

**MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**SECRETARIAT**  
**BULLETIN PART-I**  
**No. 50**

*Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2026*

*The House assembled at 11:00 a.m. of Tuesday, the 17<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 Chief Minister (in-charge of Water Resources) made a reply to Starred Question No.329 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding dredging of Iroi Yotpi Marin.
- (b) Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (in-charge of Forest, Environment and Climate Change) made a reply to Starred Question No. 330 asked by Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA regarding soil excavation at Patlou and Isikha

**PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE:**

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister laid the “*Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement, Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement & Macro Economic Framework Statement and Disclosures*” 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. 12-Municipal Administration, Housing and Urban Development, 22-Public Health Engineering, 24-Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Department, 28-State Excise, 29-Sales Tax, Other Taxes/Duties on Commodities and Services, 31-Fire Protection and Control and 33-Home Guards for consideration and passing.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA moving cut motion on MAHUD highlighted the inconvenience faced by the people due to haphazard waste management and drainage system in the Municipal areas. He enquired about any concrete policy or steps taken up by the government to develop the Municipal areas. He further asked whether the government has shortage of fund in taking up the improvement works in the Municipal areas. Lamenting on the incompleteness of many houses constructed under the Housing Scheme, he queried whether this was the outcome of lack of proper monitoring by the department and further asked whether any concrete policy or strategy has been taken up

by the government in this regard. He highlighted the failure of the Municipal Councils in improving roads, street lightening, drainage system and other development works in the municipal areas. Enquiring the reason for the delay in conducting election of Urban Local Bodies, whose terms have already expired, he urged for conducting the election at the earliest.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister clarified that most of the developmental work of drainages in the Municipal areas are underway and added the same would be completed soon. He stated that development of Mall Roads and River Fronts are taken up under the Smart City and added that tender for improvement of Naga-Nala is under process. Regarding waste management, he stated that a proposal for an amount of Rs.33 Crores had been submitted to the DONER for the completion of Waste to Energy Plant. Regarding the Housing Scheme, he clarified that the advance payment was released to the beneficiaries for the Rural areas while for the Urban areas, the amount for first phase was released only after the beneficiaries themselves construct the foundation of the houses, as per guidelines of the scheme. He further informed that the scheme has been extended till the month of September 2026 and added that a total number of 20,795 Houses has been completed under the scheme and another 27,000 houses are yet to be completed. He informed that tender had been floated for 12,000 nos. of Solar Street Light under the SASCI. He further informed that preparation of GIS based master plan has been completed for the development of Imphal Municipal Corporation while that of the remaining 26 Municipal Councils would be completed during the current year. Regarding holding of election of Local Bodies and ADCs, he informed that he would look into the matter for conducting the same soon.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving a cut motion on MAHUD, urged the government to conduct urban local bodies election within a few months. He further expressed the need for maintaining proper sanitation in Imphal and urban areas and urged for assigning a proper site in Imphal City for dumping waste materials. He suggested the need to lower the height of the footpaths as they are currently at a much greater height than the road. He expressed the need to plant ornamental trees on the both side of the road from the Airport to Keishampat.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister clarified that no dumping site is assigned in the Imphal City and added that collection of garbages through NGOs is functioning properly in the City. He further appealed to the people through the House that it is responsibility of all the citizen to keep Imphal City clean. He further clarified that he would look into the work of planting ornamental trees all over the Imphal City.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA moving a cut motion on Public Health and Engineering Department lamented on the unfinished works of various water supply schemes taken up under the Jal Jeevan Mission and further inquired about the reasons for delay. He inquired about the inability to provide pipeline connection at Waithou despite the existence of water supply schemes there. He also inquired about the delay in the

completion of the various water supply schemes particularly at Charangpat Mamang Leikai in Wangkhem Assembly Constituency.

***Hon'ble Speaker, Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 12:09 pm for 5 minutes.***

***The House reassembled at 12:18 pm with the Hon'ble Speaker, Th. Satyabrata Singh in the chair***

Shri Losii Dikho, Deputy Chief Minister (in-charge of PHED) informed that the Department is concerned about the lack of pipeline connection at Waithou and added that a DPR has been prepared for an 18 MLD water treatment plant at Waithou. He further informed that construction of the overhead tank at Charangpat Mamang Leikai is 90% complete and that the contractor had also assured of its completion within six months.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA mover of cut motion lamenting the failure of firms from outside the state working on schemes under NDB to complete works on time urged for engaging local contractors and also to consult MLAs concerned for proper implementation. He rued that there was no monitoring after completion of works under JJM and further requested for the constituency wise details of the total number of consumers under JJM who are currently supplied water.

Shri Losii Dikho, Deputy Chief Minister (in-charge of PHED) stated that there were some issues in the implementation of packages nos. 7 and 9 of NDB scheme which the Department shall address seriously. He added that for the improper implementation of the water supply scheme in Kamjong, Ukhrul and Imphal East Districts, the contractor had been terminated but a court case filed by the Contractor against the department has further delayed the implementation of the scheme. He informed that although there are some issues in the implementation of JJM, its implementation is going quite well.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Department expressed his dissatisfaction on the failure of the Department to initiate investigations into cases of corruption in various Departments and inquired about the number of corruption cases taken up in the last three years. He urged the need to check corruption through strict monitoring and ensure accountability.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister clarified that although there was lack of manpower earlier, the Department is now functioning smoothly. He informed that 222 corruption cases have been registered, 25 FIRs have been filed and that 149 cases had been disposed of and that 11 cases had been charge-sheeted. He appealed to all the Members for unity in the fight against corruption.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA moving cut motion on Fire Protection and Control pointed out the need to set up fire sub-stations in every constituency to ensure that any fire outbreak are controlled in time.

Shri Konthoujam Govindas Singh, Minister (in-charge of Fire Protection and Control) informed that there are 29 fire stations at present of which 5 have been newly opened and that fire prevention awareness has been provided in many areas. He added that proposals had been sent to the Ministry for modernisation of the department and that he would see if a fire sub-station could be set up in Khundrakpam AC.

*Demand Nos. 12, 22, 24, 28, 29, 31 and 33 were unanimously passed by the House.*

***Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh adjourned the House at 01:30 p.m. till 02:30 pm of the day.***

***The afternoon session resumed at 02:30 pm with Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh, Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.***

### **INTRODUCTION OF MANIPUR APPROPRIATION BILL:**

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister moved for leave to introduce “*The Manipur Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2026*”.

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

### **CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF GOVERNMENT BILL:**

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister moved that “*The Manipur Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2026*” be taken into consideration”.

Shri O. Ibobi Singh, MLA participating in the discussion stressed that restoration of peace and tranquility in the state should be the utmost priority of the government. Proudly appreciating the Director of the film “Boong” which have won the prestigious BAFTA award recently, he said that such prominent persons who has brought laurels in promoting art and culture of our state should be given due recognition by presenting befitting awards by the state government. He also stressed on the need to implement the Manipur Culture Policy and the Manipur State Cine Policy effectively while urging for speedy completion of the Manipur State Kala Akademi and appointment of its regular Secretary at the earliest. Expressing disappointment in the lack of civic sense on the part of the general public for littering and dumping thrash and making Imphal city dirty, he opined that stringent actions should be taken against those breaking the civic rules. He further mentioned the need to make the Lamdeng Solid Waste Management plant functional at an early date. He also urged for speedy completion of the expansion of Bir Tikendrajit International Airport and the Jiribam-Imphal railway line. Stating the need for transparency during recruitment process, he mentioned the need to recruit teachers and doctors on merit basis as education and health are considered the backbone of society.

Shri K. Meghachandra Singh, MLA participating in the discussion, highlighted the huge loss due to damage caused by the hailstorm the previous night and urged that instant relief provisions be provided to those affected. A clear picture on the census

exercise needs to be provided to the public so as not to keep them in dilemma, he mentioned. He also expressed desire that the state Staff Selection Commission (SSC) which had been constituted earlier be made functional for recruiting various vacant posts of different departments. Reiterating the negligence on the part of the Water Resources Department in preventing floods, he suggested for speedy identification and strengthening of vulnerable areas before the onset of rainy season.

Shri K. Ranjit Singh, MLA participating in the discussion reiterated that a House Committee should be constituted to investigate the various loopholes and allegation of financial irregularities in the implementation of CMHT and PMJAY schemes. He also suggested that every empanelled hospital administrator/management should be instructed not to charge patients beyond the limit of treatment packages under the said schemes and that the guidelines of the schemes be notified in their notice board. Regarding the Rs.350 crores earmarked in the budget for empowering economically backward women, he opined that utmost priority should be given to displaced women as they are the ones facing the most economical hardships. Expressing dismay on the present pity state of affairs of the law and order scenario, he questioned the measures taken by the government to improve the situation. He further queried who the present Chairman of the state's Unified Command is.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister also clarified that a departmental committee would be constituted to investigate into the alleged irregularities during implementation of CMHT and PMJAY schemes. He further mentioned that a meeting of empanelled hospital managements/administrators with the Chief Secretary would be convened within the week for instructing them to strictly adhere to the guidelines laid down under the schemes.

Shri Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA participating in the discussion, expressed the need to provide free movement for all communities along the National Highways and at the Imphal Airport with the cooperation of all MLAs and civil society organization of every communities. He stressed that the census exercise should be taken up after completion of deportation of illegal immigrants and complete resettlement of IDPs and also opined the need to take a resolution by the House urging for deferment of the census exercise till these conditions are met. He further mentioned that the 36<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup> National Games gold medal winners, who were assured of job opportunities, should be provided government jobs at the earliest. Sports infrastructure in every constituency should be developed, he later opined. Highlighting the shortage of teachers in government schools, he suggested recruiting teachers not on contract basis but on a merit based regular basis. Aided Schools and Colleges with enough infrastructure and students should be given priority while converting into a full-fledged government school or college, he opined while urging the need for a proper enquiry into the mismanagement of N.B. College.

Shri Surjakumar Okram, MLA joining the discussion expressed regret over Manipur's horizontal tax devolution declining from 0.72% under the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission to 0.63% under the 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission and questioned whether the concerned department officials were aware of the adverse impact this reduction would have on a small state like Manipur and whether they had given any response to this change. He further suggested that submitting Utilisation Certificates on a district-wise basis and penalising districts that do not complete the projects on time would encourage healthy competition as well as ensure timely submission of UCs. Polo players in the state need to be encouraged not just financially but by providing employment opportunities to the meritorious players, he added. He also requested the government to create employment opportunities for the scholars who have completed and those who are studying Thang-ta and other traditional art forms in college/university. He further urged the government to increase the honorarium of the ASHA workers, Anganwadi staff, and the cooks cum helpers of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme etc. Expressing concern over the increasing racial attacks against people from the Northeast including those from Manipur, in various metropolitan cities, he expressed the need for the state government to co-ordinate with the counterpart of other state, take a firm stance against such racial attacks and provide assurance to the people that their safety is the government's concern. Regarding the construction of roads, he raised queries on the current status on the 2nd phase of SASCI scheme and 3rd phase of PMGSY and further questioned the plans the government has for the constituencies which have not yet been covered under the Rigid Pavement Project.

Shri Y. Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister giving clarification informed that under the Chief Minister-gi Artist Singgi Tengbang, one-time cash incentive awards were given to recognised artists in two categories i.e., Rs 50,000/- for artists below 40 years of age and Rs. 1,00,000/- for artists older than 40 years. The state government had also awarded renowned artists (late) Shri Ratan Thiyam and Binita Laishram with cash award of Rs.10 Lakh each, he informed and added that the government is also planning to felicitate Smt. Lakshmi Priya Devi, the Director of the movie "Boong" that recently won the Best Children's & Family Film at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), Awards 2026 upon her arrival at Imphal. Regarding the rampant and illegal waste disposal in the state, he expressed with regret that civic sense is slightly lacking and the government definitely needs to come up with a way to deal with it and that the matter will be looked into. The case of mismanagement of N.B. College would be looked into, he added. Regarding the decrease in Manipur's horizontal tax devolution in the 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, he stated that there might have been certain reasons for the decrease and the department officials may analyse the matter and be more aware of it in future. He informed the House that the government has been actively working to promote Polo by organising various international tournaments and added that proposals had also been submitted for further promotion. He also informed that certain meritorious polo players

have been given employment opportunities. He further stated that honorarium for the cooks cum helpers of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme deserved to be increased and would definitely be done so; but for the ASHA and Anganwadi workers, a decision has to be taken after due consideration of the state's financial condition. He also informed that after the month of March, maximum attention and effort will be put into construction of roads after due consultation with officials of the Finance Department.

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

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

***Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh gave a valedictory speech and adjourned the House sine-die at 05:26 p.m.***

**(Rohit Sapam)**

*Secretary,*

Manipur Legislative Assembly

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