

CM Omar counters opposition, reaffirms commitment for restoration of statehood

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 05:Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today replied on the discussion held in the Assembly on the Motion of Thanks to the Lieutenant Governor's address during the ongoing Budget Session.

As Leader of the House, the Chief Minister spoke at length about the priorities of his government and strongly dispelled the charges levelled against his government by the main opposition BJP, PDP and other members.

Speaking in the House, the Chief Minister thanked the Lieutenant Governor for addressing the Assembly on February 2 and presenting the government's broad agenda. He noted that the LG's address reflected the government's past, present and future, but also reminded members that the address alone does not constitute the entire business of the budget session.

"The budget has to be presented. There are many things to be discussed in the budget. After that, there will be grants," the Chief Minister said, underlining that several occasions would arise during the session where the government would present its agenda before the people.

CM Omar Abdullah observed that Governor's or President's address is scheduled at first session each year and are not meant to be repeated again. He

said the government deliberately avoided reiterating points already mentioned in the previous two LG addresses to prevent the opposition from accusing it of offering nothing new.

However, he reiterated that the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference government remains firmly committed to the promises made to the people, including the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's special status.

"They have less to say on the LG's address and more to say on the National Conference Manifesto," he remarked, adding in a lighter vein that the manifesto has become the central focus of the opposition's attacks.

He stated that no government fulfils all promises in the first year, as the foundation and preparation take time. Drawing comparisons, he pointed to long-pending promises made by previous governments, including commitments to address water scarcity in Kishtwar through a tunnel project that has remained unfulfilled even after 12 years.

Turning to the promise of 200 units of free electricity, the Chief Minister said the government is deeply conscious of its credibility and has already initiated implementation in the current financial year. He explained that the government has begun rolling out the benefit through the PM Suryaghar

Muft Bijli Yojana, ensuring that the promise is met through available means.

"I had never said that I will start new projects. I said that I will provide you with electricity. Now, there are many ways to provide electricity," he stated, adding that the scheme has been started for AAY households and will be expanded to other categories as financial conditions improve.

The Chief Minister said that every year, progress will be made on manifesto commitments, and continuous discussion will ensure that the government remains accountable.

On the issue of statehood, CM Omar Abdullah reminded the House that the biggest promise made to the people by the opposition was the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. He questioned why it has not yet been delivered despite repeated assurances during Parliamentary and Assembly elections.

He strongly condemned remarks suggesting separation of Jammu from Kashmir and statements reflecting mistrust. Calling such rhetoric deeply unfortunate, he said the common people of Kashmir are not against peace or the nation and have repeatedly shown courage and solidarity, including during incidents such as Pahalgam where locals came forward and even sacrificed their lives to save tourists.

Referring to the sacrifices of Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel since 1947, he recalled the historic slogan raised in Kashmir:

"Hoshiyar Khabardar, Hum Kashmiri hai Tayaar."

The Chief Minister cautioned against divisive politics and urged members to reflect on the consequences, pointing to the situation in Ladakh. He also questioned the logic of linking statehood to complete cessation of violence, asking who bears responsibility for recent incidents of militancy, bomb blasts and attack on tourists.

He recalled that in 2019 it was claimed that removing Article 370 would end separatism, militancy, corruption and other issues, yet encounters, crackdowns and militancy persist even in 2026.

Speaking on Jammu-related concerns, CM Omar Abdullah said discrimination narratives are often raised when there is nothing else to present before the people. He described the cancellation of the Darbar Move as the biggest betrayal of Jammu in recent years, which his government has corrected.

He reiterated his government's consistent approach of balancing development between Jammu and Kashmir, citing establishment of universities, agricultural institutions and central institutions.

Various delegations call on LG Ladakh

LEH, FEBRUARY 5:

Various delegations called on the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, at the LG Secretariat to raise local issues and submit their demands.

A delegation from Kargyam, led by its Nambar-dar, submitted a memorandum highlighting their demands.

Similarly, a delegation of Community Information Centres (CICs) operators met the Lt Governor and apprised him of issues concerning their regularisation and salary enhancement.

A delegation from the Drikung Kagyud Welfare Society, Leh, requested allotment of land for the construction of a



dharamshala/sarai at Khaltsi.

welfare of the people of Ladakh, including those in remote areas, and emphasised improving power supply, telecommunica-

tion, and road connectivity while promoting sustainable livelihoods and preserving Ladakh's unique ecology.

BJP Raises Jammu's Concerns, Demands Justice and Inclusive Development Ahead of J&K Budget

Jammu, 05 February 2026:

Chief Spokesperson of BJP Jammu & Kashmir, Sunil Sethi, along with party spokespersons Rajni Sethi, Zorawar Singh, and Parimoksh Sethi, addressed a press conference today at the party office, highlighting public expectations from the upcoming Jammu & Kashmir budget to be presented in the Assembly tomorrow.

Sunil Sethi stated that this budget is being presented at a crucial time when a popular government of National Conference with Congress support is in power. He expressed serious concern over the atmosphere being deliberately created by these political parties to divide Jammu and Kashmir on the basis of religion, language, and caste, calling the situation extremely sensitive. He said that for decades, Jammu has faced systematic discrimination under successive governments led by NC and Congress. Despite this, the people of Jammu are still hopeful that the upcoming budget will provide



some relief and benefits necessary for their survival.

He further added that all sections of society—youth, women, senior citizens, and workers—are expecting justice from this budget. Sunil Sethi questioned why the UT government remains completely dependent on the Union Government for funds and lacks any concrete vision for creating an Aatamnirbhar Jammu & Kashmir. He pointed out that neighboring states like Himachal Pradesh and Punjab have strengthened their economies through focused development in sectors such as horticulture, hydropower, agriculture, and industry. He stressed that Jammu & Kashmir also possesses immense potential, but the lack of political will has stalled self-reliance. Addressing the media,

Rajni Sethi, BJP spokesperson, focused on the expectations of women of Jammu & Kashmir from this budget. She emphasized that women constitute nearly half of the population and empowering them is essential to build a strong society and achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047. She stated that women's aspirations cannot be ignored and must be reflected clearly in budgetary provisions.


Rajni Sethi outlined key demands for women empowerment, including financial empowerment through interest-free loan facilities for Self Help Groups, free higher education for girls, free coaching for competitive examinations, and scholarships and financial assistance for girls excelling in sports. She also highlighted the need for im-

proved health facilities, such as free life insurance schemes for women, establishment of counseling centers, and help desks in every district. Under social security, she demanded crèche facilities at workplaces and safe hostel or accommodation facilities exclusively for women.

She further criticized the government for the poor implementation of welfare schemes, stating that although free bus services for women were announced from 1st April 2025, no woman is benefiting due to the absence of a proper roadmap. Similarly, the marriage assistance scheme has completely failed on the ground. She urged the government to take immediate corrective steps for the upliftment of women.

BJP spokesperson Zorawar Singh accused the government of betraying public trust by failing to implement promises made in its manifesto.

He said that tourism and the industrial sector of Jammu have been totally neglected and that discrimination against Jammu is a consistent pattern of NC governments.



UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
JAL SHAKTI (IRRIGATION & FLOOD CONTROL) DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION
DIVISION NO.I JAMMU

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E- TENDERS

Fresh E-NIT No.: 45 of 12/2025-26
Dated: 04.02.2026

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer Irrigation Division No-I, Jammu invites e-tenders on percentage basis in two cover system Cover 1st containing prequalification documents and Cover 2nd containing Price Bid from registered contractors of appropriate Class for the below mentioned works:

S. No.	Name of Work	Advertised cost of work (Rs. in lacs)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs)	Time for completion (in days)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Documents under MH 0702 in the shape of Treasury Challan (Rs.)
1	Silt Clearance of Karnaila chak from RD 0 to 3580M at spots and escape channel RD 150M.	3.30	-do-	15 days	ABC&DEE	200.00

Position of A.A. A : Accorded
Position of T. S : Under Process
Position of Fund : Budgetary Provision under MH-2702 (023-M&R)(Budget Provision-FY 2026-27)

Important Dates:

i) Date of Publishing from: 04.02.2026 (18:00 PM)

ii) Downloading from : 04.02.2026 (18:00 PM)

iii) Uploading from : 04.02.2026 (18:00 PM)

iv) Uploading stops on : 10.02.2026 (16:00 PM)

v) Tender opens on : 10.02.2026 (16:30 Noon - Subjective)

Eligibility criteria

S.No	Particulars	Pre-Qualification Criteria	Scanned copies of supporting documents required to be uploaded
1	Tender Fee	a) The date of cost of tender document fee must be between the date of start of bid and bid submission of end. b) In re-tender case: - Incase of bid not opened tender cost deposited for the same shall be considered also.	a) Treasury Receipt/Challan debatable to Account MH 0702 (Revenue) indicating the e-NIT Reference and Name of the work. b) Treasury Challan must be between period of downloading and Bid submission end date. c) Challan must contain NIT number, serial no of item of work, name of work.
2	Earnest Money Deposit	CDR/FDR pledged in favour of Executive Engineer,Irr.Div.No.I, Jammu for the amount as mentioned against the work in e-NIT.	CDR/FDR for the amount as mentioned against the works in e-NIT.
3	Permanent Account No.	PAN Number	PAN Card.
4	Goods and Service Tax .	A) Bidder firm should be registered with GST authorities and should have filed GST return. b) GSTR-3B for quarter ended Oct-Dec 2025-26 is to be uploaded and if the bidder has not opted for QRMP Scheme under GST, then GSTR -3 B for the month of December 2025 is to be uploaded.	a) Valid Registration Certificate with GST No. issued by Competent authority. b) Latest Clearance Certificate FORM GST-3B.
5	Registration of Contractor	Contractor should be registered with UT, J&K Government only.	a) Valid Registration card duly renewed for the year 2025-26 ending 31.03.2026. b) Copy of verification Certificate from Card issuing authority for the registration card issued from Kashmir Division also to be uploaded.
6	Affidavit	The Annexure- A&B must be duly sign by contractor and notarized with specially recorded reference and name of the work and e-stamp No. also be recorded on Annexure- A&B.	Affidavit must be between the period of downloading of bidding documents as per the format mentioned in the Annexure- A&B duly sign by the contractor and notarized with specially recorded reference and name of the work, Serial No. and e-stamp also be recorded on Annexure-A&B.
7	Bank Account Detail.	Bank Pass Book.	First page of Bank pass book or accounts statement containing all particulars like : a) A/C No : b) Branch Name c) IFCS codeetc.

1. The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> w.e.f. 04.02.2026 from 18:00 PM onwards.

2. The bids shall be uploaded/ submitted in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> w.e.f 04.02.2026 from 18:00 PM onwards.

3. The complete bidding process will be ONLINE.

4. The tender uploaded on the website up to due date will be opened on 10.02.2026 (4.00PM - Subjective) in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division No-I, Jammu in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

5. Bidding documents can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> Bidding documents contain qualifying criteria for bidders and other details such as terms and conditions etc.

6. Bid must be accompanied by Bid Security and cost of tender documents as mentioned in the above table in the form as specified in the bidding documents. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of CDR/FDR for the specified work shall be pledged to the "Executive Engineer Irrigation Division No-I, Jammu" should be prepared after the date of publishing of this E-NIT and shall be valid for at least 120 days from the date of submission of tenders.

7. The lowest Bidder i.e. L1 shall be intimated to deposit the original copy of required earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR and hard copies of all relevant documents as mentioned in clause of general instructions to the bidders within 02 days from the date of opening of financial Bids.

8. In light of Govt. Notification issued by Finance department Civil Secretariat vide no. A/24(2017)-651 dated: 07- 06-2018, the bidder must upload the copy of Challan/Receipt on account of cost of tender documents remitted in the treasury concerned for that the bidders must write an application to be addressed to treasury officer concerned requesting therein for remittance of amount as cost of tender documents towards M.H 0702 - Revenue (Others). The bidder shall also write e-NIT No., S.No. & Name of work on the Treasury Receipt/Challan.

9. If in case any bidder uses same challan for more than one work, his all the tenders shall be rejected without any intimation.

10. The bids for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.

No: JID/I/2025-26/3184-3219
Dated: 04.02.2026

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Irrigation Division No.I
Jammu

DIP/J-11135/25. Dated: 05-02-2026.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, ELECTRIC DIVISION (JPDCL) UDHAMPUR
JAMMU POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED(JPDCL),JAMMU
POWER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Tel No. 0199278040 FaxNo. 0199278040
Short term Notice Inviting Tender
e-NIT No: ED/UDH/49 of 2025-26

* INVITATION:-

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Executive Engineer (Distribution), Electric Division, JPDCL Udhampur, hereinafter referred as 'Employer', invites online e-bids from reputed Companies or Class 'A' registered Electrical Contractors for Survey, Supply, Transportation, Carriage, Erection, Testing and Commissioning for Erection and Re-orientation of 11 kV Line for evacuation of Power for Construction of 3.15 MVA, 33/11kV Receiving Station at Damnote Pancheri area of Distt Udhampur (PDSS2022100676) under UT capex SASCI on turnkey basis. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful/conscious study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

* The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested Bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

A	Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date	04.02.2026; 4:00 PM
B	Tender Document Sale/Download End Date	12.02.2026; 03:00 PM
C	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	04.02.2026; 04:00 PM
D	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	12.02.2026; 03:00 PM
E	Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee & EMD Instrument (End) date & time	12.02.2026; 04:30 PM
F	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time	13.02.2026; 03:00 PM
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualifying Bidders.
H	Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids	Soft Copy Electronically & Hard copy in the Office of the Executive Engineer, (Distribution), JPDCL Udhampur.
I	Tender Value	Rs 85.00 Lakhs
J	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 2000/- (Non-Refundable)
K	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 170000/-

* The Bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through Demand Draft from any Nationalized/Scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Electric Division, JPDCL Udhampur, payable at Udhampur. The original demand draft shall be submitted in a separate envelope to the Office of the Executive Engineer, Electric Division, JPDCL Udhampur and should reach at least one day before opening of commercial and technical e-Bid. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be uploaded along with the e-Bids.

* Bidders must quote for all the particulars of the item in the Technical Bid and in the price schedule/BOQ of financial bid. The bids of Bidders who will not quote for all the particulars for any item in technical and financial bids shall be liable to be rejected at the discretion of the Employer keeping in view the interest of the JPDCL.

* All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee only from any Nationalized/Scheduled bank only pledged to Executive Engineer, Electric Division, JPDCL Udhampur, with the payable at Udhampur. No Interest shall be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department.

* Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD shall be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, Electric Division, JPDCL Udhampur, at least one day before opening of commercial and technical e-Bid.

* The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site <http://jktenders.gov.in>. This is conveyed to the technically qualified Bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same Web Site.

* The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of Bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the venue, date and time mentioned in the above table. An authority letter of Bidder's/OEM representative will be required to be produced.

* The JPDCL reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof if any major lapse/deviation is found. The decision of the JPDCL, will be final and binding.

* In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday for JPDCL office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.

* All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidders electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.

* To participate in e-bidding process, Bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.

* Hard Copy/ORIGINAL INSTRUMENT of EMD & Cost of Tender Document must be delivered to the Office of the Executive Engineer, Electric Division, JPDCL Udhampur in sealed cover at least one day before the scheduled date of opening of the commercial and technical e-Bids. The sealed cover shall be super scribed as "COST OF TENDER DOCUMENTS & EMD INSTRUMENT AGAINST e-NIT NO: ED/UDH/49 of 2025-26 Dated: 04-02-2026".

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Electric Division JPDCL
Udhampur

DIP/J-3614-P/25. Dated: 05-02-2026