| J&K ASSEMBLY BUDGET SESSION |

No deadline for panel examining quota system: Itoo

CM Omar Abdullah said the panel has been given 6 months to file the report

Ravi Krishnan Khajuria

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Saturday informed that no specific timeline has been set for the three-member cabinet sub-committee (CSC) constituted to examine reservation rules for government jobs in the union territory.

Responding to a question by People's Conference (PC) MLA Sajad Gani Lone (on adjourning Acting question hour at legislative assembly here, the minister-in-charge social welfare Sakina Itoo said that no specific timeline has been fixed for submitting of the report by CSC.

Lone had asked whether a six-month timeline had been granted to the CSC for submitting the report. "The CSC stands constituted vide government order number 206-JK(GAD) of 2024 dated December 30, 2024, to examine the government prescribed in a section of aspirants for various posts regarding reservation rules. However, no specific timeline has been fixed for submitting the report," she said.

The minister also informed the house that 5,30,000 certificates under Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribe categories have been issued in Jammu region since April 1, 2023, while the number of such certificates issued in Kashmir region during this period was 79,863.

She also informed that 2,298 villages in Jammu were benefited under Actual Line of Control (LoC), International Border (IB) and Reserved Backward Area (RBA) while the number is 1,049 in Kashmir. "Similarly, 20,982 certificates under the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) have been issued in J&K since April-1, 2023. Of which, 17,439 have been issued in Jammu region and 2,273 in Kashmir," she said.

It may be recalled here that in December last year, Jammu and Kashmir Students' Association had strongly criticised the government for its "contentious" reservation policy. Consequently, chief minister Omar Abdullah had assured a cabinet sub-committee ensuring that it would submit its review report within six months. The three-member panel to review the policy comprised education minister Sakina Itoo, forest minister Javed Ahmad Ganie, and science and technology minister Satish Sharma.

Members of Parliament from the ruling National Conference Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, People Democratic Party (PDP) leaders Tariq Hamid Karra and PDP MLA Waheed ur Rehman Para besides Awami Ittehad Party's (AIP) Sheikh Khurshid had demanded rationalisation of the reservation policy.

The reservation policy structure was introduced by Jammu and Kashmir governor Manoj Sinha's administration after the abrogation of Article 370.

J&K CM Omar Abdullah

It drew sharp criticism by the aspirants from general category who cited limited opportunities for them with respect to government jobs and admissions in educational institutions. "The reply furnished to the minister for social welfare is inappropriate as it lacks details about individual data of certificates issued under ST-I and ST-2 (or Pahadi Speaking People (PSP). As far as deadlines are concerned, it's merely an excuse by the minister to ignore demand of rationalisation of reservation in education and jobs. Since policy is under scrutiny, the government should have either halted recruitments or accelerated process of review so that each section could get its due share. Unfortunately the government failed to address the issue in right earnest," said a job aspirant Vishal Sharma.

Whole reservation concept is rigged: Lone

Meanwhile, PC chief Sajad Lone took on X and expressed his shock over statistics shared by the government. "This is a disaster. Regionally-focused or reservations much higher than anticipated. I had posed some questions pertaining to reservations. And these questions were mostly focused on regional disparities across all categories. I will summarise it here and will also be addressing a press conference," he posted on X and shared a graph.

"Kashmir as region is far behind. The net loss of quotas to Kashmiri speaking population is of a much higher scale than we had thought. The whole reservation concept is rigged against the Kashmiri speaking population and against ST or PSP living in Kashmir. Even the ST population living in Kashmir is a net loser. They make up a meagre 0% of the total applicants from the ST pool. RBA is almost same but when you adjust for population, against 6 is low. Kashmiri population is approximately 7% more. And areas under RBA are almost same proportionately. Yet in similar terms they are behind Jammu. And lastly the committee set up by government on 01.02.2024 to examine grievances has no specific timeline for submitting reports. We were told it is six months timeline," PC chief added.

Hope the government gives some clarity: MP Ruhullah

MP Aga Ruhullah wrote on X, "I hope this line saying 'no specific timeline has been fixed for submitting the report' in the reply is some clerical error or some miscommunication between the department and the Chief Minister's office. JKSSB, JKSSB should clarify this. If it is not, if there is a blatant lie and betrayal with the students who voted the trust with their elected government and showed faith and trust in the world and responses given to them. I don't speak on this matter for the students yet the answers from the chief minister last time because I was expecting the government to do its job in the given time as they had assured. But this response has shocked me. It will not sit well with the students. I hope the government gives some clarity on this matter and assures us that this reply is a result of some mistake not a deliberate blatant lie."

Chief minister Omar Abdullah responding to issue on social networking site X said, "The Cabinet sub committee constituted to examine the complicated issue of reservations in recruitment has been given six months therefore we complete their report. This timeline was set by me after I met with a concerned group of job aspirants. This timeline, however, was not in the initial order setting up the sub-committee. That oversight will be corrected but rest assured the committee is working to complete its task in the set time frame."

With inputs from ETV Bharat

BJP MLAs during the budget session in Jammu on Saturday.

| FLYOVER CONSTRUCTION |

BJP MLAs demand rehabilitation of 39 affected Satwari shopkeepers

Ravi Krishnan Khajuria

JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday raised the issue of 39 shopkeepers of Satwari area in legislative assembly here and sought their proper rehabilitation before dismantling their shops for the construction of a flyover from Kaithpur to Satwari area.

BJP legislators Vijeta Raidhawa and Narinder Singh Raina raised the issue during the session.

Both legislators informed the speaker Abdul Rahim Rather that the administration has dropped notice on 39 shopkeepers to vacate the premises. "Despite a clear assurance by the government to rehabilitate them, notices to dismantle their shops have been served to these shopkeepers," said Raina, adding that the government had promised these shopkeepers to rehabilitate them at Chandu-Ishlaga.

"Though they are yet to be rehabilitated, the administration has served notices asking them to vacate their shops," he added.

The speaker said he cannot hurry the government to respond on the issues raised up during the zero hour.

Raidhawa informed the speaker that the shopkeepers were earning their livelihoods for the past over 30 years and the shops were given to them by the government itself. "These shopkeepers are not opposed to the flyover but they want shops in lieu of shops at an identified land provided to them. The authorities cannot displace them without their prior rehabilitation," he added.

Raidhawa later told reporters outside the assembly that the shopkeepers were on the roads and the BJP will not let them down. Raina said, "BJP is with the shopkeepers. The government has promised them that they would be rehabilitated and we want that they be rehabilitated first before dismantling their shops."

He also informed that he had met chief minister Omar Abdullah and apprised him about the entire issue and government's promise that they will be rehabilitated at Chandu-Ishlaga.

"Chief minister assured that promise will be fulfilled. But, they were served notices. The government should walk its talk. I have also talked to the leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma and we are 38 MLAs in the house. Unless government commitment is fulfilled, we will not allow any one to touch their shops," he said.

AAP MLA ACCUSES BJP OF CONSTRUCTING PARTY OFFICE ON GOVT LAND

HT Correspondent

JAMMU | Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Mehraj Malik on Saturday accused the ruling party of allegedly constructing its office in Kathua, on encroached state land. A verbal duel erupted in the legislative assembly here during grants on demands related to public works, mining, and industries.

Lakhi Shah Lal Sharma, the BJP MLA, asked Malik to either substantiate his claims with evidence or tender an unconditional apology.

Hitwinder BJP MLA Raghu Janwal alleged that the party's office in Kathua had been in existence for over a decade.

With BJP MLAs exchanging barbs with Malik, Mubarak Gul, who was in the chair, urged the members to desist from leveling unfounded accusations.

Unemployment rate in J&K dipped to 6.1% in 4 years till last fiscal: Minister

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Saturday said that unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir has declined from 6.7% in 2019-20 to 6.1% in 2023-24 and claimed that the government has initiated a slew of measures to tide over the problem, including creation of 3.50 lakh livelihood opportunities through various schemes.

Responding to a question by NC MLA Mubarak Gul, minister in charge Javed Ahmad Dar said, "Improvement is also reflected on the labour force participation rate (LFPR) and workers population ratio (WPR), which rose to 46.7% and 40.4%, respectively, in 2023-24."

Dar informed the house that the unemployment rate did not increase drastically in Jammu and Kashmir since 2019.

"The steady decline in the unemployment rate, together with the increases in LFPR and WPR, reflects the success of targeted policies and initiatives aimed at boosting the labour market to sustain economic growth, further reduce unemployment, and elevate the overall quality of life for J&K citizens," Dar said.

However, year wise look at unemployment rate showed that it was 6.3% in 2018-19, 6.7% in 2019-20, 5.2% in 2020-21, 5.9% in 2021-22 and 6.7% in 2022-23. Dar further said, "15,326 selections have been made by the J&K Public Service Commission and J&K Service Selection Board in the past two years — 4,430 (1,142 by JKPSC and 3,288 by JKSSB) in 2023, and 10,896 (3,014 by JKPSC and 7,882 by JKSSB) in 2024.

In the private sector, 47,000 unemployed youth were provided jobs in the industrial sector in 2022-23 (33,773) and 2023-24 (20,360), the minister informed the house.

In addition, 3.50 lakh self-employment opportunities were generated through schemes such as 'Mumkin', 'Tajawuz', Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in the last four years, the minister said. ...

J&K SPEAKER CHAIRS BAC MEET

JAMMU: Speaker of the Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly Abdul Rahim Rather on Saturday chaired a meeting of Business Advisory Committee (BAC) here.

Thereafter discussion was held on provisional calendar issued for the ongoing Budget Session 2025.

The legislators, including Sunil Kumar Sharma, Ali Mohammad Sagar, Mubarak Gul, Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami, Gulam Ahmad Mir, Mir Mohammad Fayaz and Choudhary Mohammad Akram attended the meeting and gave their suggestions. ...

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 3)
Case No. OA/180/2025
Summons under Sub-Section (4) of Section 19 of the Act read with Sub-Rule (2A) of Rule 5 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.
Exh. No.: 2420
CANARA BANK
VS
RANJIT SINGH SIDHU AND OTHERS
To,
(1) Ranjit Singh Sidhu S/o Kartar Singh, R/o Village Sarbajpur, Tehsil Malerkotla, District Sangrur
(2) Rahul JS Sidhu S/o Ranjit Singh Sidhu, R/o Village Sarbajpur, Tehsil Malerkotla, District Sangrur
(3) Balwinder Kaur Sidhu W/o Ranjit Singh Sidhu, R/o Village Sarbajpur, Tehsil Malerkotla, District Sangrur
(4) Neha Sidhu D/o Rahul JS Singh, R/o Village Sarbajpur, Tehsil Malerkotla, District Sangrur
SUMMONS
WHEREAS, OA/180/2025 was taken before the Presiding Officer I Registrar on 01.01.2025.
WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice to the said application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of sum of Rs. 1,48,15,388.00 (application along with copies of documents are enclosed).
In accordance with Sub-Section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:
(1) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(2) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(3) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(4) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of the business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(5) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding a security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 19.08.2025 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on the date 10.03.2025.
Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons
Debts Recovery Tribunal Chandigarh (DRT 3)