

## **Jharkhand Government Supplementary Budget**

## Why in News?

**The Jharkhand government** presented **supplementary demands of Rs 5,508 crore** in the Assembly during the ongoing 20-day **budget session**.

## **Key Points**

- Key Allocations in the Supplementary Budget:
  - **The Energy Department** is set to receive the highest allocation of Rs 971.80 crore.
  - The Rural Works Department follows with an allocation of Rs 873.29 crore.
  - The Home, Jail, and Disaster Management Department is allocated Rs 502.61 crore.
  - The Pension Department is proposed to receive Rs 500 crore.
  - The School Education and Literacy Department is likely to get Rs 393.93 crore.
- Maiyan Samman Yojana Debate in the Assembly:
  - The Assembly witnessed a heated debate during <u>Question Hour</u> over <u>the Maiyan</u>
    <u>Samman Yojana.</u>
    - The delay in benefit transfers under the scheme was guestioned.
  - It was assured that payments for January and February 2025 would be credited by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
- Maiyan Samman Yojana: Scheme Details and Concerns
  - The Jharkhand government provides Rs 2,500 per month to over 56 lakh women beneficiaries under the Maiyan Samman Yojana which was launched in August 2024.
    - However, beneficiaries have not received payments for January and February, 2025.
  - It was questioned if widows and physically challenged women, who receive Rs 1,000 per month as pension, would also be included under this scheme.
    - It was pointed out a disparity, as only women aged 18-50 years benefit from Maiyan Samman Yojana, while widows and disabled women receive only Rs 1,000 per month.
- Support for Widows:
  - It was highlighted that the state government introduced a widow remarriage incentive scheme called Vidhwa Punarvivah Protsahan Yojana.
  - Under this scheme, widows receive a one-time incentive of Rs 2 lakh.

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