

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**SECRETARIAT**  
**BULLETIN PART-I**  
**No. 49**

*Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2026*

*The House assembled at 11:00 a.m. of Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 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 Ministers, 2 Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers, Hon'ble Chairman (Hill Areas Committee) and 46 Hon'ble Elected Members.

**QUESTIONS:**

- (a) Hon'ble Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No. 324 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding Peace Agreement signed between UNLF(P), Government of Manipur and Government of India.
- (b) Hon'ble Minister (in-charge of YAS) made a reply to Starred Question No. 325 asked by Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA regarding budget allocation for major sports events.
- (c) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) made a reply to Starred Question No. 326 asked by Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA regarding funds allocated for Local Bodies under the 15th Finance Commission.
- (d) Hon'ble Chief Minister (in-charge of Works) made a reply to Starred Question No. 327 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding the Sawombung-Sagolmang-Keibi road.
- (e) Hon'ble Minister (in-charge of Home) made a reply to Starred Question No. 328 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding the IDPs

*Answers to Unstarred Question No. 101 and 102 were laid on the Table of the House as written replies.*

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Hon'ble Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly announced that Shri Paolienlal Haokip, MLA had applied for leave of absence for the sittings of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

*The House agreed and leave was granted.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF BUSINESS:**

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Leader of the House announced the Business of the House for the Week.

**PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE:**

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister laid the “16<sup>th</sup> Annual Report 2022-2023 of Manipur Information Commission” on the Table of the House.

**INTIMATION OF GOVERNOR’S ASSENT TO BILLS:**

The Secretary, Manipur Legislative Assembly intimated the House on the Governor’s assent to the following Bills:

- (i) The Manipur Contingency Fund Bill, 2024 (Bill No.9 of 2024).
- (ii) The Dhanamanjuri University (Second Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No.13 of 2024).
- (iii) The Manipur Private School (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No.14 of 2024)
- (iv) The National Law University, Manipur Bill, 2024 (Bill No.16 of 2024).
- (v) The Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No.17 of 2024).

**CALLING ATTENTION:**

(i) Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA called the attention of the Minister (in-charge of Home) on the killing on one contractor at Keirak, Kakching District on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. Citing the March 14 edition of the local daily Wayel Kati on the report, he informed the House that the victim was a 51 year old contractor called Chingakhm Malemnganba from Tezpur Awang leikai who was killed on his way home by two unknown armed persons on 13<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30 pm. He queried as to whether the culprits had been apprehended and the motive of the murder identified. Expressing regret, he stated that such an incidents should be taken with all seriousness and the culprits should be awarded befitting punishment.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister replying to the calling attention motion, stated that it was indeed a very unfortunate incident. He informed the House that investigation is currently going on and so far, one person has been arrested in connection with the case. He further informed that two children were also seated in the vehicle at the time of murder but they could not identify the number plate of the culprit’s vehicle neither their appearance as their faces were covered. Since there is no hard evidence, the investigation is taking time, he added, while assuring that the government is trying its best to solve the case and take precautionary measures to avoid such incidents in future.

ii) Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA called the attention of the Chief Minister (in-charge of Relief & Disaster Management) on the damages caused by hailstorms in the state. Citing news reports of various local dailies, he stated that a large number of houses, crops as well as other agricultural products had been destroyed by the harsh rain and hailstorms in the state within the past couple of days. He enquired as to whether the government had taken any precautionary measures based on the weather forecast provided by the IMD (Indian Meteorological Department). He enquired whether the government had taken up any measures to provide immediate aid to those effected and whether any policies and programmes had been drafted in order to help the farmers and cultivators against such natural disasters in the future.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Relief & Disaster Management) replying to the calling attention motion informed that the concerned DCs had been directed to start providing immediate relief measures from the available fund. He further informed that the department officials had already been instructed to start inspection of damaged houses and also to start the process for procurement of G.I. sheets. He also assured that necessary aid would soon be given to the farmers and cultivators whose crops had been damaged.

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

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved Demand Nos. 9-Information and Publicity, 11-Medical, Health and Family Welfare Services, 15-Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, 26-Administration of Justice, 44-Social Welfare Department, 45-Tourism and 46-Science and Technology for consideration and passing.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Medical, Health and Family Welfare Services, pointed out the failure to effectively implement Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT) and Ayushman Bharat – PMJAY. He questioned the role of Medi Assist Company, which is an Implementation Support Agency of CMHT, stating that it has allegedly not been performing the duty of assisting patients for cashless treatment at empanelled hospitals. He further informed the House that certain empanelled hospitals are charging health card holder patients amounts exceeding the approved price cap for the specific treatment and as a result, health card holders are being compelled to pay out of their own pocket, defeating the purpose of these healthcare schemes. He further stated that though cost of treatment in government hospitals is low, there are cases of empanelled pharmacies preparing inflated bills relating to medicine and other items, in collusion with the hospital, in order to tally with the maximum price cap of that particular treatment as approve under the scheme, resulting in loss from the government exchequer. He therefore urged that a House Committee be constituted in order to investigate these irregularities under the CMHT and PMJAY and take up stern action against those involved as per the law.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Medical, Health and Family Welfare Services) replying to the cut motion stated that it is indeed a very serious matter and assured that a departmental enquiry would be taken up and appropriate action would be taken accordingly. He also informed the House that MD India had now been hired in place of Medi Assist as the Implementation Support Agency.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Medical, Health and Family Welfare Services expressed regret that beneficiaries of the various healthcare schemes especially those in the rural areas were not receiving their due benefits due to the department's failure in implementing the health schemes effectively. He pointed out that due to a lot of pending liabilities by the government to the empanelled hospitals, the hospitals are not eager or happy to take in cases of patients who are health card holders. He also highlighted the lack of doctors, staff, doctors and poor infrastructure of the various District Hospitals, CHCs and PHCs increasing the suffering of the poor denizens in the rural and remote areas. He also queried on the measures taken up by the department to assist the Internally Displaced Persons in accessing treatment for major diseases as well as steps being taken to address their mental healthcare needs. He also expressed the need to encourage more PPP (Public-Private Partnership) collaborations in order to strengthen the healthcare system.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Medical, Health and Family Welfare Services) replying to the cut motion informed the House that Manipur had recorded the lowest Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in India. He also highlighted the various projects being taken up to improve and strengthen the CHCs and PHCs in the state. Regarding healthcare assistance to the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), he informed that apart from organizing health camps, mental health support programmes and free diagnostic camps at various relief camps, a separate healthcare card has been issued for the IDPs on top of the other healthcare cards like the CMHT or the PMJAY. He also informed that the state government has entered into a PPP (Public-Private Partnership) with the Apollo Hospital Enterprise Limited and has started taking up projects in the state.

***Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 12:57 p.m. till 02:00 pm of the day.***

***The afternoon session resumed at 02:00 pm with Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh, Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.***

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motions on Medical, Health and Family Welfare Services lamented that specialist doctors have resigned due to inadequate medical equipment in JNIMS, and therefore stressed the need to procure the necessary equipments to make the hospital well-equipped and also to fill the vacant posts in the hospital. He queried whether JNIMS staff are transferable. Enquiring about the number of AIDS patients in the state, he urged that precautionary measures should be taken up to

prevent the spread of the same in the state. He highlighted the need to make the PHSCs, PHCs and CHCs functional round the clock. He further requested for setting up a district hospital at Sagolmang.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister while giving clarification said that there was no resignation of doctors of JNIMS in the recent past. He stated that the staffs of JNIMS were not transferable. He further informed that there has been huge decrease in the number of AIDS patient in the state and added that the Manipur has the lowest number of recorded new AIDS infection rate at the national level.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA moving cut motions on Medicine, Health and Family Welfare Services lamented that the use of various substandard drugs is health hazardous and added the need for regulation of the same. He stated that there is no competent authority to check the quality of drugs in the state and expressed the need to fill up the vacant posts of Drug Inspectors at the earliest. He further stated the need to establish a special court to try drug related cases.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister clarified that the Department is trying its best to check the use of various substandard drugs in the state. He informed that the Department has been working for filling up the various vacant posts in the department. He further informed that 8 posts out of 16 vacant posts of Drug Inspectors had been filled up.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution pointed out the apprehension of many beneficiaries who could not complete the process of eKYC on time and inquired about the measures to be taken up by the government so that the NFSA card beneficiary card holder cannot be cancelled. He further inquired about the total number of NFSA beneficiaries in the state and the numbers of beneficiary who had completed their eKYC and the measures taken up by the Government for beneficiaries who had not completed their eKYC.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister clarified that the eKYC can still be done and added that the same is being continued. He further stated that allocation of NFSA rice during the current year is much greater than that of the previous year.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motions on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution pointed out the irregularities in the issuance of ration cards to the beneficiaries and asked about the total number of card holders in the state. He further urged on the need for timely release of the honorarium of the Fair Price Shop agents.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister informed the House that the rice allocation for new card holder will be received from April, 2026 and stated that the Ministry had released the honorarium of the Fair Price agents and their liabilities would be cleared at the earliest.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Administration of Justice deplored on the delay in filling up of existing two vacant posts of Judges of the High Court of Manipur and urged to fill up the said post at the earliest.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister informed the House that filling up vacant posts of the High Court of Manipur is in the process but added that the approval from the Supreme Court and the Union Law Ministry is required to nominate the Judge.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA moving cut motions on Social Welfare Department lamented the failure of the Government to ensure adequate support to women, children and other vulnerable groups affected by the ongoing crisis and inquired the measures taken up for the Internally Displaced Persons by the Government.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister clarified that various welfare schemes have been taken up continuously to support children, women, disabled and displaced children. He informed that pregnant women and sexual offence victims were provided financial assistance, IDPs were given skill trainings and the number of old age beneficiaries have also increased. He further stated that the Department has been trying its best for the welfare of the people in the state. He also stated the verification process for the previously received old age pension form is underway and that new forms for the same will be issued after the exercise.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motion pointed out the irregularities in selection of beneficiaries of old age pension scheme and asked the mode of selection of the same. He queried on the delay in release of old age and widow pensions by the Department. He also queried whether the report of attachment of any Anganwadi Helper or Worker to any Primary Schools was true.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister informed that the state's old age pension is released twice a year in September and March as first and second phase respectively. The funds under the state's Old Age Pension Scheme would be released by March and added that the funds for the Central Old Age Scheme are still awaited. He also clarified that there is no report of any Anganwadi helper or Worker for attachment at any Primary Schools.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA moving cut motions on Tourism stated on the importance of tourism industry for generation of huge revenues to the state and added the need for developing tourist spots at different sites like Leishang Hiden, Puruk Soubi Laikol, Lairen Pat Tourist Circuit, etc. by the Government to promote tourism in the state.

Shri Kh. Loken Singh, Minister (in-charge of Tourism) stated that the tourist footfall in the state is slowly increasing with the improvement of law and order situation in the state and that the Department is working to develop various tourist sites and projects in order to promote tourism in the state. He further informed that DPR has been prepared and sent to the Ministry for developing promoting Leishang Hiden and Puruk Soubi as a tourist spot under SASCI.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Tourism expressed his dismay on the inaction to promote eco-tourism, cultural tourism and adventure tourism by the Department and asked the various concrete measures to be taken up for promoting tourism in the state. He also stressed the need to develop Gwarok Mahadev as a major tourist site.

Shri Kh. Loken Singh, Minister (in-charge of Tourism) informed that the Department is working to develop tourist infrastructural development in the state and stated that the Department would try its best to take up the various proposals that are being submitted in consultation with the Hon'ble Chief Minister. He also informed that the proposal relating to developing Gwarok Mahadev would be looked into.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Tourism highlighted the significance of developing religious site like Kongba Maru Laiphahlen and lamented the inability to protect and develop it. He enquired the number of staffs in the department and suggested to establish a District Tourism Office in every district of the state. He also highlighted the need to assign officials of the department at the Imphal Airport to assist tourists.

Shri Kh. Loken Singh, Minister (Tourism), clarified that the Kongba Maru Laiphahlen site was demolished during the recent ethnic conflict and added that a DPR has been sent to the Ministry to upgrade the site into a pilgrimage site under the PRASHAD scheme (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive). He further informed that altogether there are 34 staff in the Tourism Department and added that necessary staff would be recruited in consultation with the Leader of the House. He informed that two personnel of the department are currently engaged at the Imphal airport.

*Demand Nos. 9, 11, 15, 26, 44, 45 and 46 were unanimously passed by the House.*

### **ELECTION OF THE THREE FINANCIAL COMMITTEES:**

Hon'ble Speaker announced that the following three Financial Committees of Manipur Legislative Assembly namely, (i) Committee on Public Accounts (ii) Committee on Estimates (iii) Committee on Public Undertakings for the year 2026-27 have been constituted consisting of seven Members each, as stated below:

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

- (i) Thokchom Lokeshwar Singh
- (ii) Leishangthem Susindro Meitei
- (iii) Dr. Yumnam Radheshyam Singh
- (iv) Md. Achab Uddin
- (v) Dr. Usham Deben Singh
- (vi) Surjakumar Okram
- (vii) Khwairakpam Raghmani Singh

**COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES**

- (i) Kangujam Ranjit Singh
- (ii) Thokchom Lokeshwar Singh
- (iii) Paonam Brojen Singh
- (iv) Mayanglambam Rameshwar Singh
- (v) Irengbam Nalini Devi
- (vi) Sanasam Premchandra Singh
- (vii) Sheikh Noorul Hassan

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS**

- (i) Kangujam Ranjit Singh
- (ii) Thounaojam Shyamkumar
- (iii) Mohd. Abdul Nasir
- (iv) Thokchom Radheshyam Singh
- (v) Heikham Dingo Singh
- (vi) Leishiyo Keishing
- (vii) Tongbram Robindro Singh

**CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF GOVERNMENT BILL:**

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister moved that “*The Manipur Money-Lenders Bill, 2026 (Bill No.3 of 2026)*” be taken into consideration.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA participating in the discussion stated that the word “*alter*” be replaced by the word “*after*” in Section 18(3). He further suggested for adding the words “*or certified Chartered Accountants*” after the words “*auditor of Co-operation Department*” in section 26(1).

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) moved for passing the Bill.

*After clause by clause consideration, the Bill as amended was unanimously passed by the House.*

*Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 04:27 p.m. till 11.00 am of Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.*

**(Rohit Sapam)**

*Secretary,*

Manipur Legislative Assembly

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