

MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

AUTUMN SESSION

STARRED

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Friday, September 12th, 2025.

Mawmluh Cherra Cements Limited

Shri ARDENT M. BASALAWMOIT

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

*104. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Commerce & Industries be pleased to state the status of the proposed privatisation of Mawmluh Cherra Cements Limited?

Sir, there is no proposal for the privatization of the Mawmluh Cherra Cements Limited.

The earlier proposal for a Joint Venture Partner with MCCL did not materialize as no suitable partner was found.

Vacant Posts in Deficit Schools

Shri METBAH LYNGDOH

Shri RAKKAM A. SANGMA
(Minister in-charge Education)

*105. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state the appointment process for filling up of vacant posts in case of Deficits Schools?

Sir, at present the appointment process for filling up of the vacant post in Deficit Schools is done by the concerned School Managing Committees with the prior approval from the respective District School Education Officers. Advertisement is floated by the School Managing Committee and interview is also being conducted by them. Prior approval for appointment is given by the Government, after which the appointment order is issued by the School Managing Committee.

Relocation of Temporary CRPF Camps

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELLMARBANIANG

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

*106. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home (Police) be pleased to state the reason for the delay in relocation of CRPF temporary camps from Mawlai?

Sir, the matter is under examination.

Kashiabari CHC

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

Dr. M. AMPAREEN LYNDOH
(Minister in-charge Health & Family
Welfare)

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

(a) The current operational status of Kashiabari CHC?

(a) Sir, there is no Kashiabari CHC but we have Kashiabari PHC and it is yet to be operationalised.

(b) The details of land donors who contributed to the establishment including their names and the extent of land donated?

(b) Sir, the land where Kashiabari PHC stands is donated land.

The Deed of Gift was made on 6th January 2005 between :

(i) Abdus Samad Sarkar and brothers.

(ii) Haji Kalimuddin.

(c) The process that was followed by the Government for acquiring the land for the CHC?

(c) Sir, the Gift of Deed was signed by both the parties i.e., the Land donors and the Officials from the Health Department in the presence of the Witness.

(d) Whether any compensation or recognition has been provided to the donors?

(d) Sir, yes, two posts in the Grade-IV level has been appointed to the land donor during 2015. However, one of them resigned in the year 2019.

Ongoing Schemes (Central and State)

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

Shri ALEXANDER LALOO HEK
(Minister in-charge Animal
Husbandry & Veterinary)

*108. Will the Minister in-charge Animal Husbandry and Veterinary be pleased to state the number of major ongoing schemes (Central and State) being implemented in the State at present?

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

Construction of RCC Bridge

Shri REMINGTON G. MOMIN

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

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

(a) Whether there was any sanction from the Government for the construction of RCC bridge from Sildubi to Gohanimara before the ABDK Sobha of 2013 at Mallangkona?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative the reason that the bridge was not constructed?

(b) Sir, Bridge No.1/1 was not constructed as the contractor Shri Sindro Nongsiej surrendered the work *vide* letter dated 24-09-2024.

Replacement of Transformer

Shri RUPA MARAK

Shri ABU TAHER MONDAL
(Minister in-charge Power)

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

(a) The procedure to replace the damaged transformer?

(a) Sir, on receipt of failure report of the transformer from the field officer, the transformer availability in the stock is checked and accordingly the transformer is allotted and issued to the field for replacement.

(b) The estimated duration for the replacement of the damaged transformer?

(b) Sir, the time required to restore power after the replacement of a failed Distribution Transformer (DT) can vary based on several factors:

Severity of the Failure : If there is significant damage to surrounding infrastructure (e.g., cables, poles), additional time may be needed for repairs before the new DT can be installed.

Availability of Replacement DT : If a suitable replacement transformer is readily available in the store, the process can begin almost immediately. However, if the DTs need to be sourced from another location, transportation time can add to the overall restoration time.

Accessibility of the Site : The location of the failed DT can impact restoration time. Remote or difficult-to-access areas may require more time for equipment and personnel to reach the site.

Weather Conditions : Adverse weather conditions, such as heavy rain, storms etc., can delay the replacement process and extend the restoration time.

However, the MePDCL tries its best to replace the damaged transformer in the shortest possible time which is within 1 day in urban areas and 4 days in rural areas.

Regular Casual Workers Schemes 1996

Shri MAYRALBORN SYIEM

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

*111. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state the status for the implementation of the Regular Casual Workers Schemes 1996?

Sir, the Regular Casual Workers (RCW) Scheme, 1996 is being implemented by different Departments/ Offices.

Non-Government Teachers in the State

Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA

Shri RAKKAM A. SANGMA
(Minister in-charge Education)

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

(a) Whether there are any backlog unpaid salaries for Non-Government Teachers in the State?

(a) No, Sir.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the names of the teachers with unpaid salaries?

(b) & (c)

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

(c) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the reasons thereof?

Traditional Markets

Shri MATTHEW B. KURBAH

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) Whether the Government is planning to upgrade the traditional markets in Tyrsad, Nongspung and Laitmawsiang?

(a) Sir, so far, no proposal to upgrade the traditional markets in Tyrsad, Nongspung and Laitmawsiang were received.

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

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

(c) If the reply at (a) above is in the negative, whether the Government is intending to provide assistance for improving facilities of the above traditional markets?

(c) Sir, the matter will be examined in case the proposals from any quarter are received.

Employment Exchange Office

Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM

Shri SHAKLIAR WARJRI
(Minister in-charge Labour)

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

(a) The total number of Employment Exchange Offices that are there in the various Districts of the State?

(a) Sir, 13 (thirteen) numbers.

(b) The total number of regular Government employees that are currently there in service at the Employment Exchange Offices in the various Districts?

(b) Sir, 103 (one hundred three) numbers.

(c) The total number of placements in regular Government jobs that the Employment Exchange Offices in the various Districts together have been able to provide annually during the last 3 years?

(c) Sir,
2023 - 2 (two)
2024 - 1 (one)
2025 - Nil.

MCS & MPS Officers

**Shri SYNSHAR KUPAR ROY
LYNGDOH THABAH**

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

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

(a) The sanctioned strength of MCS & MPS officers serving in our State?

(a) Sir, the sanctioned strength is as follows :-

- Meghalaya Civil Service (MCS) - 201
- Meghalaya Police Service (MPS) - 133

(b) The total number of MCS & MPS Officers who are currently serving in our State?

(b) Sir, the current number of Officers in position is as follows :-

- MCS - 174
- MPS - 117

(c) The total number of nominated MCS & MPS officers who are currently serving in our State?

(c) Sir, the total number of nominated Officers currently serving is as follows :-

- MCS - 11
- MPS - 58

Statistics of Renal Patients

Shri ARDENT M. BASAIAWMOIT

**Dr. M. AMPAREEN LYNGDOH
(Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare)**

*116. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state the statistics of renal patients in the State, District-wise?

Sir, the status of Renal patients who have undergone or are undergoing dialysis in the Dialysis Unit present in the District Government Hospitals in the State is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

Status of Road at Mawlai Constituency

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELL MARBANIANG

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

(i) Lummawsing to Mawsiatkhnang?

(ii) Mawlai By-pass to Airport?

(iii) Nongkohlew to New Shillong?

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG

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

(i) Sir, work in progress and upto date physical progress is about 75%.

(ii) Sir, there are 2(two) projects on this road:

a) **Construction of road from Shillong City to Umroi Airport under Ri-Bhoi District in the State of Meghalaya (L=14.279 Km) under NESIDS** start from 2nd Km of Mawlai By-Pass to Umjathang. This road is still in progress and the overall progress is 71%.

b) **Construction of a road from Shillong City to Umroi Airport (Phase-II) (14th-20th Km) (L=5.219 Km) under CRIF** start from Umjathang to 16th km of Shillong By-Pass. This road is still in progress and the overall progress is 76%.

(iii) Sir, the work for the construction of this road has been sanctioned on **Dated: 13.02.2025** under the nomenclature "**Construction of a two lane road from West Corridor New Shillong Township Mawpat to connect VIP Airport Road at Nongkohlew (L=11.100KM)**" amounting to ₹135.5111 Cr. (Rupees One Hundred Thirty Five Crores Fifty One Lakhs and Eleven Thousand) only.

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| (iv) Mawtawar to New Shillong via Mawpat? | (iv) Sir, at present, there is no proposal for the construction of a road from Mawtawar to New Shillong via Mawpat village. |
| (v) Lummawnei to Nongpathaw? | (v) Sir, estimate is under process. |
| (vi) ISBT Mawiong to Lumpyllon? | (vi) Sir, Final Work Order recently issued. Work yet to start. |
| (vii) Mawlai Motsyiar to Mawlai Umjaiur? | (vii) Sir, the work is in full progress & the upto date physical progress of work is 90%. |
| (viii) Mawlai Nonglum Cemetery to Mawlai Syllaikariah? | (viii) Sir, estimate is under process. |
| (ix) Mawlai Nongkwar (Block-6) to Patarim (Block-11)? | (ix) Sir, the work is in full progress & the upto date physical progress of work is 95%. |
| (x) Mawlai Nongpdeng Block-A to Block-B? | (x) Sir, the scheme has recently been sanctioned & Work Order has been issued. |
| (xi) Mawlai Nongkwar (Block-11) to (Block-3B)? | (xi) Sir, the scheme has recently been sanctioned & the Work Order has been issued. |
| (xii) Office of the Dorbar Shnong, Mawsiatkhniam to PHC Mawsiatkhniam (300 meters)? | (xii) Sir, estimate is under process. |
| (xiii) Mawlai StandBus to Kynton Massar (Jingkieng Umsohlang)? | (xiii) Sir, the scheme has recently been sanctioned and Tendering is under process. |

Tackling Climate Change

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) The Government's strategy for tackling climate change particularly in terms of meeting international commitments and transitioning to renewable energy sources, and how will this impact local industries and employment?

(a) Sir, the strategy of the State Government are :

1. Promoting afforestation
2. Supporting communities through payment for ecosystem services
3. Enhancing GREEN industries
4. Promoting renewable energy, and
5. Supporting farmers to mitigate issues of climate change

These steps will promote local industries and employment.

(b) The contingency plans of the Government that is in place to safeguard employment and local industries?

(b) Sir, all development initiatives of the Government are aimed towards safeguarding employment and local industries.

Appointment of Teachers

Shri HEAVINGSTONE KHARPRAN

Shri RAKKAM A. SANGMA
(Minister in-charge Education)

*119. Will the Minister in-charge Education be pleased to state when the Government will regularize the appointment of teachers according to Memo No. DI/LP/Pre/APTT/2/95/5861-93., Dated Shillong, the 22nd May, '95?

Sir, at present there is no provision for regularization of service in respect of Pre Primary Teachers.

Police Out-Post at Rambrai

Shri REMINGTON G. MOMIN

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

*120. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home (Police) be pleased to state the status of creation of Police Out-Post at Rambrai?

Sir, the matter is under examination.

Meghalaya Ecotourism Infrastructure Development Project (MEIDP)

Shri RUPA MARAK

Shri PAUL LYNDOH
(Minister in-charge Tourism)

*121. Will the Minister in-charge Tourism be pleased to state the actual amount allocated for the various projects Under the Meghalaya Ecotourism Infrastructure Development Project (MEIDP)?

Sir, the amount allocated under the Meghalaya Ecotourism Infrastructure Development Project (MEIDP) is ₹731.40 crore.

Factories/Industries currently operating in the State

Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) The names of red and orange (based on their pollution potential) list category factories/industries currently operating in the State, District-wise?

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

(b) The overall revenue collected from these factories/industries respectively, District-wise?

(b) Sir, the overall revenue collected from these factories/ industries respectively, District-wise for the last 3 financial years is as per Statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Whether any of these factories/ industries have ever violated pollution norms set by the State Government, while in operation?

(c) Yes, Sir.

Meghalaya House Vellore 'Spring of Hope'

Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM

Shri RAKKAM A. SANGMA
(Minister in-charge General
Administration)

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

(a) The total number of rooms that are available at Meghalaya House Vellore 'Spring of Hope' for patients visiting CMC Vellore for medical care?

(a) Sir, there are 7 (Seven) existing apartments with a total of 18 rooms.

(b) The total number of patients of CMC Vellore who are registered to have lodged at Meghalaya House Vellore in 2024-25?

(b) Sir, the total number of patients who have registered for the year 2024-25 is 208.

(c) The total number of patients of CMC Vellore who are registered to have requested for lodging at Meghalaya House Vellore in 2024-25 but accommodation was denied due to being fully booked?

(c) Sir, 112 patients registered for the year 2024-25 but were denied due to non-availability of rooms.

(d) Whether the Government of Meghalaya has any plans to increase the number of rooms at Meghalaya House Vellore?

(d) Sir, the Government has initiated steps to reconstruct a new Meghalaya House Vellore to increase the number of rooms.

Allotment of MBBS Seats

Shri ARDENT M. BASAIAWMOIT

Dr. M. AMPAREEN LYNGDOH
(Minister in-charge Health & Family
Welfare)

*124. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state the number of MBBS seats allotted by the Government of India for the academic year from 2025?

Sir, a total of 93 (Ninety-Three) seats have been allotted by the Government of India to the State.

Central Pool Quota	- 53
Quota seats from NE Region	- 40
Total	= 93

Rajabala Fire & Emergency Services

Dr. MIZANUR KAZI

Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG

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

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

(a) The detailed timeline required for when the Rajabala Fire & Emergency Services will be fully operational?

(a) Sir, the matter is under process.

(b) Whether land has already been acquired for the construction of the Rajabala Fire & Emergency Services Station or whether there are any ongoing challenges or delays in finalizing land acquisition or related infrastructure development?

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The current staffing status including the number of firefighters and other personnel recruited and the timeline for completing the recruitments?

(c) Sir, the matter is under process.

(d) The specific firefighting and emergency response equipment that have been procured or allocated for the Rajabala Fire Sub-station?

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

(e) The allocated budget for the Rajabala Fire Sub-station?

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

Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

Shri ABU TAHER MONDAL
(Minister in-charge Community & Rural Development)

*126. Will the Minister in-charge Community & Rural Development be pleased to state the total number of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) which have been formed through National Rural Livelihoods Mission in East Khasi Hills District during the last five years?

Sir, the total number of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) which have been formed through National Rural Livelihoods Mission in East Khasi Hills District during the last five years is **6,228**.

Dispensary at Nonglum

Shri BRIGHTSTARWELLMARBANIANG

Dr. M. AMPAREEN LYNGDOH
(Minister in charge Health & Family Welfare)

*127. Will the Minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state the present status of construction of State dispensary at Nonglum?

Sir, the Construction of State Dispensary at Nonglum is under examination by the Government.

Re-electrify the Kantananggre Village

Shri RUPA MARAK

Shri ABU TAHER MONDAL
(Minister in-charge Power)

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

(a) Whether the Department has initiated any steps to re-electrify Kantananggre village?

(a) Sir, yes, the village will be re-electrify through Additional Household Electrification Scheme (RDSS) with the following parameters :

1. No. of household : 214
2. Distribution Transformer : 63KVA
3. HT line : 0.3 Km
4. LT line AB Cable: 3.9 Km.

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, when the village be re-electrified?

(b) Sir, tendering process for the Additional Household Electrification Scheme (RDSS) is in advance stage. The implementation will commence at the earliest.

Operation of Legally Stone/Boulder Quarry Mines

Smti. MIANI D. SHIRA

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

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

(a) The number of stone/boulder quarry mines operating legally with valid licenses and consent to operate in the State, District-wise?

(a) Sir,

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of stone quarries/ Mining Leases Granted
1	East Khasi Hills	8
2	Ri-Bhoi	8
3	East Jaintia Hills	-
4	West Jaintia Hills	13
5	West Garo Hills	56
6	South-West Garo Hills	-
7	East Garo Hills	6
8	North Garo Hills	2
9	West Khasi Hills	4
10	South-West Khasi Hills	-
11	Eastern-West Khasi Hills	1
12	South Garo Hills	3
TOTAL		101

(b) The revenue collected from stone/boulder quarries in the State, District-wise?

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

Corn Mission in the State

Shri METBAH LYNGDOH

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

*130. Will the Minister in-charge Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare be pleased to state whether the Government is considering the launching of a "Corn Mission" in the State?

No, Sir.

Share of the Autonomous District Council

Shri ARDENT M. BASAIAWMOIT

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

*131. Will the Deputy Chief Minister in-charge District Council Affairs be pleased to state whether the State Government has released the share of the Autonomous District Council?

Yes, Sir.

**Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project
(MEGHA-LAMP)**

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

Shri CONRAD K. SANGMA
(Chief Minister)

*132. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state the various activities being taken up under the Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project (MEGHA-LAMP)?

Sir, the activities being taken up under the Megha-LAMP are :

1. Establishment of Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS)
2. Establishment of PRIME (Promotion and Incubation of Market Driven Enterprises) Hubs
3. Creation of Collective Marketing Centres (CMC)

4. Creation of Custom Hiring Centres (CHC)
5. Natural Resource Management
6. Warehouses and Common Facility Centres
7. Providing Agri Response Vehicle (ARVs)
8. Creation of Farmers Market
9. Farmer Collectivization
10. Agricultural Extension Services
11. Marketing Support
12. Bank Linkage
13. Gender - Inclusive Development
14. Supporting Large Processing Units
15. Training and capacity building of farmers
16. Support Rural entrepreneurship.

Arecanut Farmers

Shri RUPA MARAK

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

(a) Whether the Government is providing assistance for alternative source of livelihood for Arecanut farmers in the wake of widespread but rot diseases on Arecanut farm?

(b) If the reply at (a) above is in the affirmative, the type of assistance provided to the farmers?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sir, the assistance in the following form is being provided to the farmers :

1. Quality planting materials of fruit plants such as banana and pineapple for affected farmers.
2. Crop diversification support in the form of cocoa, black pepper, etc., for existing arecanut plantations.
3. Advisory support, training and demonstration.
4. Plant protection measures were made available to the affected farmers.

Developing Tourism Department, Arts & Culture Department

Shri ADELBERT NONGRUM

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

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

(a) The total amount of funds for developing Tourism Department, Arts and Culture Department in the State being channelled through Meghalayan Age Ltd. annually during the last 3 years?

(a) Sir, no funds have been channelized for developing Tourism and Arts & Culture Departments through the Meghalayan Age Limited in the last 3 (three) years.

(b) The total number of regular Government employees who are presently working full time with Meghalayan Age Ltd.?

(b) Sir, there are no regular employees in the Meghalayan Age Limited.

(c) Whether the accounts of funds for developing Tourism Department, Arts & Culture Department being implemented by Meghalayan Age Ltd. are subject to Audit by Comptroller and Auditor General of India?

(c) Sir, Meghalayan Age Limited is subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

(d) The reasons that the funds for developing Tourism Department, Arts & Culture Department in the State being channelled through Meghalayan Age Ltd. instead of being budgeted directly to Departments of Tourism, Arts & Culture, Information & Public Relations etc.?

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

POCSO Cases

Shri ARDENT M. BASAIAWMOIT

Shri PAUL LYGDOH
(Minister in-charge Social Welfare))

*135. Will the Minister in-charge Social Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) The total number of POCSO cases during the last 5 years?

(a) Sir, the total number of POCSO cases during the last 5 years are:

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
369	347	320	265	261

Grand Total - 1562

(b) Whether the Government is having a separate branch or office to deal with issues concerning the protection, support, counselling and other rehabilitation services of the child?

(b) Sir, all matters and issues concerning the protection of children, their support, counselling, rehabilitation and other related services are under the purview of the Department of Social Welfare, which implements the Mission Vatsalya Scheme, having the State Child Protection Society (SCPS) at the State level and the District Child Protection Units (DCPUs), Children's Homes and Child Helpline, the Child Welfare Committees and Juvenile Justice Boards at the District level.

(c) Whether the concerned office is having enough manpower and fund or not to enable them to render effective service to the children?

(c) Sir, yes.

(d) Whether the staffs appointed by the Government are permanent or contractual in nature?

(d) Sir, all appointments of staff under Mission Vatsalya are contractual in nature.

Small Multipurpose Reservoir under ADB Project

Shri HEAVING STONE KHARPRAN

Shri MARCUISE N. MARAK
(Minister in-charge Soil & Water
Conservation)

*136. Will the Minister in-charge Soil & Water Conservation be pleased to state when was the Small Multipurpose Reservoir (SMR) under Asian Development Bank (ADB) Project started in the State?

Sir, the Small Multipurpose Reservoir (SMR) under the Asian Development Bank (ADB) was started in the month of February, 2025 in the State of Meghalaya.