

MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

BUDGET SESSION

UNSTARRED

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Thursday, September 11, 2025.

Land Area Afforestation

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

1. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state the total land area afforested by different Government Departments in the whole State of Meghalaya?

Sir, the total land area afforested by different Government Departments in the whole State of Meghalaya during 2024-25 is **9,297.18 Hectares**.

ICDS Center at Umpling

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

Shri PAUL LYNDOH
(Minister in-charge Social Welfare)

2. Will the Minister in-charge Social Welfare be pleased to state when will the Government sanction for construction of new Integrated Child Development Services Center at Umpling Dong Umbah and Umpling Dongshaneng?

Sir, construction of Anganwadi building under Umpling Dong Umbah Anganwadi Centre known by the name Umpling 6 - had already been sanctioned during Financial year 2025-26 in convergence with MGNREGS (C&RD Block).

Umpling Dongshaneng Anganwadi Centre is an existing centre by the name Umpling 5. The construction of new Anganwadi building will be taken up in the next phase of construction.

Integration of Mawryngkneng in New Shillong Township Plans

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

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

- (a) How Mawryngkneng Constituency is being integrated into the New Shillong Township master plan?
- (b) Whether infrastructure development in surrounding villages has been included?
- (c) Whether there is any budgetary provision for Eco-Tourism promotion in the Constituency?

Shri SNIABHALANG DHAR

(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge of Urban Affairs)

(a) Sir, the villages of Ummir and Mawkhanu in the Mawryngkneng Constituency are part of the New Shillong Township master plan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Promotion of Agro Products from Mawryngkneng

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

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

- (a) Whether the Government has any Scheme to promote Agro Products from Mawryngkneng Constituency for National and International markets?

Dr. M. AMPAREEN LYNDOH
(Minister in-charge Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare)

(a) Yes, Sir, currently the Department is implementing the Mission Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) in the State. One FPO has been established under Phase III of the scheme in Diengpasoh and another FPO is currently established in Mawryngkneng under Meghalaya State Organic Mission. The Scheme will eventually facilitate marketing of certain Agro products produced under Mawryngkneng Constituency to national markets and perhaps international markets.

The Organic Certification process of the farmlands under the FPOs is underway. Further, a component under the scheme Directorate of Food Processing provides platform to entrepreneurs to showcase and connect their processed products for national and international markets.

(b) The support being given to farmers cultivating high-demand crops such as Buckwheat?

(b) Yes, Sir, support is being given to farmers by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare in collaboration with the Meghalaya Farmers (Empowerment) Commission for cultivating Buckwheat.

(c) Whether the Government will facilitate export linkages with countries like Japan?

(c) Yes, Sir.

Status of Small Stone Miners in Meghalaya

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

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

5. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether the Government has any proposal to review or relax the present ban on small-scale stone mining?

(a) Sir, currently there is no ban on small scale stone mining if such small scale mining is carried out in accordance with Meghalaya Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016.

(b) The steps taken to safeguard the livelihood of miners in Mawryngkneng and other affected areas?

(b) Sir, a committee has been constituted for reviewing the provisions of Meghalaya Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016 for expeditious grant of mining or quarry permit in respect of traditional mining of minor minerals vide Government Notification No. FOR.125/2003/ Pt.II/ Vol.I/562, dated 16.09.2024 headed by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (PWD, etc.), Meghalaya. The Committee had held two (02) sittings dated 22.11.2024 and 28.01.2025 in this regard and submitted its report to the State Government.

Further, vide letter dated 01.04.2025 the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya had requested the Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India for exemption from the requirement of obtaining Environmental Clearance for traditional quarrying of stone boulders in Meghalaya. Referring to the provisions of the Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, dated 28.03.2020 of the Environmental Impact Assessment, the Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India stated that at present there are no enabling provisions to consider the request for exemption of traditional stone boulder quarrying from the requirement of Environmental Clearance because Clause 13 of Appendix IX of EIA notification has been set aside by the Hon'ble High Court of Patna in Abhay Kumar Vrs Union of India vide their judgement dated 07.03.2024.

(c) Whether rehabilitation or alternative Livelihood Schemes have been initiated?

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

Umkhen River Biosecurity Measures

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

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

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

(a) The steps taken to ensure the cleanliness and biosecurity of the Umkhen River?

(a) Sir, the steps taken to ensure the cleanliness and biosecurity of the Umkhen River are as follows :-

i) The Meghalaya State Pollution Board (MSPCB), Shillong has issued Public Notice on Prohibition on burning, throwing, burying of waste along the catchment/tributaries of Umkhen River vide Notification No.MPCB/SWM-5/2006/2021-22/74, dt. 10.03.2022 to control indiscriminate dumping of Solid waste construction etc.

ii) Chain link along the bank of river Umkhen at Thembasuk, Madanryting has been installed in a stretch measuring about 60 meters.

(b) Whether there is any plan for plantation and catchment protection to maintain water flow for the New Shillong Water Supply Scheme?

(b) Sir, the State is currently implementing the comprehensive MegARISE project under the Meghalaya Basin Development Authority, funded by KfW Germany. The project commenced from 2022-23 and is expected to end by 2029-2030. This significant initiative is specifically designed to address catchment protection and watershed management challenges in the two critical catchments i.e., Umiew and Ganol Catchment that supply water to Shillong and Tura, with particular focus on maintaining sustainable water flow for critical projects including the New Shillong Supply Scheme. The MegARISE project will promote forestry and agro-forestry plantations, soil conservation measures, and integrated catchment area management through close coordination with other Government Departments.

(c) The agencies entrusted with monitoring water quality?

(c) Sir, the following agencies are entrusted with monitoring water quality :-

i) The Meghalaya State Pollution Board (MSPCB), Shillong has been entrusted for monitoring the water bodies of Meghalaya under the National Water Monitoring Programme (NWMP) sponsored by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Delhi. Monitoring of water quality of Umkhen River is carried out under this project.

ii) The PHE Department monitors water quality pertaining to supplied drinking water only. Monitoring of water quality of drinking water is done at PHED laboratories across the State. Currently, the Department conducts water testing twice a year for bacteriological parameters and once a year for chemical parameters.

Special Rural Works Programme (SRWP)

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

Shri A. T. MONDAL
(Minister in-charge Community & Rural Development)

7. Will the Minister in-charge Community & Rural Development be pleased to state when will the Government enhance the Special Rural Works Programme Scheme?

Sir, the matter is being examined.

Repairing of Internal Roads

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG

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

8. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Public Works (Roads) be pleased to state whether there is any plan by the Government for repairing of Internal Roads in the following villages :-

Sir,

(i) Diengpasoh?

(i) Yes, the Shillong Diengpasoh Road was being widened under the scheme **“Improvement including widening to Two Lane Standard of the Balance Length of Shillong - Diengpasoh Road from 14.00 KM to 21.20 KM upto Shillong By-pass (Length = 7.200 KM)”** amounting to ₹5586.633 (L) and the same has been recently completed.

Further, estimates have been prepared for repairing of the remaining roads and the same has been submitted under the following nomenclatures :

(a) Constn. i/c MBT of internal road at Diengpasoh Dong Sharum (L = 500.00m) amounting to ₹98.141 (L).

(b) Constn. i/c MBT of internal road at Diengpasoh Lumsohprian (L = 1.68 KM) amounting to ₹461.58 (L).

(ii) Mawlynrei?

(ii) Yes, the estimate for the repair work of the internal road is at present under preparation.

The repair work for the main road has been taken up under the scheme **“Improvement including widening and Metalling & Blacktopping of Nongrah - Mawlynrei Road (L = 5.25 KM) - Portion from 1500.00m - 4615.00m”** amounting to ₹407.08 (L).

The estimate for the repairing of other roads has been recently sanctioned vide A.A. letter No. PWD/PWD-R/12464/2425/CON/291, Dt.25.03.2025 for an amount of ₹89.24 (L) under the nomenclature **“Widening including strengthening of an existing Nongrah - Mawlynrei Road (L = 5.25 KM). Portion from 2nd KM of Nongrah - Mawlynrei Road towards GTC Gate Mawlynrei (L = 0.435 KM)”**.

(iii) Puriang?

(iii) Yes, the estimate for repairing of internal road at Puriang has been submitted under the following schemes :

(a) Strengthening of weak pavement of internal roads at Puriang by laying 1 layer WBM Gr-3 and PMC (Total length = 1.022 KM) amounting to ₹89.00 (L).

(b) Construction including Metalling and Blacktopping of internal link road at Iew Rim Puriang (Total length = 0.398 KM) amounting to ₹94.305 (L).

(iv) Kut?

(iv) Yes, the repair works for internal road at Kut has been taken up under the scheme **“Improvement including Metalling and Blacktopping of internal roads at Puriang Kut Village (L = 1.40 KM)”** amounting to ₹150.88 (L).

(v) Tynring?

(v) Yes, the repair work for the roads at Tynring has been taken up under the scheme **“Re-surfacing of Tynring Village Road, all internal village road including construction of pucca road side drain in selected location (Length = 5.670 KM)”** for an amount of ₹362.95 (L).

Road Connectivity in Nonghali Village

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

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

(a) Whether the Government has any plan to improve road connectivity to Nonghali Village which is the primary water source for the New Shillong Water Supply Scheme?

(b) The estimated timeline for the construction or upgradation of the road?

(c) The budget provision for the same?

Shri PRESTONE TYNBONG

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

(a) Sir, the connectivity is a vital issue and can be taken up as and when budgetary constraints permit.

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

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

Implementation of JJM

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

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

10. Will the Minister in-charge Public Health Engineering be pleased to state the status of implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in the following Villages :-

Sir, the status of implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in the villages mentioned below are as follows :-

(i) Mawryngkneng?

(i) Sir, the work is ongoing and presently testing and commissioning of household tap connections is in progress. The physical progress is 95% and the financial progress is 68%. The revised target date of completion is October, 2025.

(ii) Diengpasoh?

(ii) The Scheme is physically completed.

(iii) Mawlynrei?

(iii) The Scheme is physically completed.

(iv) Mawpdang?

(iv) The Scheme is physically completed.

(v) Mawkasiang?

(v) The Scheme is physically completed.

(vi) Tynring?

(vi) The Scheme is physically completed.

(vii) Mawlyngad?

(vii) The Scheme is physically completed.

(viii) Mawlong?

(viii) The Scheme is physically completed.

Constructions of Roads

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

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

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

(a) Whether there is any plan by the Government to construct roads under the following places, viz:

- (i) Mawryngkneng to Mawpyrshong?
- (ii) Kut to Nongjrong?
- (iii) Mawryngkneng to Nongkhroh?
- (iv) Mynriang to Thadrang?
- (v) Nonghali Health Sub-Centre to Nonghali Khliehshnong?

(a)
(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v)

Sir, connectivity is a vital issue and can be taken up as and when budgetary conditions permit.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the negative, the reasons thereof?

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

Sanctioned Project/Construction

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI
(Minister in-charge Sports & Youth
Affairs)

12. Will the Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Affairs be pleased to state when will the Government sanction the following Project/Construction :-

- (i) The Project for laying Artificial Turf, construction of fencing and covered gallery at Madan Apkhaw, Sohryngkham Lulong?

(i) Sir, it is under examination.

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| (ii) The construction of fencing and covered gallery at Sohryngkham Neng playground? | (ii) Sir, it is under examination. |
| (iii) The construction at Mawdngong, Sohryngkham Mawdieja playground? | (iii) Sir, it is under examination. |
| (iv) The construction of fencing and covered gallery Thadlyndit, Sohryngkham Mawutieng playground? | (iv) Sir, it is under examination. |
| (v) The construction of fencing, covered gallery, parking laying of Artificial Turf at Mawryngkneng playground? | (v) Sir, it is under examination. |
| (vi) The construction of fencing of new playground at Puriang? | (vi) Sir, it is under examination. |
| (vii) The construction of fencing playground at Kut? | (vii) Sir, it is under examination. |

Units of Electricity Consumption

Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA

Shri ABU TAHER MONDAL
(Minister in-charge Power)

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

(a) The total number of units of
electricity consumed for the entire
State, District-wise?

(a) Sir, the number of Units (kWh)
supplied by MeECL, during Financial Year
2024-25 and first three month of Financial
Year 2025-26 is as under :

Circle	District	Total 2024-25 (kWh)	April 25 (kWh)	May 25 (kWh)	June 25 (kWh)	Total 2025- 26 (kWh) (Till June)
East Garo Hills Circle	East, South & North Garo Hills	113374000	4670000	4770000	5370000	14800000
Jaintia Hills Circle	Jaintia	189149000	16930000	20500000	21340000	58660000
Khasi Hills Circle	East, South West, West & Eastern West Khasi Hills	166862000	10990000	9370000	9190000	29550000
Ri-Bhoi Circle	Ri-Bhoi	492576000	35970000	46180000	37640000	119790000
Shillong Circle	East Khasi Hills	467519000	32370000	29080000	30530000	91970000
Tura Circle	South West & West Garo Hills	58340000	3400000	3270000	3350000	10020000
West Garo Hills Circle		51982000	2250000	2090000	2220000	6560000
Grand Total		1539805000	106580000	115260000	109540000	331350000

(b) The total number of units of electricity being produced within the State?

(b) Sir, the total units (kWh) generated during Financial Year 2024-25 and first three months of Financial Year 2025-26 is as under :

Generating Company	2024-25 (kWh)	April 25 (kWh)	May 25 (kWh)	June 25 (kWh)	Total 2025-26 (kWh) (Till June)
Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	1034790000	66221000	122206000	165607000	354035000

(c) The total number of units of electricity being bought by the State?

(c) Sir, the total units (kWh) bought by the State in Financial Year 2024-25 and first three months of Financial Year 2025-26 is as under :

Source	FY 2024-25 (kWh)	April 25 (kWh)	May 25 (kWh)	June 25 (kWh)	Total FY 2025-26 (kWh) (Till June)
Total	2669764000	205220000	273446000	295613000	774281000

Scrappage Policy

Shri LAHKMEN RYMBUI

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

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

(a) The salient features of Meghalaya Scrappage Policy?

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

(b) When will the Policy take effect?

(c) The total number of vehicles category wise which will effect -

(c) Sir, the total number of vehicles category wise which will be effected due to the implementation of the policy are :

(i) Government vehicle ?

(i) Government vehicle : **3,031**

(ii) Heavy transport vehicle?

(ii) Heavy transport vehicle : **654**

(iii) Commercial L.M.V?

(iii) Commercial L.M.V. : **1,616**

(iv) Private L.M.V?

(iv) Private L.M.V. : **5,288**

(d) When will the Policy take effect?

(d) Sir, same as (b) above.

