

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**SECRETARIAT**  
**BULLETIN PART-I**  
**No. 48**

*Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2026*

*The House assembled at 11:00 a.m. of Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 in the Assembly Hall with the Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh in the Chair.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon'ble Chief Minister, 2 Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, 2 Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers, Hon'ble Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 46 Elected Members.

**QUESTIONS:**

- (a) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Department of Personnel) made a reply to Starred Question No. 322 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram regarding appointments under Die-in-Harness Scheme.
- (b) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Economic and Statistics) made a reply to Starred Question No. 323 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram regarding rate of inflation in the State.

*Answers to Unstarred Question No.99 and 100 were laid on the Table of the House as written replies.*

**PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE:**

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister laid the “*Annual Report 2021-2022 of the Manipur Human Rights Commission along with Memorandum under section 28(2) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993*” on the Table of the House.

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS, 2026-27:**

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demand Nos. 6-Transport, 13-Labour and Employment, 14-Department of Tribal Affairs and Hills Development, 19-Environment and Forest, 20-Community and Rural Development, 30-Planning, 34-Rehabilitation, 42-State Academy of Training, 47-Minorities and Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes Department and 50-Information Technology for consideration and passing.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Labour and Employment stated that local MLAs should be consulted regarding the distribution of sewing machines and labour cards so that the proper beneficiaries receive their rightful dues. He further urged for transparency in the selection of beneficiaries.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister replied that there would be transparency in the selection of beneficiaries for sewing machines and labour cards. He added that the process is being digitized and this is causing a delay in the issuance of new cards.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Department of Tribal Affairs and Hills Development asked about the criteria for distribution of scholarships to students and lamented that deserving students have not been given scholarships. He further inquired as to how the funds for the ADCs are being utilised since they are nonfunctional at present and urged for conducting the elections for the ADCs at the earliest.

Smt. Nemcha Kipgen, Deputy Chief Minister (in-charge of Department of Tribal Affairs and Hills Development) clarified that students are selected according to guidelines of the Ministry and that there are no irregularities in the selection process. She added that funds are released through Direct Benefit Transfer.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister added that the State Cabinet had sought the opinion of the Hill Areas Committee for conducting the ADCs election. He also stated that a detailed report on the utilization of funds by the Department would be provided during this session.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Environment and Forest inquired about the number of people apprehended for planting poppy and urged that land owners of these plantations should be arrested and held responsible. He further lamented that most of the tree saplings provided by the department for mass plantations do not reach maturity as they are left unattended and urged the need for their proper maintenance. He stressed the need for designating proper quarry sites authorised by the Department.

Shri Losii Dikho, Deputy Chief Minister (in-charge of Environment and Forest) in his clarification stated that forest cover in the state is one of the highest in India. He added that the Department is trying its best to curb poppy plantation which is the main cause of deforestation and that many offenders have been arrested for planting poppy. He stated that most of the plantations are on community land and that he would look into it for framing a proper mechanism to arrest the land owners of the plantations.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Community and Rural Development rued the lack of maintenance of PMGSY roads and stated the need for a special package for road maintenance. He further inquired about the work programmes for the years 2025-26 and 2026-27 under Central schemes.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister clarified that funds for maintenance of PMGSY roads for five years is included in the scheme and that after five years the state is responsible for maintenance works. He added that funds for Phase-1 of construction of PMGSY roads had been sanctioned.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Minorities and Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes Department stressed the need to make benefits of the various schemes under the department reach the beneficiaries. He further expressed his desire for encouraging local contractors by engaging them while taking up developmental works through the Engineering Cell of the Department.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister replied that encouraging local contractors is the responsibility of every one of us.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, the MLA moving cut motion on Transport, lamented the government's inability to develop an efficient public transport system and highlighted the traffic congestion caused by illegal parking. He also expressed his desire for implementation of an effective vehicle scrapping policy. He urged the government to establish a proper transport policy for the benefit of the general public.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister, clarified that the Manipur State Transport which had been halted due to the pandemic and ethnic conflicts in the state resumed public transportation connecting 12 districts a few months ago. He also stated that ISBT have started functioning from January 26. The ISTT (Inter State Truck Terminus), at Sekmai, is nearing completion, he informed and expressed his optimism that traffic congestion in the Imphal areas due to heavy trucks and other vehicles entering the bazar areas will be minimized to a certain extent after it is made functional. Regarding scrapping of vehicles, he informed that the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) had approved the project and applications are being invited for the same. He stated that PM-eBus Sewa, a scheme of public transport by e-buses, would soon be introduced in Imphal city.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh MLA, moving cut motion on Environment and Forest, expressed his disappointment in the government's inability to prevent deforestation and protect forest resources, as well as the lack of concrete policies and action plans to address the adverse impacts of climate change. He lamented the loss of large areas of forest cover in an unprecedented scale in recent years in the state and asked if any afforestation policies are being formulated.

Shri Losii Dikho, Deputy Chief Minister (in-charge of Forest, Environment & Climate Change), informed that as clarifying all the details would be very lengthy, he requested a meeting with the Members after the ongoing session to formulate a forest conservation policy.

*Demand Nos. 6, 13, 14, 19, 20, 30, 34, 42, 47 and 50 were unanimously passed by the House.*

**INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNMENT BILL:**

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister moved for leave to introduce “*The Manipur Money-Lenders Bill, 2026 (Bill No.3 of 2026)*”.

*The House granted leave and the Bill was introduced.*

***Hon’ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 01:20 p.m. till 11.00 am of Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.***

**(Rohit Sapam)**

*Secretary,*

Manipur Legislative Assembly

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