

16th Punjab Vidhan Sabha
Eighth (Budget) Session

Punjab Vidhan Sabha
Bulletin No.5
Thursday, the 27th March, 2025
(from 10.00 AM to 05.13 PM)

1. Questions

a. Starred Questions:

Total No. of questions on the order paper	Answered	Not put	Postponed	Answered under Rule 38	No. of supplementaries
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b. Unstarred Questions: 10

2. Ruling by the Hon'ble Speaker

The Hon'ble Speaker, in response to question No.1539, has given a following ruling regarding the transfer of Panchayat land to the Forest Department:

"I feel that the Hon'ble Forest Minister needs to be a bit more proactive in this matter. There are six to seven such projects that are stalled only due to clearance being awaited by Forest Department. This House has significant powers. If any law is causing an obstruction, then it should be amended, but we must expedite this process."

3. Welcome announcement by the Hon'ble Speaker

The Hon'ble Speaker informed the House about the presence of renowned Punjabi writer and Padma Shri Awardee Shri Ninder Ghugianvi in the House. The entire House welcomed him with warm greetings. The Hon'ble Speaker also mentioned that Shri Ninder has written more than 50 books and that he previously served as an orderly to Faridkot Session Judge and he has even written a book about his experience, titled "Judge's Orderly". The Hon'ble Speaker also encouraged the Members of the House to read this book.

4. Observation by the Hon'ble Speaker

Regarding the issues raised about Shaheed-e-Aazam Sardar Bhagat Singh and eminent environmentalist Sant Balbir Singh Ji Seechewal, Member, Rajya Sabha, the Hon'ble Speaker made the following observations: -

1. "As far as the honor of Shaheed Bhagat Singh is concerned, his honor is above all honors. His honor exists and will always remain."
2. "As far as the honor of our martyrs is concerned, there's nothing above it. Our martyrs are honorable to us, they are our guides and our source of inspiration. However, the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly are conducted according to certain rules and regulations."

3. "As far as Sant Seechewal ji is concerned, the way Seechewal ji has worked on environment, worked on purifying water and worked on raising awareness among people, this work has been honored at international level by people including great personalities like President Dr.A. P. J. Abdul Kalam who had been a great scientist. So, I think Mr. Bajwa should himself come here and give his clarification regarding Sant Seechewal."

"I urge all the members that as far as Sant Seechewal ji is concerned, I and the entire Punjab acknowledges his service. Therefore, decorum of words be maintained in the House while referring to him. The service rendered by him has produced results. He has cleared the Kaali Bein. It was lifeless but life has started to sprung up there again. People come from far and wide to Sultanpur Lodhi and visit the Kaali Bein. So, I would say that those who have been honored by the The Times Magazine, honored by great scientists should also be honored by us. There should be no politics."

4. "I completely endorse this fact that no one should speak against the dignity of a saintly personage just because of their name. We should maintain the dignity of saintly persons."

5. Welcome Announcement by the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker

The Hon'ble Deputy Speaker informed the House regarding the presence of students, Principal and Faculty Members of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Khalsa College Mahilpur, Garhshankar, (Hoshiarpur) in the House and welcomed them on behalf of entire House.

6. Calling Attention Notice

Dr. Vijay Singla, MLA drew the attention of the Govt. towards widening of Mansa-Bhawanigarh-Patiala Road.

(No.24)

The Public Works (B&R) Minister gave reply.

7. Censure Motion

The following censure motion was moved in the House by Sardar Harjot Singh Bains, Education Minister and carried:

"Censure motion is moved in this House against Sardar Pratap Singh Bajwa, the leader of the opposition for using such terminology against the eminent environmentalist Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal by addressing him a contractor and the Holy Kali Bein of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and request that approval of this censure motion be given by raising hands."

8. Presentation of Reports

1. The Chairman of the Committee on Local Bodies (Shri Madan Lal Bagga) presented the 3rd report on general working of the Committee for the year 2024-25.

While presenting the report, the Chairman Shri Madan Lal Bagga spoke for 05 Minutes.

2. The Chairman of Committee on Co-operation and its Allied Activities (Sardar Gurpreet Singh Banawali) presented the 3rd report of the Committee for year 2024-25.

While presenting the report Chairman Sardar Gurpreet Singh Banawali spoke for 06 Minutes.

3. The Chairman of the Committee on Papers Laid/to be Laid on the Table and Library Committee (Dr. Inderbir Singh Nijjar) presented the first report of the Committee for year 2024-25.

While presenting the report, the Chairman Dr. Inderbir Singh Nijjar spoke for 02 Minutes.

9. Welcome Announcement by the Hon'ble Speaker

The Hon'ble Speaker informed the House about the presence of former Chief Minister Haryana Vidhan Sabha and sitting MLA Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda and other sitting Members of Haryana Vidhan Sabha Shri Ashok Arora, Shri Bharat Bhushan Batra, Shri Aftab Ahmed, Shri Maman Khan, Shri Chandra Parkash and Shri Naresh Selwal and welcomed them on behalf of the entire House.

10. Walk Out

All the present members of the Indian National Congress except Shri Sandeep Jakhar and Sh. Vikramjit Singh Chaudhary staged a walk-out from the House on different occasions as a protest of their persistent demand made thrice for not holding a discussion on the resolution given to award Bharat Ratna to Shaheed-e-Aazam Sardar Bhagat Singh and ruling party's objections raised to the remarks of Leader of Opposition Sardar Pratap Singh Bajwa against Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal, Member, Rajya Sabha and repeated raising the issue of demanding apology from him.

11. General Discussion on the Budget Estimates for the year 2025-26

The following Members took part in the General discussion on Budget Estimates for the year 2025-26 and spoke for the time as mentioned against their names:

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| 1. | Rana Gurjeet Singh. Indian National Congress | 28 minutes |
| 2. | Sardar Amritpal Singh Sukhanand, Aam Aadmi Party | 14 minutes |
| 3. | Sardar Manpreet Singh Ayali, Shiromani Akali Dal | 08 minute |

4.	Sardar Tarunpreet Singh Sond, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister	18 minutes
5.	Shrimati Aruna Chaudhary, Indian National Congress	07 minutes
6.	Shri Aman Arora, New and Renewable Energy Sources Minister	15 minutes
7.	Doctor Nachhatar Pal, Bahujan Samaj Party	06 minutes
8.	Shri Avtar Singh Junior, Indian National Congress	07 minutes
9.	Sardar Barindermeet Singh Pahra, Indian National Congress	05 minutes
10.	Shri Ashwani Kumar Sharma, Bharatiya Janata Party	04 minutes

The Hon'ble Finance Minister and Hon'ble Chief Minister by way of reply to the General discussion on Budget Estimates spoke for 19 minutes and 33 minutes respectively.

12. Financial Business

1. Discussion and voting on the demands for grants relating to the Budget Estimates for the year 2025-26

Demands No. 1 to 42 as listed in the list of Business were put to the vote of the House collectively and carried.

2. The Punjab Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2025

The Finance Minister introduced The Punjab Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2025 and moved that the Bill be taken into consideration at once.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried.

During clause-wise consideration of the Bill, clauses 2 to 4 collectively, Schedule, clause 1 and Title were put to the vote of the House and carried.

The Motion moved by the Finance Minister that The Punjab Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2025 be passed was put to the vote of the House and carried.

13. Welcome Announcement by the Hon'ble Speaker

The Hon'ble Speaker informed the House regarding the presence of Indian Veteran Hockey players of World Hockey Cup held at Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) in the year 1975 in the House and welcomed them on behalf of the entire House.

14. Walk Out

Member of Bharatiya Janta Party Shri. Ashwani Kumar Sharma staged a walked out from the House as a protest for not being given enough time to speak during discussion on the Budget.

15. Extension of time of the House

Sardar Manjit Singh Bilaspur, Member, Panel of Chairmen with the consent of the House, extended the time of the House till the completion of the business of the House.

16. Adjournment of the House for short period

The sitting of the House was adjourned from 11.23 AM to 11.38 AM, from 12.17 PM to 12.32 PM and from 1.23 PM to 02.30 PM by the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker.

The Hon'ble Deputy Speaker occupied the Chair of the House from 12.42 PM to 12.51 PM and 01.19 PM to 01.23 PM.

Sardar Manjit Singh Bilaspur, Member, Panel of Chairmen occupied the Chair of the House from 03.07 PM to 03.35 PM.

The House, then adjourned till 10.00 AM on Friday, the 28th March, 2025.

Chandigarh
the 27th March, 2025

Ram Lok Khatana,
Secretary.