

# MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## RE-ASSEMBLED BUDGET SESSION

### STARRED

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

*Tuesday, the 1st June, 2010.*

#### **Prohibition of smoking and tobacco**

**Shri J. M. MARAK**

**Shri ROWELL LYNGDOH**  
(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge,  
Health & Family Welfare)

\*11. Will the Minister in-charge,  
Health & Family Welfare be pleased  
to state :-

(a) Whether the Government has ever  
passed an Act prohibiting smoking  
and tobacco in Meghalaya?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If so, when?

(b) 1998, Sir.

#### **Condition of Staff quarter**

**Shri SATTO R. MARAK**

**Shri H. D. R. LYNGDOH**  
[Minister in-charge, Home (Police)]

\*12. Will the Minister in-charge, Home  
(Police) be pleased to state whether the  
Government is aware of the fact that  
the staff quarter of police personnels  
at Baghmara Police Station is in a  
dilapidated condition?

Yes, Sir.

**Utilization of Total Sanitation Campaign**

**Shri J. M. MARAK**

**Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG**  
**(Minister in-charge, Public Health**  
**Engineering)**

\*13. Will the Minister in-charge, Public Health Engineering be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Government could utilized Rs.814.49 lakhs only out of sanctioned amount of Rs.1378.78 lakhs during the year 2009-10 for Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) in Meghalaya?

(a) No, Sir.

Rs.400.27 lakhs has been spent during the year 2009-2010.

(b) If so, the reason thereof?

(b) Rs.978.51 lakhs was actually received in April 2010, which could not be spent during 2009-10.

(c) State the implemented Schemes Block-wise?

(c) Statement of the implemented components of TSC Project Block-wise is placed on the Table of the House.

**Block Development Office building**

**Shri SATTO R. MARAK**

**Shri F. W. MOMIN**  
**(Minister in-charge, Community &**  
**Rural Development)**

\*14. Will the Minister in-charge, Community and Rural Development be pleased to state whether the Government is aware of the fact that the Block Development Office building of Rongara Development Block is in a dilapidated condition?

Yes, Sir.

**Detection of HIV Cases**

**Shri J. M. MARAK**

**Shri ROWELL LYNGDOH**  
**(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge,**  
**Health & Family Welfare)**

\*15. Will the Minister in-charge, Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) The number of HIV cases detected so far in the State District-wise?

(a) East Khasi Hills	-	279
West Khasi Hills	-	nil
Jaintia Hills	-	25
Ri-Bhoi	-	nil
East Garo Hills	-	3
West Garo Hills	-	23
South Garo Hills	-	nil
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Total	-	330 nos.

(b) The measures being given for treatment of the affected person?

(b) Sir, if they are found to be HIV positive, they are provided psychosocial support and linked to treatment and care through Anti retroviral treatment.

(c) Whether their identity is kept secret or open?

(c) Sir, their identity is kept secret as per National AIDS Control Organisation guidelines.

**Encroachment at Baghmara**

**Shri SATTO R. MARAK**

**Smti. AMPAREEN LYNGDOH**  
**(Minister in-charge, Education)**

\*16. Will the Minister in-charge, Education be pleased to state whether the Government is aware of the fact that encroachment is taking place at Baghmara Government Higher Secondary School campus?

Yes, Sir.

**Eradication of Malaria**

**Shri J. M. MARAK**

**Shri ROWELL LYNGDOH**  
**(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge,**  
**Health & Family Welfare)**

\*17. Will the Minister in-charge, Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Government is planning to supply *Gambusia affinis*, the mosquito Fish for eradication of Malaria in Garo Hills?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If so, whether the Government will distribute free of cost or sell it to the public?

(b) Distribution will be free of cost.

**Cross-border pipeline smugglers**

**Shri SATTO R. MARAK**

**Shri PRESTONE TYNSONG**  
**(Minister in-charge, Public Health**  
**Engineering)**

\*18. Will the Minister in-charge, Public Health Engineering be pleased to state whether the Government is aware of the fact that the pipelines of both Nilwagre and Nilwa-A. dinggre village under Baghmara (PHE) Sub-Division have been stolen by the cross-border pipeline smugglers?

Yes, Sir.

It is a fact that the pipelines had been stolen.

**Detection of TB cases**

**Shri J. M. MARAK**

**Shri ROWELL LYNGDOH**  
**(Deputy Chief Minister in-charge,**  
**Health & Family Welfare)**

\*19. Will the Minister in-charge,  
Health & Family Welfare be pleased  
to state :-

(a) The number of TB positive cases  
detected so far?

(a) 8924 Nos., Sir.

(b) How many cases are found to be  
very dangerous?

(b) Sir, all Sputum Smear Positive  
patients are infectious. However, once put  
on treatment, the disease can be controlled.