

Manipur still unsure of Pay Panel recommendation



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IMPHAL: [Manipur](#) Chief Minister N Biren Singh said the [state](#) is bracing up for shouldering a huge burden if it implements the 7th Pay Commission recommendations. Participating in the discussion on the [Governor](#)'s address in the House, he said the resource deficient [state](#) of [Manipur](#) will not be able to implement the 7th Pay Commission now.

He said, "It'll be a very difficult [job](#) for the [state](#). Unlike [Manipur](#), a [state](#) like [Arunachal](#) Pradesh is a hydro-power rich [state](#) where the 7th Pay Commission has been implemented." Finance Minister Y Joykumar Singh also cited lack of resources as the key reason for not implementing the 7th Pay recommendations and said the same will add additional burden of Rs 1,400 crore to the [state](#) exchequer annually.

He said this while responding to a question raised by Opposition MLA O Henry in the House. However, he suggested in the House that the [state](#) government will try to make efforts to seek special [package](#) from the Centre for the same purpose.

The [Manipur](#) government employees affiliated to the [Manipur](#) Government Services Federation (MGSF) has been protesting against the [state](#) government's "inordinate delay" in implementing the 7th Pay Commission.

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