



**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR**

**BUDGET SPEECH**

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# **BUDGET SPEECH 2024**

Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I rise to present the budget for the year 2024-25 (Vote-on-Account).

2. We are proposing a Vote-on-Account so that we can better coordinate our efforts with the Central Government when the main Union Budget is passed later this year. The continued support of the people has enabled our government to continue its journey towards serving the State. It is always our endeavor to extend the benefits of governance to the people of the State. We will continue to focus on enhancing governance at all levels to ensure that fruits of development reach each and every level of society.

3. This year has been one of the most challenging years that the State has faced. However, I would like to tell the people of Manipur that the Government remains committed to safeguarding the territorial integrity of Manipur, protection of the lives of all its citizens, action against anti-social and anti-national elements and ensuring the 'rule of law'. I grieve with those who have lost family members and their properties and livelihood. I also salute the brave security personnel who have laid down their lives and got injured in the line of duty. The Government will ensure that all necessary support will be given to those who have suffered in the unfortunate events of the past few months.

4. We have shown that we are resilient despite the heavy odds and difficulties, and I believe that we will become stronger and better. Challenges will come and go but how we respond to such challenges is what matters most.

5. Since the outbreak of unrest in the State, the Central Government has approved an amount of **Rs. 400 crore** for immediate relief to the State, in addition to many other forms of support. This immediate relief support includes daily rations, management of relief camps, construction of prefabricated structures, cash transfers for daily needs to inmates, nutrition and personal hygiene support etc. We are also providing necessary support to rehabilitate those affected by providing funds for

construction and repair of permanent houses. The State Government is in constant communication with the Central Government for additional support.

6. Compensation for crop loss for farmers have been approved by the Central Government, which is being disbursed by Direct Benefit Transfer, after due verification. With security cover provided by 2,500 IRB personnel, the agriculture activities in the fringe areas could be completed. For this I would like to thank the Hon'ble Members of this House who gave up their security escort personnel for this exercise. About 350 Metric Tonnes of Rabi crop seeds were provided as an alternative crop plan for paddy land affected by water scarcity, including to the farmers residing in different relief camps. We had also announced a farmer Livelihood Support Scheme to support agriculture-based livelihood activities.

7. We have supported the livelihood of those affected by taking up various livelihood generation activities, provision of skill training, support with tool kits etc. with a focus on those in the relief camps. At the same time, we have taken up various steps so that the negative impacts on the livelihood of people across the State are minimized.

8. In order to mitigate the impact of the unrest on students' education, the State Government had taken up many steps, some of which include -

- Deputy Commissioners and other Nodal Officers facilitated the provision of essential documents like marksheets, certificates etc. to affected students along with provision of study material, uniforms, stationary, textbooks etc.
- Steps were taken to ensure that students and candidates for various examinations were able to give these exams, by providing necessary flexibility and support
- Options in choosing nearby colleges or attending through online classes were provided to college students, including medical students

- Affected students were re-admitted to nearby feasible schools with almost all provided admission free of cost and all facilities provided to overcome bottlenecks in their education;
- Under CM's College students Rehabilitation Scheme, 2023, one time rehabilitation grants and free smartphones to enable distant learning for displaced college students were given ;

9. With the intention of guiding the State back on the path of Development, the State Government had formed 6 committees which had a mixture of Government officials, experts, academicians and civil society members. These 6 committees looked into the areas of (i) Education (ii) Forest and Revenue Assets (iii) Monitoring of pending projects (iv) Agriculture & Horticulture (v) Livelihood, Skilling, Small business, Industry and (vi) Revenue mobilization. The Committees made a number of recommendations some of which have been implemented and some are being considered for implementation.

10. We have also taken up various steps to boost the security in the State. From major policy decisions like the discontinuation of the Free Movement Regime, Border Fencing etc. to improving the infrastructure and equipment of our security forces, we have left no stone unturned to ensure our State's security.

11. It goes without saying that the current financial year has been the hardest year for our government. The present unrest has greatly affected the State in multiple ways. The State had experienced not only law and order issues, but our fiscal capacity was also severely impacted. As per our calculation, we may suffer tax losses to the tune of **Rs. 800 crore** during the current year. This does not include the overall impact on the economy of the State and the actual impact will be known when the State GDP figure is finally reconciled with the Government of India. At the same time our expenditure on relief and security measures have increased substantially. I would like to mention that we are in constant communication with

the Central Government for additional support to help the State tide over the current resource shortage issues and I am hopeful of a positive outcome in this regard.

12. In spite of various challenges faced in recent months, both in terms of resources and implementation of projects and schemes, we have been working tirelessly to fulfill our commitment to the people.

13. Sir, since our government came into power, we have been taking various measures to fulfill the aspirations of the people. This government has taken up a number of policy measures that have touched the lives of our people in many aspects. From our flagship programmes like **Go to Village, Go to Hills, Chief Minister's Hakshelgi Tengbang** to **Manipur Start Up Policy**, our measures have taken care of the people in many areas – from health care to supporting the entrepreneurship spirit. These programmes have supplemented the important initiatives of the Central Government including, **PM Kisan, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Skill India, Digital India, etc.** It is our mission to support **the initiative of the Central Government of a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.**

14. Speaker sir, in spite of our limited revenue sources, the State Government has not failed to fulfill its promises. During 2022-23, the State spent almost Rs. 5793 crore on important social sectors. This is an increase of about 20% in comparison to the previous fiscal year. Fiscal year 2022-23 also saw higher expenditure on asset creation at Rs. 3356 crore. This is an increase of almost 100 percent from the expenditure incurred on the item during financial year 2017-18, the first year of our previous term. As government expenditure accounts for more than 70% of our State Gross Domestic Product, it is our commitment to continue financing various activities to support the State's economy.

15. The recent announcement of the Government to lift the ban on sale of liquor was required in view of the **ill-effects due to consumption of spurious liquor, the need to clamp down on the unregulated sale of liquor and the loss of important**

**fiscal resources to the State.** This has been made possible with the active support of the civil society who understand the impact of lack of regulation on liquor sale.

16. The development philosophy of our Hon'ble Prime Minister covers all elements of inclusivity, namely,

- Social inclusivity through coverage of all strata of the society , and
- Geographical inclusivity through development of all regions of the country

17. I would like to highlight some of the initiatives of the Government of India from which the State has also benefited immensely. Some of the **major schemes of the Central Government** which have **benefited the people of the State** are as follows -

- Under **PM-SVAnidhi Scheme** for street vendors, more than **9,600 street vendors** in the State have benefitted and loans amounting to about Rs. 18 crore have been sanctioned till date
- Under **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana**, free cooking gas connections have been provided to **more than 2.2 lakh women** in the State
- Under **Skill India Mission**, the Central Government has released a total amount of **Rs. 40 crore** with the aim to increase the employability of our youth.
- Under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)**, more than **35,000** families have benefitted
- Under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Grameen)**, more than **40,000** families have benefitted
- Under **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Urban)**, more than **43,000** individual Household toilets have been constructed
- Under **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Grameen)**, more than **2.8 lakh** individual household toilets have been constructed

- Under **Jal Jeevan Mission**, more than **3.50 lakh households**, that is, **78%** of total eligible households, have been provided functional household tap connection and more than 17 lakh persons have benefitted
- Under **Ayushman Bharat**, more than **5.65 lakh beneficiaries** and 1.88 lakh households have received their PMJAY cards. An amount of **Rs.117 crore** has been paid towards treatment of the card holders till date.
- Under the **National Rural Livelihood Mission**, more than 8900 Self Help Groups have been established and more than 90,000 beneficiaries have taken benefits under the Scheme.
- Under **Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Yojana (PMJVK)**, 4 Model Residential Schools have been constructed at Moreh, Mantri Pantha, Nungsai Chiru Village and LM Block and handed over to the Education Department .
- Under **the same Scheme of PMJVK**, **72 projects** amounting to **Rs.98 crore** have been inaugurated during the **financial year**. These include - Model residential school, hostels, school buildings, toilets and upgradation of primary schools.
- Under the **PM Vishwakarma** Scheme, which aims to provide several benefits to traditional artisans, more than 60 thousand applications have been received. Under this scheme all eligible traditional artisans will be covered.

18. The State Government has also been implementing important State funded Schemes to benefit the people of the State. Important Schemes like **Chief Minister Gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT)** , **Chief Minister Gi Sotharabasinggi Tengbang**, **School Fagathansi Mission**, **Chief Minister's Artistsinggi Tengbang**, **Pension Scheme for Meritorious Sportsperson etc.** have impacted the diverse population of the State. Here I would like to elaborate on the impact of these State funded Schemes

- Under the **School Fagathansi Mission**, 120 Government Schools have been covered for improvement of both physical infrastructure and manpower. The



State government has invested more than Rs. 94 crore in infrastructure and about Rs. 12 crore in procurements of necessary items. The impact of our Mission is clearly seen in the fact that enrolment in Government schools increased by 23% from 2019 to 2023 and the pass percentage in the HSLC examination increased from 52% in 2019 to 88% in 2023. Our Government schools have also started producing toppers in the board exams of the State in recent years. The Ministry of DoNER has approved the strengthening of 120 High and Higher Secondary Schools across the State under NESIDS, which will augment our efforts.

- Under **Chief Minister gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT)**, more than **3 lakh beneficiaries** and more than 1 lakh households have received CMHT cards. Till date, an amount of **Rs.138 crore** has been released for this Scheme.
- Under **Chief Ministergi Artist Singgi Tengbang (CMAT)**, a total of **2852 beneficiaries** have received benefits and a total amount of **Rs.10 crore** has been released till date.
- Under **Chief Ministergi Sotharaba Singgi Tengbang (CMST)**, a total of **8020 beneficiaries** have benefited from this Scheme and an amount of **Rs. 54 crore** has been released till date to the beneficiaries since its launch.
- Under **Chief Minister's Widow Pension Scheme**, more than 10,000 beneficiaries have benefitted from this Scheme and an amount of Rs.14 crore has been released till date.

19. This Government has also taken many policy decisions which have positively impacted the lives of the people of the hill districts. We had published a White Paper to counter the false narratives spread by vested interests that all development funds are concentrated in the valley area. The White Paper had clearly shown that during our term almost 46% of development funds of the State has been invested in the Hill districts and this does not include investments of National Highways and Railways.

20. Some of the major decisions and projects taken in the last 6 years for the Hill districts include -

- Go to Hills Mission
- Pensions for employees of Autonomous District Councils
- Guest House for Village Chiefs
- Construction of Tribal Museums
- Showcasing unique cultures of the different communities in the Sangai Ethnic Park
- Setting up of Churachandpur Medical College
- Amusement-cum-children parks in Hill District Headquarters
- Construction of Women Markets at Kamjong, Noney, Tengnoupal, Ukhrul, Chandel, Tamenglong, Churachandpur, Senapati, Kangpokpi and Pherzawl
- Construction of transit accommodation for Doctors and Teachers at different locations
- Dedicated funding for 'Welfare of Smaller Tribes'
- Creation of a Special Development Fund for Border and Under-developed districts
- Development of Pettigrew College in Ukhrul district for about Rs. 39 crore for which funding has been secured

21. The members of this August House would be aware that I had mentioned about implementation of various Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) in the State. Externally aided Projects are an important source of funding, especially in the context of critical infrastructure projects requiring large funding in the short-term to meet a specific gap. Further, 90% of the loan repayment is borne by the Government of India for Northeastern States. Previously we had 4 projects under implementation. In the FY 2023-24 I am proud to announce that loan agreements for 2 new projects have been signed, another one is ready for signing, advance

procurement has started for another project and another 2 projects are in advanced stages of approval. I would like to briefly touch on each of these.

22. The Lamphelpat Water Rejuvenation Project with a cost of Rs. 650 crore is being taken up with funding from the New Development Bank. The loan agreement has been signed this financial year and dredging works have started. This project, upon completion, will serve as a reservoir for any excess rainwater and will be able to prevent flooding in Imphal City to a large extent. It will also serve as a water reservoir for emergency use, as well as provide a 'green open space' for recreational activities.

23. In addition, the loan agreement for the Imphal Sewerage Project Phase-II has been signed this financial year. The project cost is about Rs. 1200 crore and will provide much needed sewerage services to the people living in the ever expanding and growing capital city.

24. The upcoming projects, for which necessary approvals have been received and are in various stages include the (i) Manipur Infotech Development Project (ii) Sustainable Loktak Lake Restoration, Eco-Tourism and Livelihood Improvement Project (iii) Imphal Ring Road Project (iv) Manipur Urban Road, Drainage and asset management (Concrete roads) project. Overall, the total cost of Externally Aided Projects which are ongoing and are ready amount to more than Rs. 9000 crore.

25. Some of the recent important announcements made by our government include -

- CM's Farmer Livelihood Support Scheme to support agriculture-based livelihood activities
- Chief Minister's Sportspersons Livelihood Guarantee Scheme
- Chief Minister's Khungang Ama Sanabung Ama Scheme.
- Ima Nongthang Leima Yaipha Tengbang Scheme

- Libraries with Digital Infrastructure for all recognized Tribes in Manipur

26. Speaker Sir, as this is a Vote-on-account Budget, I have made only brief references to some important points. I once again reaffirm the commitment of my Government to ensure all round development of every section of society and every sector in the State.

### **Revised Estimates 2023-24 & Budget Estimates 2024-25**

#### **Revised Estimates 2023-24**

27. In the Budget Estimate 2023-24, total expenditure was estimated at **Rs. 35022 crores**. The total expenditure during RE 2023-24 has been revised to **Rs. 32591 crores**.

28. Revenue receipts and capital receipts were estimated at **Rs. 27547 crores** and **Rs. 6583 crores** respectively in Budget Estimates 2023-24. This has now been revised to **Rs. 23627 crores** and **Rs. 8000 crores** in RE 2023-24 respectively. All overall receipts and expenditure figures are inclusive of Ways and Means Advances and Repayments.

29. Taking into account all receipts and expenditures, the current year is expected to have a budgetary deficit of **Rs. (-) 962 crores** in RE 2023-24 as against the deficit of **Rs. (-) 890 crores** in BE 2023-24. The fiscal deficit for 2023-24 (RE) is projected at **Rs. (-) 2235 crores**, which is **(-) 4.91 %** of GSDP.

#### **Budget Estimates 2024-25**

30. Sir, let me turn to the Budget Estimates for the year 2024-25

31. The total receipts are estimated at **Rs. 33,057 crores**. The revenue receipts are estimated at **Rs. 26,058 crores** and capital receipts at **Rs. 6,998 crores**. Total estimates of State's own tax and non-tax receipts are **Rs.2,470 crores** and **Rs.166 crores** respectively.

32. For the year 2024-25, I am proposing a total expenditure of **Rs. 34,040 crores** out of the Consolidated Fund of the State. Total Revenue Expenditure is estimated at **Rs. 20,246 crores**. Capital outlay is estimated at **Rs. 8,155 crores**.

33. Sir, at the end, let me sum up by highlighting the likely fiscal position during the year. Fiscal deficit is estimated at **Rs. (-) 2344 crores**. This is (-) 4.45% of the GSDP. During 2024-25, the total outstanding debt as a percentage of GSDP is projected at 32%.

34. The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for 2024-25 is estimated at **Rs. 52,711 crores**.

35. With this, Mr. Speaker Sir, I present the Budget Estimates for 2024-25 (Vote-on-Account), with the hope that the same will receive the approval of this August house.