

1. Questions

(a) Starred Questions: -

Total number of questions on the order paper	Answered	Not put	Postponed	Answered under Rule 38	Number of Supplementaries
20	18	1	-	1	27

(b) Unstarred Questions: 14

2. Ruling by the Hon'ble Speaker

The Hon'ble Speaker gave the following ruling: -

"Hon'ble Members of the House are requested that no matter shall be raised during the Question Hour. The Question Hour shall remain strictly confined to questions. Thereafter, there is Zero Hour to hear all your grievances and concerns, but the Question Hour will remain the Question Hour."

3. Welcome Announcement by the Hon'ble Speaker

The Hon'ble Speaker informed the House about the presence of the following personalities /visitors who came to watch the proceedings of Vidhan Sabha at various times and the entire House welcomed them -

1. Students who have passed examination by the UPSC are Ms. Manpreet Kaur (Mansa), Ms. Rasneet Kaur (Patiala), Ms. Kritika Chaudhary (Mohali), Shri Aman Aloon (Mohali), Shri Jayant Garg (Patiala);
2. Students from the Department of Public Administration, Punjabi University, Patiala;
3. Students and teachers of Mighty Khalsa International School, Sri Anandpur Sahib;
4. Students of Woodstock Public Senior Secondary School, Batala;
5. Students and teachers of Shivalik Distinguish Senior Secondary School, Batala;
6. Many colleagues and elders from the Hon'ble Speaker's native town Sandhwan, Constituency Kotkapura;
7. Students and teachers of Government High School, Surga Puri, Kotkapura;
8. Students and teachers of D.A.V University, Jalandhar;
9. Students of Miri Piri Khalsa College, Bhadaur, Barnala;

10. Students and teachers of P.M. Shri Bhai Kishan Singh Government Senior Secondary School, Sandhwan;

4. Adjournment of the House for short period

The House was adjourned from 12.30 P.M to 12.50 P.M by the Hon'ble Speaker.

5. Calling Attention Notices

1. Dr. Vijay Singla, MLA drew the attention of the Government towards difficulties being faced by the students due to non-existence of road leading to Government ITI in village Dhaipai, Tehsil Bhikhi in Mansa Assembly Constituency.

(No. 48)

The Rural Development and Panchayats Minister gave reply.

2. Sardar Fauja Singh Sarari, MLA drew the attention of the Government towards need to four lane the Ferozepur-Fazilka road keeping in view heavy rush of vehicles in that area.

(No. 49)

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

3. Prof. Baljinder Kaur, MLA drew the attention of the Government towards non-utilization of 2% CSR generated from the income of the Guru Gobind Singh Refinery situated in Talwandi Sabo for the development of area.

(No. 50)

The Finance Minister gave reply.

6. Motion Under Rule 16

The following motion moved by the Finance Minister was put to the vote of the House and carried-

“That the Vidhan Sabha at its rising this day shall stand adjourned sine-die.”

While taking part in the discussion on the motion, Sardar Partap Singh Bajwa, Leader of the Opposition spoke for 02 minutes and Sardar Harpal Singh Cheema, Finance Minister spoke for 03 minutes.

7. Papers to be laid on the Table

The Finance Minister laid papers on the table of the House as mentioned at serial No. (i) to (xi) as shown under item No. 4 in today's List of Business.

8. Presentation of Report

1. The Chairman of the Committee on Budha Dariya and Ghaggar Dariya, S. Daljit Singh Grewal presented the report of the committee for the year 2022-26.

While presenting the report, the Chairman, S. Daljit Singh Grewal (Bhola) spoke for 03 minutes.

9. Motion regarding Constitution of Elected Committees for the year 2026-27

The following motion moved by the Finance Minister was carried unanimously: -

“Whereas the elections to the: -

1. Committee on Public Accounts;
2. Committee on Estimates;
3. Committee on Public Undertakings; and
4. Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes for the year 2026-27, are to be held before the 31st March, 2026; and

Whereas the time left at the disposal of the House is extremely short and it is not possible to conduct in the normal course, the election to these Committees;

Now, therefore, this House authorizes the Speaker, Punjab Vidhan Sabha, to nominate the Members of the aforesaid Committees for the aforesaid year, keeping in view the proportionate strength of various parties/groups in the House;

This House further resolves that for the above purpose, the rules of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly) relating to the elections to the said Committees for the year 2026-27 which are inconsistent with or contrary to the above resolution shall stand suspended."

10. Legislative Business

1) The Punjab Regulation of Crusher Units and Stockists and Retailers (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Replacing Ordinance)

The Mines and Geology Minister introduced The Punjab Regulation of Crusher Units and Stockists and Retailers (Amendment) Bill, 2026 and also 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, Sub-Clause (2) and (3) of clause 1, Clauses 2 to 22 collectively, Sub-Clause (1) of Clause 1 and Title were put to the vote of the House and carried.

The motion moved by the Mines and Geology Minister that "The Punjab Regulation of Crusher Units and Stockists and Retailers (Amendment) Bill, 2026 be passed", was put to the vote of the House and carried.

While participating in the discussion on the bill, Sardar Partap Singh Bajwa, Leader of the Opposition spoke for 03 minutes and the Mines and Geology Minister spoke for 05 minutes regarding this bill.

2) Shri Guru Teg Bahadur World Class University, Punjab Bill, 2026

The Education Minister introduced Shri Guru Teg Bahadur World Class University, Punjab Bill, 2026 and also moved that the Bill be taken into consideration at once.

The Motion was put to the vote of the House and carried unanimously.

During Clause-wise consideration of the Bill, Sub-Clause (2) of Clause 1, Clauses 2 to 26 collectively, Sub-Clause (1) of Clause 1 and Title were put to the vote of the House and carried unanimously.

The Motion moved by the Education Minister that " Shri Guru Teg Bahadur World Class University, Punjab Bill, 2026 be passed", was put to the vote of the House and carried unanimously.

The following members participated in the discussion on the above motion and spoke for the time as mentioned against their names:

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| 1. Sardar Partap Singh Bajwa, Leader of the Opposition | 03 minutes |
| 2. Sardar Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Indian National Congress Party | 01 minute |
| 3. Sardar Pargat Singh Powar, Indian National Congress Party | 04minutes |
| 4. Sardar Laljit Singh Bhullar, Transport Minister | 02 minutes |
| 5. Shri Aman Arora, New and Renewable Energy Resources Minister | 01 minute |

During the discussion on the bill, Education Minister, Sardar Harjot Singh Bains spoke for 10 minutes.

11. Resolution

The following resolution was moved in the House by the Finance Minister, Sardar Harpal Singh Cheema and was carried unanimously:

"That the birth anniversary of Babu Kanshi Ram, who played a significant role in carrying forward the mission of social, economic and political equality envisioned by the founder of the Constitution B.R. Ambedkar, was celebrated on 15th March across the country with great enthusiasm. He was born into a poor family. He devoted his entire life in struggling for social justice for the Dalit Community and to uplift them socially, politically and economically. His birth took place on 15th March 1934 at Khawaspura village in Ropar (Roopnagar) district of Punjab. He completed his B.Sc. from Government College, Ropar. After that, he worked at DRDO in Pune. Witnessing caste discrimination in society, he resigned from his job. He passed away on 9th October 2006. He founded BAMCEF to unite 1978 employees. Hon'ble Kanshi Ram ji served times as a Member of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. He was first elected to the Lok Sabha in 1991 from the Etawah Constituency of Uttar Pradesh. For the second time, he was elected in 1996 to the 11th Lok Sabha as a Member of Parliament from the Hoshiarpur Constituency of Punjab. He also served as a Member of the Rajya Sabha, although his main political influence emerged through the Lok Sabha elections. In view of his services, this House appeals to the State Government to recommend to the Centre Government that Babu Kanshi Ram ji be awarded the Bharat Ratna."

The following members participated in the above Resolution and spoke for the time as mentioned against their names:

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| 1. Sardar Partap Singh Bajwa, Leader of Opposition | 03 minutes |
| 2. Shri Sukhwinder Singh Kotli, Indian National Congress Party | 04 minutes |
| 3. Shri Aman Arora, New and Renewable Energy Resources
Minister | 03 minutes |
| 4. Sardar Kulwant Singh Pandori, Aam Aadmi Party | 08 minutes |
| 5. Shri Lal Chand, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs
Minister | 11 minutes |
| 6. Dr. Sukhwinder Kumar Sukhi, Shiromani Akali Dal | 06 minutes |
| 7. Sardar Harbhajan Singh, Public Works (B&R) Minister | 08 minutes |
| 8. Sardar Pargat Singh Powar, Indian National Congress Party | 04 minutes |

9. Dr. Nachhatar Pal, Bahujan Samaj Party

10 minutes

12. Censure Motion

The following Censure Motion was moved in the House by Sardar Manjit Singh Bilaspur, MLA and carried unanimously:

"That on February 6, 2026 while addressing a public gathering at Jandiala Guru (Amritsar) Sardar Partap Singh Bajwa, the Leader of the Opposition in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha targeted Shri Harbhajan Singh E.T.O., Honorable Cabinet Minister (who belongs to Dalit community) using extremely derogatory and caste based remarks. He stated, *the one who used to play the band earlier, we will play his band now.*

Such language is not only a personal insult to a Minister but also a grave affront to his family background and the hardworking Dalit community. It is a direct attack on the dignity of band orchestra performers and daily wage laborers who earn their livelihood with honesty.

Such behavior from a person holding a responsible position like the Leader of the Opposition revealed the feudal and anti-Dalit mindset of the Congress Party, which poses a threat to the social and communal harmony of Punjab. Therefore, I demand that this House-

1. strongly condemn the shameful remarks made by Shri Partap Singh Bajwa against Cabinet Minister Shri Harbhajan Singh E.T.O.;
2. seek an unconditional public apology from Shri Partap Singh Bajwa for this misconduct and for hurting the sentiments of the Dalit community; and
3. appeal to the Honorable Speaker to take notice of this matter and initiate appropriate disciplinary action against Shri Bajwa so that in future, no political leader can insult anyone's profession or caste."

13. Walkout

All the Members of Indian National Congress Party present in the House alongwith the Leader of the Opposition Sardar Partap Singh Bajwa staged a walkout from the House as a mark of protest against the Censure Motion moved against Partap Singh Bajwa by ruling party MLA Sardar Manjit Singh Bilaspur and the refusal to attach a proposed resolution for awarding the Bharat Ratna to Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh with today's official resolution of the house.

The Hon'ble Deputy Speaker occupied the Chair of House from 02.30 PM to 03.16 PM.

The House then adjourned sine-die.

CHANDIGARH

THE 17th MARCH, 2026

RAM LOK KHATANA,

SECRETARY

