

MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

AUTUMN SESSION

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Unreasonable Increase Rate of Fertilizer

Shri ARDENT MILLER BASAIAWMOIT

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

(a) The steps taken to check the unreasonable increase rate of fertilizer?

Shri TIMOTHY D. SHIRA

(Minister in-charge Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare)

(a) Sir, the steps taken to check the unreasonable increase rate of fertilizer are :

1. The sale of fertilizers has been restricted to the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) notified by the Government.
2. The Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 has been strictly enforced to regulate distribution.
3. Weekly inspections are being conducted by Fertilizer Inspectors to check the sale of fertilizers.
4. Display of the MRP and daily stock has been made mandatory at all sale outlets.
5. All sales are being routed through Point of Sale (PoS) machines linked to the iFMS portal.
6. The Framework for Fertilizer Sale (FFS) app has been launched in the Ri-Bhoi and East Khasi Hills Districts with effect from 07.07.2026.

(b) The measures to protect the farmers from market exploitation?

(b) Sir, the steps taken to protect the farmers from market exploitation are :

1. Fertilizers are sold only through licensed dealers at notified rates, with a cash memo issued for every sale and stock and price displayed daily.
2. MECOFED supplies retailers only against orders issued by the District Agriculture Officer.
3. Tagging has been prohibited, and farmers cannot be forced to purchase seeds, pesticides or micronutrients along with fertilizers.
4. Regular and surprise inspections are conducted to ensure compliance.
5. Farmers are being made aware of their rights through awareness campaigns.
6. A grievance redressal mechanism has been put in place through the District Agriculture Office, the Dharti Maa Bachao Nigrani Samiti, CM Connect and the Kisan Helpline Centre.

Consuming of Energy Drink “Sting”

Shri RUPA MARAK

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

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

(a) Whether the Government has knowledge of a student's dead in Garo Hills by consuming “Sting”, an energy drink?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the reason for the loss of life?

(b) Sir,

- i. Interim order for suspension was issued *vide* **No.CFSM/DC. Enforcement/2025.66/2207 dated 14th August, 2026**, by the Commissionerate of Food Safety, Meghalaya, under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, imposing a State-wide freeze on and prohibition of the sale and distribution of 'STING' Energy Drink.
- ii. An immediate inquiry was ordered to be conducted by the FSO, West Garo Hills, Tura.

State's flagship FOCUS+ Programme

Shri SUBIR MARAK

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) The total number of farming households who have received direct assistance under the State's flagship FOCUS+ Programme, District-wise?

(a) Sir, the total number of farming households who have received direct assistance under the State's flagship FOCUS+ Programme, District-wise :

District	No. of beneficiaries
East Garo Hills	14,508
East Jaintia Hills	637
East Khasi Hills	16,860
Eastern West Khasi Hills	1,565
North Garo Hills	13,197
Ri-Bhoi	613
South Garo Hills	12,190
South West Garo Hills	18,875
South West Khasi Hills	2,698
West Garo Hills	52,508
West Jaintia Hills	474
West Khasi Hills	7979
TOTAL	1,42,104

- (b) The total number of Producer Groups (PGs) registered and operationalized across the State?
- (b) Sir, the total number of Producer Groups (PGs) registered and operationalized across the State is **15,498**.
- (c) The measures being taken to transition these Producer Groups into sustainable Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) for long term?
- (c) Sir, the measures being taken to transition these Producer Groups into sustainable Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) for long term are :
Capacity Building, Concept Seeding, Book Keeping, Financial Assistance and Market Linkages.
- (d) The total amount of funds disbursed under the FOCUS+ Programme since inception as on 31st July, 2026?
- (d) Sir, the total amount of funds disbursed under the FOCUS+ Programme since inception as on 31st July, 2026 is **₹1,43,34,54,500 (₹143 Crore)**.

Liquid Based Cytology

Dr. M. AMPAREEN LYNDOH

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA

(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)

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

- (a) Whether the Government has subsidised the cost of Liquid Based Cytology in the interest of women citizens in the State?
- (a) Sir, procurement of LBC equipment for the Central Laboratory at Ganesh Das Government MCH Hospital is under process. Conventional Pap smear testing is presently available at nominal rates. Details are as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.
- (b) Whether the PAP SMEAR test was made free of cost especially on days like 8th March (Mother's Day) on every 2nd Sunday of May?
- (b) No, Sir. No special free testing or concession is presently prescribed for specific occasions. Programme-based free screening may, however, be undertaken under Government health initiatives. Details are as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The response of women?

(c) Sir, the overall response has been positive. However, awareness and screening uptake need further strengthening, particularly in Rural and undeserved areas. Details are as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(d) Whether there is any data available for further intervention?

(d) Yes, Sir. Cervical Cancer screening under the Meghalaya Mission for Cancer Prevention and Early Detection is being implemented across all 12 Districts from April 2026. District-wise data is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(e) The budget head for programme and intervention for such screening, keeping in mind that Cervical Cancer, STD, HIV Aids are on the rise?

(e) Sir, budgetary provisions are available under the relevant Health & Family Welfare Department and NHM Programme Heads for Cervical Cancer screening, diagnosis and early intervention. Details are as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Emergency Fire Service Station

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

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

*112. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home (Police) be pleased to state the status of the Emergency Fire Service Station at Mawryngkneng?

Sir, setting up of Fire Station at Mawryngkneng has been notified *vide* Notification Dated 4th March, 2025.

Land for construction of the Fire Station was handed over to the Superintendent of Police (F&ES), Meghalaya, Shillong.

Hence the Fire Station is presently functioning from a temporary establishment.

CM IMPACT

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

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

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

(a) How the CM IMPACT initiative improved the pass percentage of SSLC?

(a) Sir, the CM IMPACT initiative has brought about a remarkable transformation in SSLC results. Prior to its introduction, the average SSLC pass percentage during 2015–2024 was 54.18%. Following the implementation of CM IMPACT, the pass percentage rose sharply to 96.08% in 2025 and further to 97.26% in 2026.

(b) Whether there is any reduction in the dropout rate at Secondary level after launching CM IMPACT?

(b) Sir, Yes.

(c) If the reply at (b) above is in the affirmative, the total numbers?

(c) Sir, the Secondary-level dropout rate declined from 17.4% in 2024–25, prior to the introduction of CM IMPACT, to 6.7% in 2025–26, after its implementation. This represents a reduction of 10.7 percentage points, reflecting a significant improvement in student retention at the Secondary level.

(d) Whether there is any improvement in transition rate from Class 10 to Class 11 after launching CM IMPACT?

(d) Sir, Yes.

(e) If the reply at (d) above is in the affirmative, the total numbers?

(e) Sir, the transition rate from Class X to Class XI increased from 47.8% in 2024–25 to 82.0% in 2025–26, an improvement of 34.2 percentage points. This significant increase demonstrates the success of the Government's efforts under CM IMPACT in improving student retention and progression to higher secondary education.

Tourism Development Programmes

Shri GAVIN MIGUEL MYLLIEM

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

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

(a) The total number of visitors in the State during the last 3 years, Year-wise?

(a) Sir, the total number of visitors in the last 3 years is :

2023 - 1385662

2024 - 1608610

2025 - 1855350

Total - 48,49,622

(b) The steps taken under the Chief Minister's Meghalaya Homestay Mission to decentralise tourism pending applications under the scheme as of 31st July, 2026, District-wise?

(b) Sir, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), prescribing definitive timelines for the appraisal and processing of applications received under the Chief Minister Meghalaya Homestay Mission (CMMHSM), have been formulated to ensure timely completion.

Chief Minister's Solar Mission

Shri ARBINSTONE B. MARAK

Shri METBAH LYGDOH
(Minister in-charge Power)

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

(a) The progress on the 1,300 additional schools which are targeted for solar power installation following the initial 700 schools rollouts, District-wise?

(a) Sir, the Department of Education, Government of Meghalaya has conveyed a list of 1609 schools to MNREDA for installation under CM Solar Mission out of which 561 installations as on date 31/07/2026 has been completed.

(b) The disbursed of subsidies under the scheme as on 31st July, 2026, District-wise?

(b) Sir, Subsidy Released for LP Schools (1.1kVA & 2.2 kVA System) (100% State Subsidy)

District Name	Subsidy Released (₹)
East Garo Hills	78,57,684.00
North Garo Hills	Work Awarded & subsidy yet to be released.
South Garo Hills	1,46,99,848.00
South West Garo Hills	1,82,04,208.00
West Garo Hills	3,43,78,326.00
East Khasi Hills	Work Awarded & subsidy yet to be released.
West Jaintia Hills	20,65,308.00
South West Khasi Hills	25,07,874.00
West Khasi Hills	5,90,088.00
Eastern West Khasi Hills	Work Awarded & subsidy yet to be released.
East Jaintia Hills	77,47,280.00
Ri-Bhoi	78,18,666.00

**Subsidy Released for Households
(0.85 kVA & 1.7 kVA System) (90% State
Subsidy)**

District Name	Subsidy Released (₹)
East Garo Hills	1,27,66,806
North Garo Hills	1,51,64,311.50
South Garo Hills	Work Awarded & subsidy yet to be released.
South West Garo Hills	Work Awarded & subsidy yet to be released.
West Garo Hills	Work Awarded & subsidy yet to be released.
East Khasi Hills	3,32,89,069.50
West Jaintia Hills	Work Awarded & subsidy yet to be released.
South West Khasi Hills	Work Awarded & subsidy yet to be released.
West Khasi Hills	Work Awarded & subsidy yet to be released.
Eastern West Khasi Hills	Work Awarded & subsidy yet to be released.
East Jaintia Hills	Work Awarded & subsidy yet to be released.
Ri-Bhoi	Work Awarded & subsidy yet to be released.

Total Subsidy Disbursed by MNREDA
= ₹15,70,89,469/-.

(c) The total number of schools, households and commercial buildings expected to be covered by the end of the Chief Minister's Solar Mission?

(c) Sir, a total of **6,249 (Six Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-Nine)** beneficiary installations comprising households, schools, and commercial/institutional establishments are proposed to be covered under the Chief Minister's Solar Mission. The capacity-wise and beneficiary-wise distribution is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Aadhaar Card

Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM

*116. Will the Minister in-charge General Administration be pleased to state :-

(a) The date and year when the Aadhaar identification system was first officially rolled out and implemented across the State of Meghalaya?

(b) The total population in Meghalaya who has enrolled with Aadhaar and did not enroll?

(c) The benefits available for citizens who enrolled themselves with Aadhaar?

(d) Whether the citizens who did enroll themselves with Aadhaar can avail any benefits?

(e) If the reply at (d) above is in the negative, the reason thereof?

**Shri SOSTHENES SOHTUN
(Minister in-charge General Administration)**

(a) Sir, the Aadhaar identification system was officially rolled out and implemented in the State of Meghalaya since 27th July, 2010.

(b) Sir, as per UIDAI data, Meghalaya has 30,22,458 Aadhaar numbers generated against the projected 2025 population of 34,10,000, representing 88% coverage. The estimated left-out population is 3,87,542.

(c) Sir, Aadhaar facilitates simple and secure identity verification and helps streamline the delivery of Government subsidies, benefits and services, thereby improving transparency and efficiency.

(d) Yes, Sir, Aadhaar holders can use their Aadhaar number for electronic or offline identity verification, reducing the need to repeatedly submit supporting identity documents while accessing eligible services, benefits and subsidies.

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

100 Bedded District Civil Hospital

Dr. MUKUL M. SANGMA

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

*117. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state the status of the 100 bedded District Civil Hospital, Resubelpara?

Yes, Sir, the current work progress of the 100 bedded District Civil Hospital, Resubelpara is 95% completed.

Deficit Colleges

Shri RUPERT MOMIN

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

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

(a) The total number of Deficit Colleges that are there in the State, District-wise?

(a) Sir, there are 13 Deficit Colleges in the State,

9 in East Khasi Hills District
1 in West Garo Hills District
2 in Ri-Bhoi District
1 in North Garo Hills District.

(b) The names of Deficit Colleges receiving the highest and lowest Government Grant during the Financial Years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, the details thereof?

(b) Sir, the Deficit College receiving the highest Government grant during the Financial Year 2021-2022 to 2024-25 is St. Anthony's College, Shillong with a total amount of ₹104.50 crore.

Sir, the Deficit College receiving the lowest Government grant during the Financial Year 2021-2022 to 2024-25 is Seng Khasi College, Shillong with a total amount of ₹9.08 crore.

Schemes and Programmes implemented under the Department

Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI

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

(a) The schemes and programmes presently being implemented by the Department, including the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)?

(b) The objectives and scope of each scheme?

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

(a) Sir, there are 7421 Nos. of schemes presently being implemented by the Department including Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The programme-wise no. of schemes are as follows :

A : Under Urban Water Supply Programme

- i. State Fund : 40 Nos.
- ii. NESIDS : 2 Nos

B : Under Rural Water Supply Programme

- i. State Fund : 279 Nos.
- ii. Loan from NABARD (RIDF) : 3 Nos.
- iii. Article 275 : 2 Nos.
- iv. Jal Jeevan Mission : 7095 Nos.

(b) Sir, the objective of Rural Water Supply Schemes is to ensure and provide reliable, safe, adequate and sustainable drinking-water supply at 55 lpcd to all rural households through Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs). Similarly, for Urban Water Supply Schemes in Meghalaya, the main objective is to provide adequate, safe, reliable and sustainable potable water to the urban population, while keeping pace with population growth and urbanization.

The scope of each scheme includes the entire drinking water supply system, from the source to the distribution system and its long-term operation.

(c) The budget allocation for each scheme during the current Financial Year?

(c) Sir, the budget allocation during the current Financial Year are as follows :

I : Under Urban Water Supply Programme

- a. State Fund (Urban) : ₹32,472.00 Lakh (Budget provision)
- b. NESIDS : ₹693.93 Lakh (Central allocation).

II : Under Rural Water Supply Programme

- a. State Fund : ₹6835.00 Lakh (Budget provision)
- b. Loan from NABARD (RIDF) : ₹1805.00 Lakh (Budget provision)
- c. Article 275 (I) : Nil
- d. Jal Jeevan Mission :
Total ₹48,662.00 Lakh
 - State : ₹15,000.00 Lakh
 - Central : ₹33,662.00 Lakh.

Status of Myllem-Umthlong Primary Health Centre

Shri RONNIE V. LYGDOH

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

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

(a) The present status of the Primary Health Centre at Myllem-Umthlong, East Khasi Hills District?

(a) Sir, the present status of the Primary Health Centre is about 95% complete.

(b) The expected date by which the Primary Health Centre is likely to be completed and made operational?

(b) Sir, this will be made operational March, 2027.

(c) The number of posts of Medical Officers, Staff Nurses and other supporting staff sanctioned for the Primary Health Centre, indicating the category-wise sanctioned strength?

(c) Sir, the number of posts of Medical Officers, Staff Nurses and other supporting staff to be sanctioned for the Primary Health Centre is as per State norms.

(d) The steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the Primary Health Centre is commissioned and made fully functional at the earliest?

(d) Sir, regular reviews are done to follow up on various actions to be taken to ensure early commissioning of the Health Facility.

Police Outpost at Amongre Village

Shri JIMMY D. SANGMA

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

*121. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home (Police) be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Government has any plan to set up Police Outpost at Amongre Village under Tikrikilla Police Outpost?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, when will the sanction be made?

(b) Sir, the matter is under examination.

Payment of Material Components under MGNREGA

Shri CHARLES MARNGAR

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

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that payment of the material component under MGNREGA is pending in various Community & Rural Development Blocks of Meghalaya?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the total amount of material payment pending, District-wise and Block-wise?

(b) Sir, the total amount of materials payment pending District-wise and Block-wise is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The Government's target and timeline for providing houses to all remaining eligible rural households?

(c) Sir, the target and timelines for providing houses to all remaining eligible rural households is March, 2029.

(d) Whether the Government will conduct a fresh survey/ verification to identify genuinely eligible households that were left out of earlier lists?

(d) Sir, under PMAY-G Phase II the Government has conducted a survey for inclusion of all deserving and eligible households which were left out of the earlier list in December, 2024. A total of 285,916 households has been included through the survey conducted.

Flagship Initiatives

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

*123. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state the flagship initiatives that the Government propose to implement during the current Financial Year to accelerate development in the rural and border areas of Meghalaya, particularly in the Garo Hills Region?

Sir, the flagship initiatives that the Government is implementing during the current Financial Year to accelerate development in the rural and border areas in the State, particularly in the Garo Hills Region includes :-

- 1) Promotion & Incubation of Market Driven Enterprises (PRIME).
- 2) Chief Minister - ELEVATE.
- 3) Chief Minister Meghalaya Homestay Mission.
- 4) Community Led Tourism Scheme.
- 5) Chief Minister Meghalaya Hospitality Scholarship Scheme.
- 6) Farmers' Collectivization for Upscaling Production and Marketing System (FOCUS).
- 7) FOCUS Plus.
- 8) Chief Minister - Farm Plus.
- 9) Chief Minister - Scholarship Scheme.
- 10) Chief Minister - Accelerating Student Potential through Interactive & Remote Education (ASPIRE).
- 11) Chief Minister's Initiative to Maximize Pass Achievement and Classroom Triumph (CM IMPACT).
- 12) Mission Education.
- 13) Chief Minister - Solar Mission.
- 14) Chief Minister - Rural Infrastructure Scheme.
- 15) Chief Minister - Housing Assistance Programme.
- 16) CM - Safe Motherhood Scheme.
- 17) Megha Health Insurance Scheme (MHIS).
- 18) Chief Minister's Social Assistance Scheme.

The State Government is also implementing various social and rural development schemes such as *Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)*, *Viksit Bharat Rural Employment Guarantee Livelihood Mission Scheme (VB-REGLMS)*, *Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II)*, *Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)*, *Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)*, *Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)*, and many more.

Employees' Compensation Act, 1923

Shri BANTEIDOR LYNGDOH

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

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

(a) Whether the Deputy Labour Commissioner has completed the process of assessing the eligibility of the victim's families for compensation under the Employees' Compensation Act, 1923?

(a) Sir, the Deputy Labour Commissioner had completed the enquiry and submitted the enquiry report to the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District on 16th July, 2026.

Under the Employer's Compensation Act, 1923, the notified Compensation Commissioner is the **District & Sessions Judge (DSJ), East Khasi Hills** who will then assess the eligibility of the victim's families for compensation under the Employer's Compensation Act, 1923.

(b) The measures taken by the Government to ensure safety protocols and prevent similar accidents in underground reservoirs and confined spaces in the future?

(b) Sir, the Government is committed to strengthen safety protocols and prevent similar accidents in underground reservoirs and necessary steps have been taken to include representatives of the Labour Commissionerate as members of the District Level Committee on Ground Water Resources in which the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District is the Chairperson and the Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department is the Member Secretary of the Committee.

**New Building of Veterinary Office &
State Veterinary Dispensary at Rongjeng**

Shri JIM M. SANGMA

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

*125. Will the Minister in-charge Animal Husbandry & Veterinary be pleased to state whether the Government has sanctioned any amount for the construction of new building for Veterinary Office and State Veterinary Dispensary at Rongjeng?

No, Sir.

Industrial Unit operating at EPIP Byrnihat

Shri MAYRAL BORN SYIEM

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

*126. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Commerce & Industries be pleased to state the numbers of Industrial Unit presently operating at EPIP Byrnihat and the adjoining industrial areas, category wise (Red, Orange, Green) together with the total investment and total employment generated?

Sir, there are **40 industrial units** presently operating at **EPIP Byrnihat** and the adjoining industrial area.

Red Category	4 Nos.
Orange Category	19 Nos.
Green Category	17 Nos.
Total	40 Nos.

Total Investment: **₹1007.3671 Crores**

Total employment generated: **2596 Nos.**

Youth Programmes

Shri COMINGONE YMBON

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

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

(a) The total number of beneficiaries under the CM Meghalaya Grassroot Music Programme?

(a) Sir, 8,850 beneficiaries.

(b) The plans of the Government to expand this scheme to more beneficiaries, District-wise?

(b) Sir, The CM Meghalaya Grassroot Music Programme Season 4 which will be launched shortly proposes to engage more Event Management Agencies to ensure coverage in all districts and blocks, so as to widen opportunities for grassroot artists.

(c) The total number of youth group beneficiaries under YESS programme and the field the youth are engaged?

(c) Sir, the total number of Youth Societies benefited as on date - **1697 numbers.**

Youths are engaged in following fields :-

- Procurement of material, equipment
- Mass youth engagement programmes and activities
- Mass youth volunteering programmes
- Environmental protection and conservation programmes and workshops
- Drug abuse and awareness dissemination workshops/seminars
- Setting up of office space
- Career counselling and guidance workshops and clinics
- Financial literacy workshops and campaigns
- Organisation of youth parliaments and debates
- Mental wellbeing seminars and campaigns

(d) The total number of times that the Hello Meghalaya app has been downloaded as on 31st July, 2026?

(d) Sir, 5,69,332 times as on 31st July 2026.

(e) The steps that the Government incentivising digital creators to post on the app?

(e) Sir, the Government is incentivising digital creators on the Hello Meghalaya platform through monthly payouts of ₹18,000 per creator and project-based grants under the Grant Disbursement Programme, comprising ₹35 lakh for award - winning filmmakers, ₹25 lakh for experienced filmmakers, ₹20 lakh for web series, ₹15 lakh for documentaries and ₹5 lakh for short films.

(f) The total number of beneficiaries that have been identified through the Chief Minister's Youth Exchange Programme for exposure visits and learning programs to different parts of the country and internationally?

(f) Sir, The number of beneficiaries in 2025-26 is :-

- For National Visit - 500
- For International Visit - 50

(g) The total number of beneficiaries that the Chief Minister's Youth Exchange Programme is targeting?

(g) Sir, target Beneficiaries - 15,000 each year.

(h) The current progress of the Film Institute at Shillong and Music Institute in Tura?

(h) Sir, the Film Institute at Shillong and the Music Institute at Tura are presently at the conceptualization stage.

Rehabilitation Centres

Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA

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

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

(a) Whether any Rehabilitation Centres for Drug Users are operational in Garo Hills region?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the names of these Rehabilitation Centres?

(b) Sir, there are 3 numbers viz.,

a. Asha Bhawan Trust of India,
Tura, West Garo Hills.

b. Sewa Inland Rehabilitation Centre,
Tura, West Garo Hills.

c. Addiction Treatment Facility (ATF),
Tura Civil Hospital,
West Garo Hills
(OPD Services only).

(c) Whether the Government intends to open Rehabilitation Centre in all the Districts of Meghalaya?

(c) Yes, Sir.

**Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services
in the State**

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

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

*129. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home (Police) be pleased to state the status of the "Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the State" allotted under 15th Finance Commission?

Sir, implementation of Scheme is in progress.

Mother Tracking System

Smti. SANTA MARY SHYLLA

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA

(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)

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

(a) Whether the Mother tracking system has been fully operationalized across all the 12 Districts?

(a) Sir, the Mother Tracking System has been fully operationalized across all 12 Districts.

(b) The breakup of total registrations and tracked deliveries recorded on the Mother dashboard over the last three years, District-wise?

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

(c) How the Mother App's automated alerts assist Medical Officers in identifying High-Risk Pregnancies?

(c) Sir, following measures are undertaken to assist Medical Officers in identifying High Risk Pregnancies are as follows:

1. Data for mothers expecting delivery in the next 30 days is automatically triggered to each District's officials by email.
2. These alerts are subsequently forwarded to respective Primary Health Centres (PHCs) by the District Office to enable localized proactive tracking, care and support.
3. This workflow ensures Medical Officers (MOs) can closely monitor cases while keeping other related department officials in the loop such as social welfare and rural development.

4. Two distinct automated alerts are broadcast weekly to all Districts on Mondays between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM:

High Risk Mother Expecting Delivery in the next 30 Days:

Filtered based on the Expected Date of Delivery (EDD) for the pregnancy.

Plastic Waste Management

Shri ARDENT MILLER BASAIAWMOIT

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

- (a) The details of the plastic waste management in the villages of the State?

Shri SOSTHENES SOHTUN

(Minister in-charge Community & Rural Development)

(a) Sir, through SBM-G there are different Plastic Waste Management Arrangements made at the village, the cluster of villages and Block levels. These include:

1. 1480 Segregation sheds constructed at the villages and cluster level. An additional 835 segregation sheds are currently under construction.
2. 1007 vehicles for collection of non-degradable wastes from the segregation sheds are placed at the cluster of villages. An additional 353 waste collection vehicles will be placed within this year.
3. 16 Plastic Waste Management Units are set up at the Block level across the State and 40 more such PWMUs are under construction in the remaining Blocks and will be completed by December, 2026.

(b) How is the plastic waste affecting lives of the people of Meghalaya?

(b) Sir, in general, plastic waste pollutes water bodies, land, air and the environment as a whole which adversely affect the environment and health of the people in Meghalaya.

(c) The details of the Green Deposit Scheme and how it has helped Meghalaya?

(c) Sir, this Scheme is not yet operational.

Poor construction work in Romgre to Magalpara road

Shri RUPA MARAK

*132. 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) Whether the Government has the knowledge of poor construction work being carried in Romgre to Magalpara road?

(a) No, Sir.

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

(i) The reasons for poor construction?

(b) Sir,

(i) & (ii) does not arise in view at (a) above.

(ii) The action taken against the contractor?

Number of Caves

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

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

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

- (a) The total number of Caves available in the whole State of Meghalaya?
- (b) The total numbers that have been destroyed due to Human activities and interference as stated at (a) above?

Sir,

(a) & (b) the data is being collected.

Handloom Beneficiaries in the State

Dr. (Mrs.) MEHTAB CHANDEE
A. SANGMA

Shri METBAH LYGDOH
(Minister in-charge Textiles)

*134. Will the Minister in-charge Textiles be pleased to state :-

- (a) The total numbers of handloom beneficiaries in the State for the last ten years, District-wise?

(a) Sir,

Sl. No.	District	Nos.
1.	West Garo Hills District	1700
2.	South Garo Hills District	249
3.	North Garo Hills District	2441
4.	East Garo Hills District	3102
5.	Ri-Bhoi District	5379
6.	East Khasi Hills District	470
7.	West Jaintia Hills District	846
8.	West Khasi Hills District	80
	Total	14267

(b) The total numbers of functional, non-functional or abandoned looms in the State, the details thereof?

(b) Sir,

Functional	Non-functional or abandoned
10,045 Nos.	1,628 Nos.

(c) The total number of applications received, sanctioned, rejected and pending under the Weaver MUDRA Scheme during the last five years along with the total amount sanctioned and disbursed thereof, District-wise?

(c) Sir,

- 1 No. application - East Khasi Hills
- Sanctioned amount is ₹1,00,000/-.

(d) The details of artisans and weavers onboarded onto the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and other digital commerce platforms along with the actual sales generated, active users, and average earnings through such platforms?

(d) Sir,

i. 10 beneficiaries (weavers) from Ri-Bhoi District through the initiative of the Weavers Service Centre (WSC), Regional Office Guwahati, Ministry of Textiles are under process for onboarding with India Handmade portal for digital marketing and e-Commerce.

ii. Many local production houses are already active on social media platforms and are transacting business online which include prominent local production houses such as Eri Weave, Ri-Bhoi, District which is digitally active on Government e-Marketplace (GeM), India Mart, Amazon and on its own Eri Weave website- Eriweave.in.

iii. The above textile entrepreneur also featured on Shark Tank India and the Average earning for the year 2024-2025 amounted to ₹12,00,000/-.

iv. Other leading local production houses such as Kiniho, Zong-i-Hi, Ri&Last and many other local production houses are active online.

v. In 2026, the Department also successfully initiated a pilot digital marketing project with Mass Media Department of St. Anthony's College to train 17 rural weavers in digital content, marketing & branding which was showcased at the recent culmination of National Handloom Week Celebrations on 14.08.2026 in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister.

vi. The Department has also launched its own departmental portal - Ryndia.in at National Handloom Day, 2025.

Illegal Activities at Khyndailad

Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM

*135. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home (Police) be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Government is aware of illicit, open sex trafficking and racketeering is operating at Khyndailad in the heart of Shillong City along with some other places in and around the City?

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the date or year that these illegal activities first come to the official notice or intelligence tracking of the Government?

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG

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

(a) Sir, as Khyndai Lad is a major commercial hub, the area is considered vulnerable to illicit activities, as evidenced by the registration of 7 (Seven) cases under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 during the last 5 (Five) years. However, no case under the said Act has been registered in other parts of the city.

(b) Sir, given Khyndai Lad's long-standing historical significance and development over time, no specific date or year can be conclusively established as when these illicit activities started.

(c) The comprehensive details of the immediate and long-term enforcement measures or special police drives executed by the State to permanently eradicate this illegal network from this prime public commercial hub?

(c) Sir, Department is implementing immediate and long-term enforcement measures of special police drives to permanently eradicate this illegal network from this prime public commercial hub.

Beds for the Indoor Patients Tuberculosis Hospitals

Dr. MUKUL M. SANGMA

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

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

(a) The total number of beds for indoor patients in the District Tuberculosis Hospitals/Centre(s) respectively?

(a) Sir, the State has two dedicated TB hospitals : Reid Provincial Chest Hospital, Shillong -116 beds; and District TB Hospital, Tura - 50 beds.

(b) The measures taken under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) for detection, treatment, prevention and for dealing with drug-resistant strains?

(b) Sir, under NTEP, free TB diagnosis, drug-susceptibility testing, treatment and preventive therapy are provided. Molecular diagnostics and community X-ray screening have also been expanded. The details is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The treatment regime available for treatment of cases including cases due to the resistant strains?

(c) Sir, treatment is provided as per NTEP/WHO-prescribed regimens for both drug-sensitive and drug-resistant TB, based on the drug-susceptibility profile of the patient. The details is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(d) The measures taken to achieve the objective of NTEP?

(d) Sir, the Department has intensified case finding, early diagnosis and treatment, decentralised TB services, preventive therapy for eligible contacts, nutritional support and community awareness. The details is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Establishment of Government Colleges

Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI

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

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

(a) The total number of Government Colleges established in the State during the last five years?

(a) Sir, six (6) new Government Colleges were established during the last five years.

(b) The details thereof, District-wise and Year-wise?

(b) Sir, the details of the Government Colleges established in the State is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The total expenditure incurred on establishing each Government College?

(c) Sir, the total expenditure incurred on establishing each Government College in the State is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Medical Sub-Centres, Auxiliary Nurse and 108

Shri RUPERT MOMIN

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

(a) The total number of Medical Sub-Centres that are there in the State?

(b) Whether the trained Auxiliary Nurse Mid-wives are sufficient to serve the people of the State?

(c) Whether 108 services are still functioning in the State?

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA

(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)

(a) Sir, the total number of Medical Sub-Centres in the State (including under NHM) are **533** (Five Hundred Thirty Three).

(b) Sir, Yes, the trained Auxiliary Nurse Mid-wives are sufficient to serve the people of the State.

(i) Total number of ANMs Regular = **913** (Nine Hundred Thirteen).

(ii) Total number of ANMs contractual under NHM - **508** (Five Hundred Eight).

(c) Sir, Yes, the 108 services are still functioning in the State.

Power Supply from Phulbari to Selsella

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

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

(a) The steps that the Government has taken to ensure uninterrupted power supply from Phulbari to Selsella?

Shri METBAH LYNGDOH

(Minister in-charge Power)

(a) Sir, to improve power reliability and ensure uninterrupted power supply in Phulbari and adjoining areas of Selsella, various system strengthening works are being undertaken under the RDSS-Loss Reduction Scheme, Meghalaya Power Distribution Sector Improvement Project funded under Asian Development Bank (ADB) Scheme and North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project (NERPSIP).

(b) The status of rural electrification in West Garo Hills along with the total number of villages that are yet to receive reliable electricity?

(b) Sir, as per Census 2011, out of 1663 villages at present 1645 of them are electrified and 18 unelectrified villages including 259 Partially Electrified villages are in the process of electrification under RDSS (Additional Household Electrification, AHHE) Scheme.

(c) Whether there is any proposal to strengthen transmission and distribution infrastructure in the plain belt areas to reduce frequent outages?

(c) Sir, Yes.

Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act

Shri MAYRAL BORN SYIEM

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) The areas and locality in which the Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act have been implemented?

(a) Sir, the MRSSA has been implemented in a phased manner in the following areas of East Khasi Hills District :-

Phase-I : Nongrim Hills, Pohkseh, Nongrah, Nongmensong, Lapalang, Riat Laban Kynjat Phutbol and Wahdienglieng.

Phase-II : Lawsohtun, Umpling, Mawpat Risa Colony, Madan Laban, Malki, Lower Lumparing, Upper Lumparing and Mission Compound.

Phase-III : Localities under Sadar Police Station, Municipal and Cantonment Board which includes Jail Road, Keating Road, Police Bazar, Thana Road, Umsohsun, Wahingdoh, Lachaumiere, Lawmali Pyllun, Punjabi Lane, Golfink, Lumshyiap, Pynthorbah, Oakland and Bivar Road.

Further, all other Deputy Commissioners have been instructed to start registration of tenants and landlords.

(b) The status and the action taken by the Government with regards to fulfillment and pursuing of Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Amendment Bill, 2020?

(b) Sir, the Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Amendment Bill, 2020, is presently being examined by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Upgradation of PHCs to CHCs

Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA

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

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

(a) Whether the Government has any plans to upgrade any of the PHCs to CHCs in the State?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the number of PHCs that are being considered for the upgradation in the State, District-wise?

(b) Sir, the total number of Primary Health Centre being considered for the upgradation to Community Health Centre in the State, District-wise are :

Sl. No.	District	Nos.
1.	West Jaintia Hills	1
2.	West Garo Hills	2
3.	North Garo Hills	2
4.	Ri-Bhoi	1
	Total	6

New Shillong Township

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

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

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

(a) The notified defined boundaries of the New Shillong Township?

(a) Sir, there are no notified defined boundaries of the New Shillong Township.

(b) Whether the Government has acquired land in the following villages: Mawkhanu, Tynring, Mawpdang and Diengpasoh?

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) If the reply at (b) above is in the affirmative, the total area of land acquired till date?

(c) Sir, 941.54 acres.

(d) Whether the Knowledge City Plan proposed at Mawkhanu has been approved by the Advisory Council under the Meghalaya Town and Country Planning Act, 1973?

(d) Sir, the Plan is being finalised.

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| (e) If the reply at (d) above is in the affirmative, the details of the approval? | (e) Sir, the Cabinet has approved the Plan. |
| (f) If the reply at (d) above is in the negative, the reason thereof? | (f) Sir, not available. |

CUET Examinations

Shri ARDENT MILLER BASAIAWMOIT

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

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

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| (a) The total number of centers for CUET examination in the State? | (a) Sir, the total number of centers for CUET examination in the State is 17 (Seventeen). |
| (b) The total number of students appeared annually? | (b) Sir, the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) is conducted centrally by the National Testing Agency (NTA), and the data relating to the number of candidates appearing from Meghalaya and their examination outcomes is maintained by the NTA and is not presently available with the State Government. |
| (c) The total number of students passed out, percentage-wise? | (c) Sir, same as reply at (b) above. |

Cryogenic Oxygen

Shri RUPA MARAK

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

(a) Whether the Government has plan to utilise the cryogenic oxygen plant in Jengjal?

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

(i) The reason for its delay in operationalising?

(ii) The per day capacity of the plant in oxygen cylinder production?

Shri WAILADMIKI SHYLLA

(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)

(a) Yes, Sir, the Government has a plan to utilize the cryogenic plant in Jengjal.

(b) Sir,

(i) Reasons for delay operationalizing of the plant is due to pending approval of the offer for Operation and maintenance of LMO Storage & Cylinder Filling Station submitted by M/s Premier Cryogenics Ltd., Guwahati & then from M/s Meghalaya Oxygen Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati.

(ii) Capacity of the Plant in Oxygen Cylinder production is not available as for now since production of oxygen has not started.

Meghalaya State Aquaculture Mission

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

*145. Will the Minister in-charge Fisheries be pleased to state :-

(a) The status of Meghalaya State Aquaculture Mission 3?

**Shri TIMOTHY D. SHIRA
(Minister in-charge Fisheries)**

(a) Sir, the Meghalaya State Aquaculture Mission 3.0 Document is under the Preparatory Stage.

- (b) Whether the Mission has been implemented and when? (b) No, Sir.
- (c) The total annual production of fish following the implementation of the Aquaculture Mission and the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana? (c) Sir,
- **MSAM 1.0 and 2.0 = 8,689.470 MT**
 - **PMMSY = 1,344.222 MT**
 - **Total Fish Production during FY 2025-26 = 20,996.395 MT**
 - **MSAM 3.0 : Does not arise.**
- (d) Whether the Government proposes to promote fisheries-based entrepreneurship to support fish farmers and ensure a sustainable impact on the quality of life in rural areas? (d) Yes, Sir.

Scholarships and Financial Assistance

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

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

- (a) The total number of MBBS students that the Government sponsoring each year to study outside the State (on average)?
- (b) The total amount spent by the Government annually on providing scholarships/financial assistance to those students?

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

- (a) Sir, 1,984 MBBS students were sponsored by the State Government to study outside Meghalaya from 1990-91 to 2025-26, averaging about 55 students per year.
- (b) Sir, as per the available expenditure statement, ₹64,94,400 was spent towards stipend/financial assistance from 2014-15 to 2023-24, averaging ₹6,49,440 per year.

Damage and loss of Arecanut (betelnut)

Dr. MUKUL M. SANGMA

Shri TIMOTHY D. SHIRA

(Minister in-charge Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare)

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

(a) Whether the Department is aware of damage and loss of arecanut (betelnut) plantation due to lack of plant protection?

(a) Yes, Sir, however, the damaged is primarily due to the disease and not due to lack of plant protection.

(b) The measures adopted by the Department for effective plant protection programs?

(b) Sir, the Department has adopted the following measures for effective plant protection :

- 1. Constitution of State and District-Level Task Forces** to monitor the disease, conduct field inspections, verify damage, and supervise sanitation and removal of infected palms.
- 2. Implementation of SOPs** for management and containment of Bud Rot, with uniform plant protection measures across all Districts.
- 3. Technical collaboration with ICAR-CPCRI, Kahikuchi/Kasaragod and KVKs** for disease diagnosis, technical guidance, farmer training and demonstrations.
- 4. Farmer awareness and disease control measures**, including proper application of 1% Bordeaux mixture and copper-based fungicides as per SOP.
- 5. Crop diversification and livelihood support** through supply of alternative crops such as **banana, pineapple, black pepper, ginger and turmeric** to affected farmers.

Non-Government L.P. School Teachers

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

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

(a) The total number of Non-Government Lower Primary School Teachers in Garo Hills, District-wise?

(a) Sir, as per UDISE Data of 2025 - 2026 the number of Private Lower Primary School Teachers in Garo Hills Districts is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(b) The total number of Non-Government Teachers regularized as per Dated 23rd of August, 2022 Notification?

(b) Sir, DCLP School Teachers appointed during the period from 1994 to 2007 by the Administrator/Deputy Inspector of Schools were regularized *vide* Government Notification No. EDN.133/2021/127 dated 23rd August, 2022. This was a one-time regularization, and the posts are to be reverted to the Government upon the retirement of the incumbent or when the post falls vacant for any other reason.

(c) The total number of vacancies in Non-Government Lower Primary Schools in view of transferred Teachers, retirement and death, etc., 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 case, school managements also make temporary or alternative arrangements to ensure that teaching is not affected pending regular appointment 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.

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| (d) Whether these vacancies will be filled up through regular recruitment board process or not? | (d) Sir, all vacancies arising from private schools will be duly filled by the SMCs as per reply at (c) above. |
| (e) Whether these posts were supposed to be reverted back to Government as per Cabinet decision? | (e) Sir, as per at (a) above. |
| (f) If the reply at (e) above is in the affirmative, the expected time of recruitment to take place? | (f) Sir, does not arise in view at (b) above. |
| (g) If the reply at (e) above is in the negative, the reason thereof? | (g) Sir, does not arise in view at (b) above. |
| (h) The total number of Non-Government Lower Primary Teachers yet to be regularized? | (h) Sir, the process of verification of the remaining eligible cases is presently underway. A few proposals could not be considered during the one-time regularisation exercise in 2022 due to incomplete documentation. The Government is now examining and verifying such cases to ensure that all eligible teachers whose proposals were left out are duly considered in accordance with the prescribed norms and procedures. |

Financial Assistance and Incentives by the Government

Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI

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

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

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| (a) Whether the Government provides financial assistance or incentives to local entrepreneurs, homestays, hotels, tour operators and Tourism-related startups? | (a) Yes, Sir. |
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(b) The details of such schemes?

(b) Sir,

- i. Meghalaya Tourism Homestay Scheme.
- ii. Chief Minister's Meghalaya Homestay Scheme.
- iii. Community-led Tourism Infrastructure Scheme.
- iv. Prime Tourism Vehicle Scheme.
- v. M-STEP Scheme.
- vi. Grant-in-Aid Scheme to Cooperatives.

(c) The total number of beneficiaries during the last three years?

(c) Sir,

- i. **Individual beneficiaries - 1316**
- ii. **Collective beneficiaries - 270.**

Mobile Tower in Ri-Bhoi

Shri MAYRAL BORN SYIEM

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) The total number of mobile towers in Ri-Bhoi District sanctioned under the 4G Saturation Project and other universal service obligation fund scheme?

(a) Sir, **the status of Sites Installed under DBN funded Projects in Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya as on 31-07-2026.**

1. Under 4G Saturation Project being executed by BSNL :

20 mobile towers/sites have been planned under the BSNL 4G Saturation Project in Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya.

2. Other (Identified uncovered villages & along National Highways in Meghalaya executed by BHL) :

43 mobile towers/sites have been planned under this Project.

(b) The total number of commissioned?

(b) Sir,

1. Under 4G Saturation Project being executed by BSNL :

Out of 20, 11 sites are On-Air/operational (Commissioned).

2. Other (Identified uncovered villages & along National Highways in Meghalaya executed by BHL) :

43 mobile towers/sites have been planned under this Project and all are On-Air/operational (Commissioned).

(c) The reasons for the delay in respect to those not commissioned?

(c) Sir, the delay in commissioning of 4G sites in Ri-Bhoi District is mainly due to :

- Land disputes and pending Court cases.
- Theft of installed telecom hardware at some sites.
- Delay in execution by the concerned vendors.
- Adverse weather conditions, particularly heavy rainfall.
- Poor road accessibility and difficult hilly terrain.
- Transportation and other logistical constraints.
- Delay in EB/power connectivity at some locations.

NPP Office in Bivar Road Transferred by the DC (Rev) to the Present Lessee

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI

(Minister in-charge Revenue & Disaster Management)

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

(a) The date and area of the plot behind and adjacent to the NPP office in Bivar Road transferred by the DC (Rev) to the present lessee?

(a) Sir, the area of the plot behind and adjacent to the NPP office in European Ward is **2,836.35 sq. m.** It was transferred by the Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) to the present lessee in the year 2022.

(b) Whether the Government lease the plot directly to the present leaseholders?

(b) No, Sir.

(c) If the reply at (b) above is in the affirmative, when was it leased and to whom?

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

(d) If the reply at (b) above is in the negative, when was the plot first leased by the Government?

(d) Sir the plot was first leased by the Government in the year 2021.

(e) When was it transferred to the present leaseholders?

(e) Sir, it was transferred to the present lease holders in the year 2022.

Policy for maintaining rural roads

Shri ARDENT MILLER BASAIWMOIT

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG

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

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

(a) The Government's policy for maintaining rural roads during the monsoon, particularly roads that serve as the only connectivity to villages?

(a) Sir, all roads are constantly maintained throughout the year by PWD.

(b) The emergency mechanism that exists for restoring road connectivity within 24 hours after landslides or major monsoon damage?

(b) Sir, the PWD ensures uninterrupted road communication at all times and co-ordinates with Deputy Commissioner & Chairperson, District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) of concerned District in times of natural calamity. Authority during natural calamity.

(c) The steps taken by the Government across the State in disaster mitigation?

(c) Sir, various mitigation measures are being taken for Landslide Anti-Erosion and Flood Improvement.

(d) The steps initiated in collaboration with State Disaster Management Authority?

(d) Sir, PWD works in close tandem with the State Disaster Management

(e) The details of compensations paid to people of Meghalaya because of loss of lives and properties due to landslides caused by unscientific cutting of hills while constructing roads?

(e) Sir, no compensation is given from this Department.

- (f) The total number of bridges in Meghalaya that have been declared unsafe or require urgent repair, District-wise?
- (f) Sir,
Ri-Bhoi = 1 No.
West Khasi Hills = 1 No.
East Jaintia Hills = 1 No.
West Garo Hills = 6 Nos.
North Garo Hills = 1 No.
South Garo Hills = 5 Nos.
- (g) The amount allocated for the bridges of the State during 2025-26 and 2026-27?
- (g) Sir, the amount allocated for the bridges of the State during the year
(i) 2025-26 - ₹4926.75 (L)
(ii) 2026-27 - ₹4484.00 (L).
- (h) The amount utilised so far?
- (h) Sir, the amount utilized during the year
(i) 2025-26 - ₹4926.75 (L)
(ii) 2026-27 till date = ₹2013.08502 (L).

Higher Educational Institutions

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

**Shri LAHKMEM RYNBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)**

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

- (a) The total number of new Higher Educational Institutions set up by the State Government in the last 3 years?
- (a) Sir, One (1) State University and Six (6) new Government Colleges were established during the last 3 years.
- (b) The total number of new private Higher Educational Institutions facilitated by the State Government in the last 3 years?
- (b) Sir, Twelve (12).
- (c) The total increase in the number of student intake capacity achieved at Higher Education in the last 3 years?
- (c) Sir, the total increase in the number of student intake capacity achieved at Higher Education in the last 3 yaers is 9560.

The detail are as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Indoor Stadiums and Sports Complexes in Dadenggre Sub Division

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

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

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

(a) The total number of indoor stadiums and sports complexes which are in Dadenggre Sub-Division?

(a) Sir, there are 4 (four) numbers of Indoor Sports Halls and 3 (three) numbers of Outdoor Stadiums in Dadenggre Sub Division.

The Indoor Sports Hall are :-

- (i) Indoor Sports Hall at Selsella.
- (ii) Indoor Sports Hall at Phulbari.
- (iii) Indoor Sports Hall at Kadargaon, Rajabala.
- (iv) Indoor Sports Hall at New Bhaitbari.

The Outdoor Stadiums are :-

- (i) Synthetic football stadium at Selsella (under construction).
- (ii) Mini stadium at Narangbari, Selsella.
- (iii) Synthetic football stadium at Shyamnagar, Phulbari (under construction).

(b) The assistance which is provided for rural football clubs and young sports persons under Dadenggre Sub Division during the last three years?

(b) Sir, the assistance which is provided for rural football clubs and young sports persons under Dadenggre Sub Division during the last three years is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Status of Polytechnic

Shri MAYRAL BORN SYIEM

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI
(Minister in-charge Education)

*155. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state the status of the Polytechnic in Nongkhrah, Nongpoh, Ri-Bhoi District?

Sir, the civil works for the Polytechnic at Nongkhrah, Nongpoh, Ri-Bhoi District, have been completed. The remaining requirements relating to electricity and water supply are being actively pursued with the concerned Departments. The Government is taking necessary steps to complete the remaining essential requirements and operationalize the Polytechnic at the earliest.

Durand Cup 2025-26

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

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

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

(a) The total amount sanctioned and spent by the Government of Meghalaya for hosting and conducting the Durand Cup 2025 Edition in the State?

(a) Sir,
₹10,95,66,100/-

(b) The total estimated budget and the actual amount released/spent by the State Government for the Durand Cup 2026 Edition?

(b) Sir, total Estimated Budget
₹8,75,49,500/-

(c) The detailed head-wise breakdown of the expenditure incurred for both editions (including infrastructure upgrades, stadium maintenance, logistics, publicity/branding and security arrangements)?

(c) Sir, **2025 Edition**

Detailed expenditure, breakdown is as per as Statement placed on the Table of the House.

2026 Edition

Tournament concluded on 20th August 2026, awaiting for the functional areas to submit the necessary documents.

(d) The Agency, Department or Committee through which these funds were disbursed and audited?

(d) Sir, the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs.

Water Monitoring & Surveillance Framework

Shri ARDENT MILLER BASAIAWMOIT

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

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

(a) Whether the Department has created a separate cell for Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Framework to ensure potable tap water to all?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Whether the Department has appointed the post of Chief Chemist and Senior Chemist respectively?

(b) No, Sir.

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

(c) Sir, the present laboratory structure and deployment of personal are based on the posts sanctioned under the Meghalaya Public Health Engineering Service Rules, 1996, as amended on 2011. The posts of Chief Chemist and Senior Chemist are not presently part of the existing sanctioned service structure.

Hence, no appointment has been made against the said posts.

Fire and Emergency Services Station at Rajabala

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

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

*158. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home (Police) be pleased to state the status of Fire & Emergency Services Station at Rajabala?

Sir, setting up of Fire Station at Rajabala has been notified vide Notification Dated 7th February, 2024.

Land for construction of the Fire Station was handed over to the Superintendent of Police (F&ES), Western Range, Tura.

Creation of Posts for the Fire Station is under process.

Anti Drugs DREAM Mission

Dr. (Mrs.) MEHTAB CHANDEE
A. SANGMA

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) The total number of awareness programmes conducted under Anti Drugs DREAM Mission?

(a) Sir, 108 (One hundred and eight).

(b) The total number of beneficiaries supported under the DREAM Mission?

(b) Sir, ₹6,522 (Six thousand five hundred and twenty two).

(c) The total amount of funds released under the DREAM Mission since inception?

(c) Sir, ₹4,35,85,337/- (Rupees four crore thirty five lakh eighty five thousand three hundred thirty seven).

Road Constructions, Improvement, Repairing in Mawlai Constituency

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

*160. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Public Works (Roads) be pleased to state the status/progress of road constructions/improvement/repairing as under :-

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG

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

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| (i) Mawlai By-pass to Airport? | (i) Sir, the work is nearing completion. |
| (ii) Nongkohlew to New Shillong? | (ii) Sir, the overall physical progress is 40%. |
| (iii) Mawtawar to New Shillong <i>via</i> Mawpat? | (iii) Sir, the road survey work is yet to commence. |
| (iv) Lummawnei to Nongpathaw? | (iv) Sir, the work is in progress and the physical progress is 30%. |
| (v) Mawlai Nonglum Cemetery to Mawlai Syllaikariah? | (v) Sir, the work progress is 35%. |
| (vi) Office of the Dorbar Shnong, Mawsiatkhniam to PHC Mawsiatkhniam (300 meters)? | (vi) Sir, the estimate of the said road has been sanctioned under the nomenclature “ Rehabilitation of Saint Mother Theresa/VIP road (L-0.325Km) at Mawsiatkhniam village (Strengthening of the existing pavement by providing one layer of WBM III including PMC and Seal Coat) Ch:0.00-325m ” the work progress is 10%. |
| (vii) Mawlai Nongkwar from National Highway at Block-9 to Block-8? | (vii) Sir, the detailed road survey is yet to commence. |

- (viii) Interior road at Mawlai Umshing? (viii) Sir, the estimate for **“Improvement of internal roads at Umshing Umjapung and Mawkynroh (L-2988.00m)** has been submitted and is under process.
- (ix) Interior road from Pata, Mawdatbaki to Mawroh? (ix) Sir, the detailed road survey is about to commence.