Plan and various other programmes.

During the financial year 2025-26, 43 Nos. of Rural Water Supply Schemes have been proposed and sanctioned under the State Plan and 2 Nos. under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

For the current financial year 2026-27, about 62 Nos. additional schemes have been proposed under the State Plan and currently awaiting sanction.

(c) The expected timeline for implementation?

(c) Sir, the timeline for implementation ranges from 1 - 3 years from the date of issuance of work order.

AMPT Road (NH 127B) from Phulbari to Selsella

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

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

(a) The present status of the AMPT Road (NH 127B) from Phulbari to Selsella repaired recently and the action that has been taken against the contractors for substandard work?

(b) The status of land acquisition and construction of NH-127B within Meghalaya?

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG

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

(a) Sir, the AMPT Road (NH-127B) from Phulbari to Selsella has been repaired and the repair work taken up was as per the required norms.

(b) Sir, the land acquisition process is well in progress as per the NH Act.

NEET Examination

Shri ARDENT M. BASALAWMOIT

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

(a) The total number of students who appeared for NEET examination annually since the introduction of the examination, Year-wise?

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

(a) Sir, the total number of student appeared for NEET examination Year-wise is given below :

Year	Appeared
2018	2,515
2019	3,016
2020	2,149
2021	2,149
2022	2,742
2023	3,271
2024	3,815
2025	3,869
2026	3,332
Total	26,858

(b) The total number of students who passed out annually, Percentage-wise?

(b) Sir, the number of students passing out annually is as below :

Year	Qualified	Percentage
2018	1,049	41.71%
2019	1,094	36.27%
2020	978	45.51%
2021	978	45.51%
2022	1,402	51.13%
2023	1,603	49.01%
2024	1,849	48.46%
2025	1,681	43.45%
Total	10,634	45.20%

National Testing Agency Centres

Dr. (Mrs.) MEHTAB CHANDEE
A. SANGMA

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

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

(a) Whether there is sufficient capacity of National Testing Agency (NTA) centres in the State?

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) The total number of new capacity of National Testing Agency (NTA) centres added in the State in the last year?

(b) Sir, during the last year, the State Government has funded and established 450 new computer-based testing nodes across 7 (seven) new NTA Examination Centres, located at five places. This has expanded NTA examination facilities from the existing two cities, Shillong and Tura, to three additional locations-Jowai, Sohra and Mawphlang-thereby increasing access to national-level examinations for students across the State.

Affected Families due to African Swine Fever

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

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

- (a) The total number of families who have been affected due to African Swine Fever during the last six months?
- (b) The specific areas that were affected may be provided, District-wise?

Shri SANBOR SHULLAI

(Minister in-charge Animal & Husbandry & Veterinary)

(a) Sir, a total of 149 families were affected due to African Swine Fever during the last six months.

(b) Sir, during the last six months, 1834 deaths due to confirmed African Swine Fever Virus have been reported in 82 epicentres and around 20 Blocks across the State.

The specific areas that were affected District-wise is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Old Age Pension

Shri RUPERT MOMIN

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

- (a) The total number of old-age pension that are enrolled in the System in the State?

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

(a) Sir,

CMCARE	IGNOAPS	Total
68,588	52,353	1,20,941

- (b) Whether they are regularly drawing their pension?
- (c) The cut-off year to avail the old-age pension for the Chief Minister Social Assistance Scheme in the State?

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Sir, 60 (Sixty) years for both male and female.

Materials supplied under MNREGA

Shri RUPA MARAK

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

*203. Will the Minister in-charge Community & Rural Development be pleased to state whether the Government has released all the pending bills for the materials supplied under MNREGA from the years 2022-2026 for Dadenggre and Rongram Community & Rural Development Blocks?

Sir, the Government has released 100% funds towards materials component till financial year 2023-2024 in Dadenggre and Rongram Community & Rural Development Blocks.

From financial year 2024-2025 till June 2026 the State has cleared 38.79% of the material component.

Matri Mandir, Polo

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

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

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

(a) The total area of the plot adjacent to Matri Mandir, Polo after leaving out the vendors market established recently?

(a) Sir, the total area of the plot adjacent to Matri Mandir, Polo after leaving out the vendors market established recently is 1631.84 sqm.

(b) The plan of the Government thereof?

(b) Sir, the plan of the Government, thereof, is to develop a Commercial Building.

Number of Health Centres

Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI

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

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA

(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)

(a) The total number of Health Sub-Centres presently functioning in the State?

(a) Yes, Sir, the total number of Health Sub-Centres presently functioning in the State is 533 (Five Hundred and Thirty three).

(b) The total number of Health Sub-Centres identified or found eligible for upgradation to Primary Health Centres?

(b) Sir, the total number of Health Sub-Centres identified or found eligible for upgradation Primary Health Centre (PHC) is 9 (Nine).

(c) The total number of proposals pending for such upgradation?

(c) Sir, a total of 49 (Forty Nine) fresh proposals for upgradation of Sub-Centres to PHC are under consideration.

Service of Contractual Lady Supervisors

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

**(a) The exact current strength and
average length of service of
contractual Lady Supervisors/
Supervisors who have been
working for many years under the
Social Welfare Department/
ICDS, District-wise breakup?**

(a) Sir,

Sl. No.	District Wise	Total No. of Contractual LS	Average length of service	Remarks
1	East Khasi Hills	14	5	The vacant post has been intimated to the concerned DSC vide letter Dt. 22.07.2026
2	Ri-Bhoi	3	5	
3	West Jaintia Hills	5	3	
4	West Khasi Hills	1	2	
5	Eastern West Khasi Hills	1	4	
6	South West Khasi Hills	1	7	
7	West Garo Hills	10	5	
8	East Garo Hills	6	7	
9	South West Garo Hills	4	5	
	Grand Total	45		

(b) Whether the new District Performance Review Committees and the promotion of Anganwadi Workers to Lady Supervisor posts lead to any displacement, reduction in posts, or change in the working conditions of these long-serving contractual supervisors?

(b) Yes, Sir, the District Performance Review Committees and promotion of Anganwadi Workers to Supervisor post will replace the contractual supervisor. It may be stated that as per Government of India Guidelines and Recruitment rules of Supervisor, 50% of the vacancies that occur at any time shall be filled up by promotion from amongst eligible Anganwadi Workers and the remaining 50% shall be filled up by Direct Recruitment/DSC. Further, it may be noted that the contractual supervisors are appointed due to exigency of work on a period of 89 days with prior administrative approval until such time the post is filled up in a regular manner.

(c) Whether there are any policy, timeline, or proposal under consideration for regularisation/absorption of contractual supervisors who have completed a specified number of years of satisfactory service?

(c) Sir, there is no existing policy, timeline, or proposal under consideration for regularisation/absorption of contractual supervisors who have completed a specified number of years of satisfactory service.

(d) Whether the Department propose to protect the seniority, experience and legitimate expectations of contractual supervisors who have been performing supervisory duties for years while fresh promotes from the Anganwadi Worker cadre are being inducted?

(d) Sir, no, since the Department has appointed these Lady Supervisors on contractual basis for a period of 89 days pending the recommendation of regular candidate by DSC and promotion of eligible Anganwadi Workers in line with the Meghalaya State Policy for the Promotion of Anganwadi Workers to the Position of Supervisors.

National Highway Projects

Shri ARDENT M. BASAIAWMOIT

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

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

(a) The mechanism that has been established to ensure that local communities receive adequate compensation and rehabilitation?

(a) Sir, the Land Acquisition in Meghalaya for National Highways & High-Speed Corridor is being carried out under the relevant provisions of NH Act, 1956.

(b) The total amount of compensation paid to local people for the six-lane road from Jorabat to Umiam?

(b) Sir, the compensation to the local people for the Six-Lane Road from Jorabat to Umiam has not been paid.

(c) The total amount of compensation that has been paid to the local people of Meghalaya for the high-speed corridor from Umiam to Silchar?

(c) Sir, the compensation to the local people of Meghalaya for the High-Speed Corridor from Umiam to Silchar has not been paid.

Production of Principal Crops of Ri-Bhoi District

Shri MAYRAL BORN SYIEM

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

*208. Will the Minister in-charge Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare be pleased to state the area, production and productivity of the principal crops of Ri-Bhoi District including paddy, ginger, turmeric, arecanut, black pepper and broom grass during the last three years each?

Sir, the total area, production and productivity of principal crops in Ri-Bhoi in the last 3 (three) years are :-

Area: In Hectares
Production: In Metric Tonnes
Yield: In Kg/Hectare

Sl. No.	Name of Crops	Ri-Bhoi								
		2021-22 (Approved)			2022-23 (Approved)			2023-24 (Approved)		
		Area	Prod.	AY	Area	Prod.	AY	Area	Prod.	AY
1	Rice	10,884	36,587	3,362	10,793	36,363	3,369	10,793	36,364	3,369
2	Ginger	1034	11021	10659	1065	11351	10658	1066	11362	10659
3	Turmeric	184	1476	8022	184	1476	8022	185	1484	8022
4	Black Pepper	171	139	813	171	139	813	172	140	814
5	Arecanut	214	102	477	214	102	477	214	102	477
6	Broomstick							215	112	522

IT Park in Doldegre

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

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

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

**(a) The progress of IT Park Tura in
Doldegre, Tura?**

**(a) Sir, the
Physical Progress: 78.67%.
Financial Progress: 75%.**

**(b) Whether it is on schedule as per
timelines fixed by Central
Ministry?**

(b) Sir, Yes, as per schedule.

**(c) The sanctioned amount and
release by Ministry of DoNER till
now?**

**(c) Sir,
Sanctioned Amount: ₹126,94,00,000/-
Released by Ministry: ₹126,94,00,000/-**

**(d) The plan of the State Government
regarding utilization of the IT Park
in Tura?**

**(d) Sir, the State Government is
working with existing companies operating
at the Shillong Technology Park to explore
possibilities of opening their Satellite
centers/spokes at Tura. The State
Government Departments/Agencies
(including PRIME & Meghalaya
Investment Promotion Authority), Invest
India and Nasscom are also being
approached to find ways and means to
optimally utilize the space at the Tura
Technology Park with the objective of
generating employment to the youth of the
State. The Tura Tech Park will also have
Skill Development Centers and Incubation
Centers which will provide facilities for
empowering the youth of the region.**

Performance Grading Index (PGI)

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

*210. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state the reasons that the State of Meghalaya is among the lowest performer in the Performance Grading Index (PGI) during the last few years?

Sir, I would like to state that the premise of the question requires some clarification. The **Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0 does not rank States and Union Territories in order of performance.** It assesses their performance across various indicators and places them in different performance grades. Therefore, it would not be appropriate to describe Meghalaya as a “lowest performer” on the basis of its PGI grade alone.

As per the latest **PGI 2.0 Report for 2025–26**, Meghalaya has moved to the **Akanshi-1** grade, sharing this grade with 12 other States. This is a significant improvement from **Akanshi-3** in **2024–25** and, importantly, marks the **first time since the introduction of the PGI framework that Meghalaya has moved out of the lowest grade.**

The improvement in Meghalaya’s PGI score has been consistent and substantial over the last four years. The State’s score has increased from **401.6 in 2022–23** to **417.8 in 2023–24**, **448.0 in 2024–25** and **525.7 in 2025–26**. Thus, Meghalaya has registered a cumulative improvement of **124.1 points, or approximately 30.9%**, over this period. The increase of **77.7 points in 2025–26** is particularly noteworthy and represents the **highest year-on-year improvement among the States**, with only Lakshadweep, a Union Territory, recording a higher numerical increase.

The earlier lower performance reflected the need to address several systemic challenges across different dimensions assessed under PGI, including **learning outcomes and quality, access, infrastructure, equity, governance, and teacher education and training**. The Government has accordingly undertaken sustained reforms over the past several years, including school rationalisation and consolidation, strengthening of school infrastructure, improvement of foundational learning, teacher capacity building, enhanced school quality assessment and the introduction of technology-enabled systems for monitoring and evidence-based decision-making.

The latest PGI results indicate that these sustained interventions are beginning to translate into measurable improvements. Meghalaya has not only improved its score in every assessment cycle but has also **moved directly from Akanshi-3 to Akanshi-1 in a single year**, thereby demonstrating a significant acceleration in the pace of improvement.

While the Government recognises that there is still considerable scope to improve further and move into higher performance grades, the latest results are an encouraging indication of the progress being made in the State's Education System. The Government remains committed to sustaining this momentum and to further improving **learning outcomes, infrastructure, teacher capacity, governance and overall quality of education** across Meghalaya.

Alternative Livelihood Programs for destruction of Betel Nut

Shri RUPA MARAK

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

*211. Will the Minister in-charge Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare be pleased to state whether the Government has Planned alternative livelihood programs for the farmers in the wake of the destruction of betel nut farms caused by bud rot disease under Dadenggre and Rongram Community & Rural Development Blocks?

Yes, Sir. The Government has planned alternative livelihood programs for bud rot-affected betel nut farmers in Dadenggre and Rongram C&RD Blocks.

Samagra Shiksha (SSA) Schools

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

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

(a) The criteria adopted by the State Government for inclusion of teachers in sanctioned category under Samagra Shiksha (SSA) Schools in the State?

(a) Sir, the criteria adopted by the State Government for inclusion of teachers in sanctioned category under SSA Schools in the State are as per NCTE norms.

(b) Whether there is any deviation in the number of sanctioned posts in each school under SSA that are approved in 2009-10 as compared to 2002-03?

(b) Sir, No.

Meghalaya State Skill Development Society

Shri ARDENT M. BASALAWMOIT

Shri METHODIUS DKHAR

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

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

**(a) The total number of trades/
courses offer under the
Meghalaya State Skill
Development Society?**

**(a) Sir, the total number of trades/
courses offered by Meghalaya State Skill
Development Society (MSSDS) is 143
across all Districts.**

**(b) Whether the trainees must
complete an internship?**

**(b) Sir, where the course/sector
requires practical exposure or where it is
integrated into the training curriculum,
trainees may undergo on-the-job training/
internship as prescribed for that particular
course. Internship is not mandatory for all
MSSDS courses.**

**(c) How are job placements
conducted?**

**(c) Sir, Meghalaya State Skill
Development Society (MSSDS) facilitates
placements through the training &
placement partner, employer tie-ups,
recruitment drives, job fairs and direct
interviews.**

**Recruitment drives are also organised
in collaboration with the Directorate of
Employment & Craftsmen Training,
District Administration, Employment
Exchanges and relevant institutes/
agencies. Candidates are initially screened
based on the requirements of participating
employers before being shortlisted for the
interview rounds.**

**Sanction & Vacancy Strength of Doctors, Specialist, Staff Nurses, etc., at
Civil Hospital Nongpoh**

Shri MAYRAL BORN SYIEM

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA

**(Minister in-charge Health & Family
Welfare)**

*214. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state the sanction strength and vacancy strength of Doctors, Specialist, Staff Nurse, Laboratory Technician and Pharmacist at Civil Hospital Nongpoh, CHCs, PHCs and Sub-Centre's in Ri-Bhoi District as on 1st August, 2026?

Sir, the sanction strength and vacancy strength of Doctors, Specialist, Staff Nurse, Laboratory Technician and Pharmacist at Civil Hospital Nongpoh, CHCs, PHCs and Sub-Centre's in Ri-Bhoi District as on 1st August, 2026 are as follows :-

Institution	Category	Sanctioned Strength	Vacancy
Civil Hospital Nongpoh	General Doctors	8	2
	Specialists	9	3
	Staff Nurse	36	3
	Lab Technician	3	0
	Pharmacist	1	1
CHC	General Doctors	11	0
	Specialists	-	-
	Staff Nurse	19	2
	Lab Technician	4	2
	Pharmacist	3	0
PHC	General Doctors	13	2
	Specialists	-	-
	Staff Nurse	20	2
	Lab Technician	9	0
	Pharmacist	9	7
Sub-Centres	ANM	40	4
TOTAL		185	28

Sanctioned Amount under DMF (PMKKKY)

Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) The sanctioned amount under DMF (PMKKKY) during the last five years in East Khasi Hills District?

(a) Sir, the details of the funds released by the Director of Mineral Resources under the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) are as follows :-

Financial Year	Amount (in ₹)
2021-2026	36,61,31,364.00
Total	36,61,31,364.00

(b) The total amount of fund released in the last five years, Block-wise?

(b) Sir, the total amount of funds released to C&RD Blocks in the last five years are as follows :-

C&RD Block	Amount (in ₹)
Mawkynrew C&RD Block	2,31,07,200.00
Shella-Bholaganj Block	3,68,27,300.00
Mawsynram Block	5,76,40,950.00
Sohiong Block	7,12,50,030.00
Pynursla Block	3,79,24,400.00
Khatar Shnong Laitkroh C&RD Block	3,63,28,384.00
Myllem Block	4,19,25,780.00
Mawryngkneng C&RD Block	3,70,23,939.00
Mawphlang C&RD Block	6,90,55,725.00
Civil Sub-Division, Sohra	26,72,800.00
Total	41,37,56,508.00

Tura Government Medical College

Shri RUPA MARAK

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

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA

(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)

(a) Whether the allegations of Garo Hills based NGO's on the handing over Tura Government Medical College to be run on PPP mode is true?

(a) Sir, since last one, Government has earnestly tried to explore all means to operate the Tura Medical College as a Government Medical College.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the reason for handing over the Tura Government Medical College to private Entities to run on PPP mode?

(b) Sir, as on date Government is earnestly trying to explore all means to operate the Tura Medical College as a Government Medical College.

(c) If the reply at (a) above is in the negative, the present status of Tura Government Medical College?

(c) Sir,

Over all Progress 83%		
Project	Component	Physical Progress
Medical College	Academic Block (S+4)	80%
	Girls Hostel - 2 Blocks (G+3)	78%
	Boys Hostel - 2 Blocks (G+3)	78%
	Type - 5 (4 Units) - 2 Blocks (G+1)	99%
	Dean Residence - 1 Block (G+1)	99%
	Type 2 - 3 Blocks (G+3)	50%
	Type 3 - 2 Blocks (G+3)	50%
	Type 4 - 2 Blocks (G+3)	40%
	Electrical Sub-Station	85%
Hospital	80 Bedded (proposed for 150 Beds)	50%
	150 Bedded	25%

Installation of Smart Meters

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**Shri METBAH LYNGDOH
(Minister in-charge Power)**

***217. Will the Minister in-charge
Power be pleased to state :-**

**(a) Whether any instructions have
been issued by Union Government
through a Notification in 2021 for
installation of smart meters in
prepaid mode for all electricity
consumers across the country?**

(a) Yes, Sir.

**(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the
affirmative, the details thereof for
the State of Meghalaya along with
the provisions of the Electricity
Act, 2003 under which the said
Notification was issued, District-
wise?**

**(b) Sir, the notification was issued by
the Ministry of Power, Government of
India in pursuance to the provisions made
in clause 4(1) (b) of the Central Electricity
Authority (Installation and Operation of
Meters) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019
framed under sub-section (1) of section
55 read with clause (c) of sub-section (2)
of section 177 of the Electricity Act, 2003.
The same was implemented in the State
of Meghalaya and no district wise
notification was issued.**

**(c) Whether under Section 47(5) of
the said Act, consumers have been
provided the option to choose
prepaid meters?**

(c) Yes, Sir.

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

**(d) Sir, as per Section 47(5) of the
Electricity Act, 2003, if the consumer opts
for prepaid meters, no load security deposit
is required to be deposited by the
consumer.**

**(e) Whether making prepaid mode
mandatory without the consent of
consumers is contrary to the basic
objective of the said Act?**

(e) No Sir,

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

(f) Does not arise, Sir.

(g) Whether the Government proposes to keep the option of postpaid open for the consumers who do not opt for the prepaid option or to issue explicit guidelines in this regard?

(g) Yes, Sir.

