

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *147**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND AUGUST, 2023/ SRAVANA 11, 1945 (SAKA)

DEVELOPMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

147 SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of measures taken for the development of the newly formed Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir;**
- (b) the year-wise details thereof;**
- (c) the progress made in this respect;**
- (d) the effects realised in this regard; and**
- (e) the proposed measures to be taken in this respect?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the house.**

POSITION NO. 12

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 147 FOR ANSWER ON 2ND AUGUST 2023 RAISED BY SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA REGARDING “DEVELOPMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR”

The Government is fully committed to the overall development of the newly created Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and has taken several initiatives in this regard. On account of article 370 and other constitutional ambiguities, the people of this region were denied full rights enshrined in the Constitution of India and other benefits of various Central Laws that were being enjoyed by other citizens in the country.

After constitutional changes, all Central laws have been applied in UT of J&K, 205 state laws were repealed and 130 state laws have been modified and applied. First time in the history of the Jammu and Kashmir, duly elected 3-tier Panchayati Raj System has been established in the Union territory. Both the Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies have been empowered by transfer of Funds, Functions and Functionaries as prescribed under the 73rd and 74th Amendment of the Constitution. The UT of Jammu and Kashmir has focused on transparency in financial management by way of introduction of host of reforms and initiatives in the recent years which resulted in increase in the completion of projects

in a fiscal year manifold with 92,560 works completed in 2022-23 in comparison to 9,229 in 2018-19.

Government of India's unstinted support in accelerating the pace of development in Jammu & Kashmir has resulted in transformation of the UT on all fronts.

1. Year wise number of projects completed:

Financial year	No. of Projects completed
2018-19	9,229
2019-20	12,637
2020-21	21,943
2021-22	50,726
2022-23	92,560

2. Road and Highways

- a. Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), 6,912 Km road length stands constructed during the last three years.
- b. 19,096 Kms road have been black-topped during the last four years. Daily average rate of macadamization has increased from 8.57 Kms per day till 2019 to 15.75 Kms per day during 2023.
- c. 302 bridges have been constructed during the last four years connecting the unconnected habitations.
- d. 875 projects worth Rs. 3,639 Crore have been sanctioned under NABARD.

e. The connectivity to valley has been subsequently improved by opening of 06 road tunnels on NH-44 including 8.45 Kms twin tube tunnel between Qazigund and Banihal thereby reducing average time from Jammu to Srinagar from 8-10 hours to 5-6 hours, thereby reducing logistic cost of goods and services to the valley.

f. Under National Highway Development Programme, work on up-gradation of 5 expressways, ring roads for Jammu and Srinagar cities, 10 major and 11 other tunnels, 33 flyovers, bypasses to 18 major towns is in progress.

g. Reduced travel time on major roads:

S. No.	Travel Time on Highways	April 2017- March 2020	April 2020- March 2023
1	Srinagar to Jammu (NH-44)	7-12 hrs)LMVs)	5.5 (LMVs)
		24-72 hrs (HMs)	11 hrs (HMs)
2	Jammu to Doda (NH-44/244)	5.5 hrs	3.5 hrs
3	Jammu to Kishtwar (NH-44/244)	7.5 hrs	5.0 hrs
4	Srinagar to Gulmarg (NH-44/NH-1/NTR/NH-701A)	3.0 hrs	1.5 hrs

3. Power

a. Out of 20,000 MW hydropower potential, J&K had been able to tap only 3,500 MW in 70 years. In last few years alone, projects for about 3,000 MW capacity revived, put on track.

b. An MoU was executed between NHPC and JKPDC on 3rd January 2021 in respect of following:-

- i. Execution of Kirthai-II 930 MW Hydro Electric Project (HEP) through the Joint Venture Company CVPPPL.**
- ii. Execution of Stage II of Uri-I 240 MW HEP, Dulhasti Stage-II 258 MW HEP and 1,856 MW Sawalakot HEP by NHPC on BOOT basis.**

c. Details of important HEPs:

Sl. No.	Name of the HEP Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)	Physical progress
1.	Kiru - 624 MW	4,287.59	19.05%
2.	Kwar - 540 MW	4,526.12	5.89%
3.	Ratle - 850 MW	5,281.94	8.64%
4.	Pakaldul - 1000 MW	8,112.12	35.58%

d. Successful completion of 100% electrification under the SAUBHAGYA scheme, ensuring "last mile connectivity" and universal household electrification.

e. Launch of the Smart BS application empowers consumers by providing them with easy access to their consumption and billing records.

4. Industry

- a. The Government of India has notified a New Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on 19.02.2021 with an outlay of Rs. 28,400 crore to boost industrial development.**
- b. Various policy initiatives have been taken by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir and the following policies are notified for making the UT an investor friendly destination:-**
 - i. J&K Industrial Policy 2021-30**
 - ii. J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy 2021-30**
 - iii. J&K Private Industrial Estate Development Policy 2021-30**
 - iv. J&K Wool Processing, Handicrafts and Handloom Policy 2020**
- c. These initiatives have led to receipt of investment proposals worth Rs. 80,000 crore with employment generation potential of more than 3.5 lakh.**
- d. During 2022-23, an investment of Rs.2,153 Crore has been materialized providing employment to more than 11,000 persons. This has boosted the local economy and employment opportunities by increasing investment.**

Year-wise details of the investments:

Year	Amount of investment (Rs In Crores)
2019-20	296.64
2020-21	412.74
2021-22	376.76
2022-23	2153.00

- e. The G.I registration of products has been started to authenticate Handicrafts & Handloom Products. 08 crafts viz. carpet, Pashmina, Sozni Embroidery, Khatamband, Walnut Woodcarving, Paper Mache, Kani Shawl, Basohli painting have been G.I Tagged. 9,235 carpets and 20,126 Pashmina Shawls respectively have been GI Tagged.**
- f. Common Facilitation Centers (CFCs) are being set up at Samba and Kathua at an estimated cost of Rs. 8.76 crore for promotion and development of bamboo craft.**
- g. The year wise details of the achievements in respect of policies of the Industries and Commerce Department is given as under:**

Name of Policy/Scheme	Year wise details			
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Enhancement of Export (in crores)	935.25	635.52	563.13	1116.37
Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)				
Number of units established	3689	6,217	17,224	10,285
Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP)				
Number of units established	488	865	893	808

5. Tourism

- a. The Government has notified Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Policy, 2020 to promote investments in the tourism sector. The policy aims to make J&K most preferred all-season tourist destination for domestic and foreign tourists; to attract investment and to generate local employment.**
- b. Film Policy 2021: Jammu and Kashmir has always been a preferred film destination. More than 400 permissions stand issued to Production Houses for shooting of movies, web series, documentaries and music videos after the issuance of Film Policy in 2021 which provides ease of filming through a single window clearance system.**

- c. The grant of industry status to tourism sector has resulted in private investment. Night landing facility at Jammu and Srinagar airports has increased the travel comfort of the tourists by providing extended travel time window to them.**
- d. The policy initiatives together with increased spends on infrastructure have resulted in unprecedented increase in the number of tourists (over 1.88 crore in the calendar year 2022, as against 1.13 crore in the year 2021). In the calendar year 2022, 26.73 lakh tourists have visited the Kashmir Valley, which is more than double the previous highest recorded so far.**
- e. During the current calendar year 2023 (Jan-June), 1.10 crore tourists have visited the UT of J&K so far, out of which 16,423 foreign tourists have visited the UT of J&K which is approximately 4 times more than the previous figure of 4,411 in the corresponding period.**
- f. The Wellness centre at Mantali at a cost of Rs. 80.00 crore is completed with facilities such as huts, spa, yoga centre, meditation centre, helipad etc. to promote Wellness Tourism.**

g. The hosting of G-20 Tourism Working Group meeting in Srinagar in the month of May, 2023, was a life-time event in the history of valley tourism.

6. Education

a. School Education

- i. Uniform Academic calendar- J&K implemented Uniform academic calendar across the UT, which is justified by the logic that students of the winter zone had to waste six months to seek admission to different courses in the country where academic session, starts from March-April. This has led to significant rise in the number of teaching days and the academic calendar was brought at par with the rest of the country.**

- ii. School complex system- J&K has adopted a 'School Complex System' with the intent to improve the academic standard in schools. The objective is to utilize the resources at Complex (Cluster level), for maximum output and which shall also enhance the learning outcomes. 746 Complexes are identified and stand notified.**

iii. Cost of Uniform is provided to more than 8 lakh students through DBT mode every year and free text books are provided to more than 5.50 lakh students every year.

iv. Samiksha- Performance Feedback of Teachers by Students- J&K has developed an App namely SAMIKSHA, for the performance appraisal of the teaching faculty by the students.

b. Higher Education

i. The number of Government degree colleges in the erstwhile state was 96 (including 2 engineering colleges) whereas after 2019, 53 more degree colleges (including 2 engineering colleges) have been sanctioned out of which 49 degree colleges (including 1 engineering college) have been established and made functional.

ii. IIT Jammu and IIM Jammu started functioning from their own campus.

iii. More than 1260 conventional classrooms have been converted into digital classrooms in colleges.

c. Vocational Education

- i. Under Academia-Industry partnership, TATA Technologies has established two centres for Innovation, Invention, Incubation and Training (CIIT) at Govt. Polytechnic Boys, Jammu and Govt. Polytechnic, Baramulla.**
- ii. MoU signed with Ashok Leyland involving two ITIs viz: Budgam & Kathua for upgradation of training facilities in the automobile sector.**

7. Social Welfare

- a. The following amendments in Jammu & Kashmir Reservation Rules 2005, have been brought about by the UT after 2019 to bring about greater social inclusion and to give equal opportunity to every section of society who were neglected before 2019 :**
 - i. 10% reservation to Economically Weaker Sections vide SRO-518 dated 02.09.2019.**
 - ii. 4% reservations to Pahari Speaking People vide S.O-127 dated 20th April, 2020.**

- iii. **551 villages in the districts of Jammu, Samba and Kathua falling within the distance of 0-6 Kms of the International Border vide notification S.O-226 dated 17th July, 2020 & notification S.O-59 dated 22nd February, 2021.**
- iv. **The Jammu and Kashmir Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2020 vide S.O-91 dated 15th March, 2021.**

b. Mission Poshan & Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)

- i. **100% implementation of Poshan Tracker**
- ii. **97% Aadhaar verification of beneficiaries**
- iii. **95% Anganwadis geo-tagged**
- iv. **100% growth monitoring devices provided**
- v. **Under PMMVY, UT has been able to provide benefit to 2,52,315 pregnant ladies (@Rs.5000). During 2022-23, 57,306 beneficiaries were covered under PMMVY. 100 percent saturation against demand has been achieved from 2021-22 onwards.**

c. UT run schemes for women, LadliBeti and Marriage Assistance, have been notified under Section 7 of Aadhaar Act, and made end to end digitized. 1,25,000 and 73,644 beneficiaries provided

benefit under the LadliBeti scheme and Marriage Assistance Scheme respectively.

d. Implementation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

e. For empowerment and security of women, One Stop Centers and Hubs have been made functional at UT level & also District Hub in all districts.

f. Child and Women Helpline lines with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) have been linked with One Stop Centres and District Child Protection Units.

8. Health and Medical Education

a. J&K has launched a universal health insurance scheme under the name 'SEHAT' in which every household in the Union territory has been provided with a health cover Rs. 5 lakh.

b. 82.22 lakh beneficiaries have been registered so far under the scheme. Coverage to 100% families/beneficiaries in J&K to reduce out of pocket expenditure.

S. No.	Particulars	Nov'19 to Mar'20	Apr'20 to Mar'21	Apr'21 to Mar'22	Apr'22 to Mar'23
1	Beneficiaries Registered (Ayushman Cards)	17,146	34,08,606	21,14,434	13,73,822
2	Pre-Authorization Approved (Patients Benefitted)	35,247	61,838	2,45,723	2,49,145
3	Amount of Pre- Authorization Approved (Value of Benefits)	Rs. 16.80 Cr	Rs. 57.31 Cr	Rs. 444.53 Cr	Rs. 450.57 Cr

c. Digital interventions such as Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, Ambulatory services, e-sanjeevani, Tele-Radiology, Telemedicine, Tele-X-Ray, Tele-CT, Scan and Share, Chatbox and Tele-Manas.

d. Health care delivery is being enhanced by way of expanding medical education and setting up of new institutions i.e. 2 new AIIMS, 07 new medical colleges, 02 cancer institutes and 15 nursing colleges. Out of these, 5 new medical colleges, 11 nursing colleges and 2 cancer institutes operationalized. AIIMS Jammu and AIIMS Kashmir are in progress.

e. Intake capacity of MBBS has increased from 500 to 1,100 over a period of 08 years in Government medical colleges of the UT.

f. PG seats have been increased from 513 to 637 and that of PG dental from 24 to 48. 282 DNB seats have been added and B.Sc Nursing seats enhanced to 610 and 590 B.Sc. Paramedical seats added.

g. Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadi Kendras

S. No.	Particulars	Nov 2019 to March 2020	April 2020 to March 2021	April 2021 to March 2022	April 2022 to March 2023	Remarks
1	Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadi Kendras (established in Nos.)	38	19	14	109	227 total as on date. Almost doubled in one year.

h. Improvement in public service delivery and health indicators

i. Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) reached to single digit of 9.8 recording 13.3 points decrease.

ii. Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) dipped down to 16.3 with decrease of 16 points.

iii. UT has achieved the global target of reducing Under-5 mortality rate and 100% immunization for children in the age group of 9-11 months.

iv. Institutional deliveries increased to 97% (as per HMIS).

9. Govt. Employment

After the formation of the UT, large scale recruitment drive has been carried out and the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has filled 29,295 vacancies. Recruiting agencies have advertised 7,924 vacancies and examinations in respect of 2,504 vacancies have been conducted.

10. Self Employment and Self-Help Groups (SHG)

- a. Employment generation has been given a priority during these years. Unemployment Rate (Usual Principal Status) in J&K declined to 5.2 per cent.**
- b. 82,015 units have been established under different self-employment schemes, as a result of which 2.85 lakh young men and women have been provided employment.**
- c. Out of 95,324 SHGs formed, 59,697 are women SHGs.**

11. Youth

- a. More than 60 lakh participation was witnessed in different sports activities in the year 2022-23 compared to less than two lakhs during 2018-19.**
- b. More than 5 lakh youth are associated with Mission Youth. Mission Youth initiative was awarded the PM Award for Innovation recently.**

c. 'Youth Volunteer Program' has been launched across all the districts. Under the initiative, more than 5,180 youth clubs stand constituted with more than 1 lakh active youth members. These youth clubs are primarily aimed to provide a vibrant platform to youth to participate in the expedition of New Kashmir. Mission Youth envisions covering more than 3 lakh youth under employment generation, education & counseling, University collaboration and skilling Initiatives.

12. Jal Jeevan Mission & Irrigation

a. Major Projects and Achievement

- i. 66.18% households out of total rural households of 18.66 lakh connected with functional household tap connections as on date. The UT has saturated/ provided 100% household tap connections in 02 districts (Srinagar & Ganderbal), 11 blocks, 367 panchayats & 903 villages. 23,160 rural schools, 24,164 Anganwadi centres and 3,324 health institutions have been provided tap water connections.**
- ii. Tral Lift Irrigation Scheme started in the year 1979 at an original cost of Rs. 6.1 crore, has been revised to cost of Rs. 170.50 crore under PMKSY-AIBP, and has been completed with utilisation of irrigation potential of 5,122 ha.**

- iii. **Rajpora Lift Irrigation Scheme (Pulwama) Awantipura has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs. 70.97 crore under PMKSY-AIBP and created irrigation potential of 2,429 ha.**
 - iv. **Modernization of Ravi canal and its distribution network started in 2011-12, involving stabilization of 15,016 ha of irrigation potential, has been completed in March, 2021 with a total project expenditure of Rs. 60.87 crore under PMKSY-AIBP.**
 - v. **Comprehensive Flood Management Plan of River Jhelum and its tributaries (Phase-I) amounting to Rs. 399.29 crore sanctioned under PMDP (Phase-I) has been substantially completed resulting in increase in carrying capacity of the river Jhelum from 31,800 cusec to 41,000 cusec at Sangam confluence point.**
 - vi. **Comprehensive Flood Management Plan of River Jhelum and its tributaries (Phase-II, Part-A) amounting to Rs. 1,623.43 crore has been taken up for execution during 2022-23 and the work is in progress, with a target for completion during 2024-25 and enhance flood carrying capacity of river Jhelum from 41,000 cusecs to 60,000 cusecs.**
- b. 6,379 Panchayat Pani Samitis covering all villages have been constituted which are actively participating in implementation of JJM.**

13. Agriculture, Horticulture and Floriculture

- a. More than 2,900 hectares area covered high density plantation which will substantially increase the income of apple growers besides providing suitable market and air transportation to identified perishables under 'PARVAZ'.**
- b. Number of beneficiaries increased from 7.50 lakh to close to 12.83 lakh under Kisan Credit Card.**
- c. PM Kisan saturated to eligible farmers of J&K – 2,517.08 crore credited directly into bank accounts of eligible farmers.**
- d. 12 niche crops have been identified for GI tagging & their export to the other parts of the country. Kashmiri saffron, the heritage crop of Kashmir, got GI Tagging for its uniqueness, which is being promoted at national and international platforms. Saffron Park has been established at Dusoo Pampore as a one-stop centre for saffron related linkages.**
- e. 2 lakh MT of cold storage established, to ensure better remuneration to growers.**

- f. Rolled out the “Holistic Agriculture Development Plan” for an amount of Rs. 5,013.00 crore for 29 project proposals of agriculture & allied sector. This is expected to increase the sectoral growth rate to 11%. The intervention is expected to create employment opportunities and also establish enterprises.**
- g. Tulip Show 2023: Asia’s largest Tulip Garden in the foothills of Zabarwan was thrown open for the general public in March, 2023. During Tulip show of 2023, 1.6 million flowers comprising of 68 varieties of Tulip, Mascari, Hyacinth, Daffodils and other spring flowers were on display. 3.70 lakh (Local/National/International) tourists visited the garden which is an all time record.**
- h. The tourist influx in gardens and parks has increased manifold and about 55 lakh tourists visited various gardens and parks during 2022-23.**

14. Kashmiri Migrants

- a. 2,649 Kashmiri migrants have been appointed in various departments under the Prime Minister’s Development Package till date.**

- b. Till date, 2,896 Kanals and 6.75 Marlas of migrant land has been retrieved from encroachments and illegal occupation. Specialized grievance portal has been created for allowing Kashmiri migrants to register complaints related to illegal land encroachment.**
- c. Government has approved scheme for construction of 6000 transit accommodation.**
- d. The monthly monetary compensation for the relief category of kashmiri migrants has been increased from Rs.6,600 to Rs.13,000.**

15. Displaced families of PoJK and WPRs

- a. As on date, 24,276 domicile certificates have been issued.**
- b. Under the One Time Financial Assistance to Displaced Persons of PoJK (1947) and Chhamb (1965 & 1971) settled in Jammu & Kashmir, an amount of Rs. 1,452.33 crore is disbursed to 33,636 beneficiaries since inception. The timeline of the scheme was also extended till 31.03.2024.**
- c. Under the one time Financial Assistance to families of West Pakistani Refugees (WPRs), financial assistance of Rs. 5.5 lakh per family is being disbursed by the Government of India to 5,764**

families of West Pakistan Refugees (WPRs) who migrated from several areas of West Pakistan in the aftermath of the partition and settled in different parts of Jammu region. Since inception of the scheme in the year 2018, a total amount of Rs. 51.24 crore has been disbursed to 1,642 beneficiaries.

16. IT Initiatives to support Administrative Reforms

a. To provide various G2C online services at the doorstep without visiting the Government offices in person and dealing with public officials in public places, the Government of J&K has taken various IT initiatives as given under:

- i. e-Office implementation upto Tehsil level.**
- ii. e-UNNAT portal integrated with Meri Pehchan (National Single Sign On) – 600 services integrated**
- iii. Rapid Assessment System for Citizen feedback**
- iv. Mobile Dost (Aapka Mobile HamaraDaftar) – All services on mobile.**
- v. J&K Employees Performance Monitoring Portal (EPM).**
- vi. J&K MyGov instance.**
- vii. M-Seva.**

- viii. GatiShakti Sanchar Portal in alignment with Indian Telegraph Act (Right of Way) 2016.**
- ix. Auto Escalation System for time bound delivery of services.**
- x. Setting up of Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security.**
- xi. Saturation of 4G Mobile Services in uncovered village projects - ongoing.**
- xii. Services integrated on Digilocker.**
- xiii. Digital Village Centre.**

17. Administrative Reforms

J&K has also come up with a number of administrative reforms, aimed at transforming the work culture, increasing the accountability and wide ranging expenditure efficiencies.

- i. J&K computerized the entire land records and put it on a portal 'Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani' for the ease of the land owners enabling citizens to access the land records without any human interface.**
- ii. J&K has brought out District Good Governance Index, Aspirational Blocks Development Programme, Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme and Aspirational Towns Programme in the country.**

iii. The practice of Darbar Move was ended. Earlier, for a period of almost six months annually, the entire governance and administration used to come to a grinding halt creating a governance deficit and an unwarranted burden on the resources.

18. Other Important Developments

- a. To connect Kashmir with train, Udhmapur-Katra (25 Km), Banihal-Quazigund (18 Km) and Quazigund-Baramulla (118 Km) sections have already been commissioned. The last remaining 111 km Katra-Banihal section is currently under execution. Chenab bridge (359 m high), the highest Railway bridge in the world is under construction over river Chenab.**
- b. Prime Minister's Development Package announced on Nov 7, 2015 by the Prime Minister for strengthening socio-economic development of J&K. Out of 53 projects of the UT of J&K at a cost of Rs. 58,477 crores, 32 projects have been completed/ substantially completed up to June 2023. It is pertinent to mention here that the pace of the projects has been accelerated post August 2019.**

- c. Post floods of September 2014, a financial assistance of 250 million USD was sanctioned by World Bank under IDA to support the recovery and increase disaster resilience in project areas and increase the capacity of the Project Implementing Entity to respond promptly and effectively to a crisis or emergency. 213 subprojects have been awarded. 167 sub projects are completed. 46 sub projects are in progress.**
- d. GST Revenue and other tax collections have reached an all-time high of Rs. 9,310.99 crore.**
- e. J&K has been a front runner in implementation of Amrit Sarovars. 2,523 Amrit Sarovars have been completed so far.**
- f. 78 projects under AMRUT and 156 projects under smart city mission have been completed.**
