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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY  
RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
DEVELOPMENT (A) DEPARTMENTS,  
2022-23**

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3. Shri Rajib Bhattacharyya, Joint Secretary
4. Shri Binod Ch. Bhuyan, Deputy Secretary
5. Smti Deepali Pegu, OSD (Under Secretary)
6. Shri Nabajyoti Patowary, Under Secretary
7. Shri Digambar Barman, Committee Officer
8. Smti Menaka Kutum, Committee Officer
9. Smti Susmita Das, Committee Officer



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## **INTRODUCTION**

1. I, the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (A) Departments having been authorized by the Committee to present the **Twenty Fourth Report** on their behalf on the demands for **Grant No. 9** relating to **Transport Department** for the financial year **2022-23**.
2. The Committee took evidence of the government representatives on **23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2022**.
3. The Committee wishes to place its thanks to the representatives of concerned Department who appeared before the committee and placed their considered views and notes. The Committee also like to thanks the Department for furnishing the replies on the points raised by the Committee.
4. The Reports was considered and adopted by the Committee at their sitting held on **26<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**.
5. The Committee also expresses its thanks to the Officers and staff of the Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat, who devoted their time and energy in processing and compilation of the report within a very short span of time for their Secretarial assistance & co-operation.

Dispur :  
The 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

**GOBINDA CHANDRA BASUMATARI**  
Chairman,  
Departmentally Related Standing Committee  
on Development (A) Departments,  
Assam Legislative Assembly.



## CHAPTER-I

### Report

### Grant No.9

The total sum of Rs.55388.47 lakhs are required for approval of the House during the Financial Year 2022-23.

The total allocation of fund under the Grant No.9 for administration of Transport Department during the financial year 2022-2023 is Rs. 55388.47 lakhs and presented before the house for approval. The total amount so allocated is prepared to spend in the Revenue & Capital expenditure.

The detailed Budget allocation under the Grant No.9 of Transport Department as Under :-

#### General Areas.

Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates 2022-23
General Areas		
2041	Taxes of vehicles	5072.66
2070	Other Administration services (III) Motor Services	256.66
3055	Road Transport	9638.69
3056	Inland Water Transport	24764.94
5055	Capital Outlay on Inland Water Transport.	5269.32
5056	Capital Outlay on Inland Water Transport.	10159.93

**Grand Total Rs.55162.20**

#### Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council

2041	Revenue	149.79
5055	Capital	9.50

**Grand Total Rs.159.29**

#### North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council

2041	Revenue	65.08
5055	Capital	1.90

**Grand Total Rs. 66.98**

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (A) Departments, Assam Legislative assembly examining the Grant No.9 and took the evidence from the Departmental representatives present in the meeting and observes the Budget grant .



**Report**  
**Transport**  
**Grant No.9**

**Assam state Transport Corporation**

Assam State Transport Corporation was constituted under Road Transport Corporation Act 1950 with effect from 31st March 1970. Before christened as a Corporation, it was a wing of Transport Department of Government of Assam. It came to effect from 16th January 1948 as "Road Transport, Assam" under Home Department. In the early part of 1950, it was transferred to Transport Department of Government of Assam. It continued as such till it became a Corporation with effect from 31st March 1970.

The Road Transport Corporations Act. 1950 has been extended to the State of Assam with effect from 10th March. 1970 and Assam State Road Transport Corporation was constituted by Government of Assam under the said Act, which took over the management of the departmental undertaking "State Transport, Assam" with effect from 31st March, 1970. Since inception this Corporation has been playing a major role in the passenger transportation sector in north east India.

ASTC, the facilitator of public transport in the State is committed to providing effective and efficient services to citizens through several ongoing initiatives for transformation of internal governance, infrastructure, IT enabled services and accessibility.

**COMMISSIONERATE OF TRANSPORT:-**

The Commissionerate of Transport, Assam has set the target of M. V revenue collection for the year 2021-22 at Rs.1061.00 Crores. Out of which an amount of Rs.836.62 Cr. has been collected by way of Taxes, fees and fines up to February 2022, whereas in the F.Y. 2020-21 (upto February 2020) an amount of Rs. 632.30 Cr. was collected. As per data, revenue collection in the current financial year, i.e. 2021-22 (upto February, 2022) is increased by 32.31% in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous financial year i.e. 2020-21 (upto February, 2020).

**Revenue Collection under the Commissionerate of Transport, Assam:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Revenue Collection (Rs. in Crore)</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>546.65</b>
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>676.32</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>737.55</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>874.64</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>738.82</b>

In addition the Commissionerate of Transport, Assam has been focusing more emphasis on improvement of road safety in the State by effective implementation of road safety measures through enforcement of Law, road safety awareness and education programs etc.

The Commissioner of Transport, Assam has taken up the following works/ projects/ schemes:-

- i. 13 Faceless and contactless services under vahan and sarathi portal for citizens have already been launched. Remaining 10 more contactless services will be launched in a phased manner within May-2022.
- ii. Hon'ble Chief Minister's Covid Relief Scheme for Drivers, Handyman and Conductors of inter district passenger buses is being implemented and the payment of relief towards Drivers, Handyman and Conductors is in process.
- iii. Training of Drivers and Issuance of Driving License post Training.

The department with an aim to create a cadre of trained drivers, launched a scheme under which 50 youths from each Legislative Constituency. The beneficiaries have been identified and the training has been started in certain districts already.

**iv. IEC Activities:**

Extensive Awareness and sensitization campaign was carried out to generate sensitization on the issues related to Road Safety. The districts have carried out a series of activities based on the guideline for IEC activities provided by the department. The department also carried out various set of activities

- v. Social media campaign/ print and electronic media campaign on road safety.
- vi. Setting up of Grievance Redressal Cell.
- vii. Electronic monitoring and enforcement of MV Act & Rules by way of utilizing road safety equipments and traffic interceptor vehicles.

**DIRECTORATE OF INLAND WATER TRANSPORT:**

The water transport of Assam has been controlled and maintained by the Directorate of IWT, Assam, under Transport Department, Govt. of Assam and mostly concentrated with passenger ferry & cargo transportation services on the river Brahmaputra, Barak and in its tributaries. Additionally the IWT Assam playing an important role for development of River Tourism with the services of river cruising facility as well as floating restaurants

**Ferry Service:** At present IWT Assam is operating 96 (one hundred one) Passengers ferry services throughout Assam out of which 71 (seventy eight) at Brahmaputra valley and 25 (twenty three) at Barak valley. Additionally, IWT Assam is operating commercial services with hiring-out of existing commercial vessels to private operators for cargo transportation and earning revenue for the State.

**Crew Training Centre:** The Crew Training Institute was established at Guwahati which provides Competency Certificates to in-service personnel of IWT Deptt. and other allied organization of N.E. Region both public & private sector after conducting written examination centrally as well as provides maritime training to fresh candidates.

**River Conservancy :** IWT Assam has its own river conservancy wing for maintaining proper Navigability of the river route to ensure smooth operation ferry services.

**Now-Casting :** IWT Assam has been received weather report from India Metrological Department, Borjhar and set-up one State Control Room at IWT Head Quarter Guwahati and five control rooms at Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Silchar, Goalpara & Jorhat to distribute this Now Cast

information to maintain safety on IWT ferry operation at different services.

**River Tourism** : Beautification of river bank at Guwahati including River Cruising service at Guwahati both A.C & Non-A/C vessels operated under IWT Assam.

**Significant achievements during 2021-22:**

**Schemes under SOPD** : The IWT Assam has inducted 3(three) new ferry vessels & 4(four) Terminal Facilities of various capacities for different ferry ghats during last year. It is also anticipated to commission another 3(three) passengers vessels for various ferry services and 2(two) FRP (Fibre Reinforced Plastic) Catamarans between Guwahati and North-Guwahati to operate as Water-Taxi service within this current financial year.

**Strategic Development** : In view of infrastructure development on the river Brahmaputra and Barak the IWT Assam has also taken initiatives for procurement of another 56 (fifty six) new terminus pontoons and allotment of the works have been completed.

Meanwhile the Govt. of Assam has set-up "The Assam IWT Regulatory Authority" under the umbrella of Transport Department, Govt. of Assam to ensure safe, efficient, reliable and environmentally sound inland water transportation for the benefit of ferry users, freight consigners and water tourism in the State of Assam. To promote activities of water transportation, Govt. has also taken steps for formation of another 2(two) new companies namely 'Assam Shipping Company (ASC)' and 'Assam Ports Company (APC)'.

**EAP Scheme: (Assam Inland Water Transport Project funded by World Bank):**

The Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society under Transport Department has initiated the following actions :

- (i) An International Tender for procurement of 20 (twenty) nos. of state-of-the-art passenger ferry vessels for under the AIWT Project has been successfully awarded in Jan '20, making it one of the largest such order placed by Inland Water Transport departments in the entire North East region. In addition to the same the proposed introduction of 3 nos. of Tug boats, the 3 nos. of Search and Rescue (SAR) vessels and 3 nos. of Man over board vessels shall transform the fleet at the disposal of the IWT department.
- (ii) The Government decided to set-up a comprehensive River Information System (RIS) to determine, collate and disseminate all information relating to weather forecast, depth of water, navigational route etc. to all boat operators through GPS tracking device installed on board.
- (iii) Implementation of incentive based scheme "Jibhondinga" has been finalized where more than 1000 Marine Engines along with Life Saving Equipments etc. will be installed in the existing Private Mechanized Boats in tune with all requisite safety and regulatory norms.

● <b>Fleet Strength</b>	Vessel (all type Ferry and commercial)	= 267 Nos.
	Vessels/ Pontoons in operational	= 178 Nos.
	Idle vessel (all type)	= 89 Nos.
● <b>Strength of Staff</b>	i) Regular staff(as per original sanction)	= 849 Nos.
	ii) Regular Staff (regularized from W/C)	= 605 Nos.
	iii) Regular staff(regularized from MIR)	= 1135 Nos.
	iv) M. R. Worker	= 783 Nos.
		Total 3462 Nos.

• **Passenger & Cargo movement :**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Vehicle (all type)</u>
2019-20	65,85,905 Nos.	69313 Qtl.	17,26,154 Nos.
2020-21	19,79,198 Nos.	42030 Qtl.	8,46,836 Nos.
2021-22	28,89,303 Nos.	457827 Qtl.	8,95,947 Nos.(upto

Dec'21)

• **Total Revenue Earning :**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Ferry</u>	<u>Comm.</u>	<u>Misc.</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019-20	3.16 Cr.	1.55 Cr.	0.00 Cr.	4.71 Cr
2020-21	1.97 Cr	1.38 Cr.	0.01 Cr.	3.36 Cr.
2021-22	1.96 Cr.	1.95 Cr.	0.00 Cr.	3.91 Cr.(uptp 8 <sup>th</sup>

march'22)

• **Budget for the FY-2022-23**

The Finance (Bt.) Department intimated Sectoral Allocation under State Funding for Priority Development (SFPD) for the financial year 2022-23 to IWT Assam framed as given below :

Under SOPD	Rs. 4741.77 Lakh
C.S. Scheme	Rs. 1117.23 Lakh (100% Grant-in-Aid)
EAP	Rs. 9840.00 Lakh
<u>Total</u>	<u>Rs. 15699.00 Lakh</u>

and Budget proposed under Revenue Rs. 26144.75 Lakh

Further, the Budget proposed under Revenue Component for the coming financial year 2022-23, to incur for both for salary & non- salary component which can expected to meet- up the actual requirement of fund for disbursement of salary of 3462 Nos. staff working under the IWT Assam as well as to maintain 96 ferry ghat within Assam.

**ASSAM STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATION:-**

Assam State Transport Corporation has been plagued since long primarily because of its vast work force vis-a vis the vehicles on road. Corporation is burdened with over aged employees comprises mainly of drivers and conductors. The average age of all regular ASTC employees are around 50yrs of age. ASTC issued notification dated 05.02.2022 inviting employees applying for YRS and out of them 332 Nos. of employees are found eligible for YRS. The estimated cost of YRS project is worked out at Rs. 9874.02 lakhs and it would reduce the monthly salary burden of ASTC by Rs 173.07 Lakhs per month which is about 24% of total monthly salary bills.

It is therefore requested that ASTC be provided a grant of Rs. 9 8.74 crore for the same.

ASTC has also been overburdened with the outstanding liabilities.

The total of CPF, Gratuity and Un-utilized Leave from January 2016 to March 2022 has been estimated at Rs. 14490.17 lakhs including the amount payable to EPFO on account of EPF liabilities from April, 2021 to March 2021 has been assessed to be Rs. 3 2 crores.

Therefore, the inclusion of the said amount aggregating Rs 144.90 crores in the next budget would ease the condition.

**Commissioner of Transport, Assam**

The Commissioner of Transport, Assam has placed a proposal under SOPD for the year 2022-23 amounting to Rs.4129.21 lakhs. Based on the said allocation, the breakup of proposed budget allocation is prepared as follows:-

SL.No.	Name of Scheme	Head of Account	Rs. in Lakh			
			Budget 2021-22		Budget 2022-23	
			Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital
1.	Road Transport - Road Safety Staff (BSNL Lease line)	3055-001-1390-047-04-99-SOPD-ODS	58.57		75.00	
2	Refresher Training Of Driver 126 LAC	3055-001-1390-040-04-99-SOPD-ODS				945.00
3	Construction of DTO office at Nagaon	5055-060-13-01-SOPD-ODS	X	16.00		16.00
4	Construction of DTO office at Majuli	5055-061-13-01-SOPD-ODS	X	8.00		96.00
5	Construction of DTO office at Hailakandi	5055-062-13-01-SOPD-ODS	X	8.00		10.00
6	Construction of DTO office at Charaideo	5055-063-13-01-SOPD-ODS	X	8.00		35.00
7	Construction of DTO office at Biswanath Chariali	5055-064-13-01-SOPD-ODS	X	8.00		25.00
8	Construction of DTO office at Hojai	5055-065-13-01-SOPD-ODS	X	40.00		40.00
9	Construction of DTO office at South Salmara - Mancachan	5055-066-13-01-SOPD-ODS	X	8.00		23.00
10	Construction of DTO office at Bajali	5055-Capital Outlay on Road Transport-00 NULL-050-Lands and building-1536 Works-(XXX) construction of DTO office in Bajali-13 Major Works-01 Normal				5.00
11	Construction of DTO office at West Karbi Anglong	5055-Capital Outlay on Road Transport-00 NULL-050-Lands and building-1536 Works-(XXX) construction of DTO office in West Karbi Anglong-13 Major Works-01 Normal				5.00
12	Construction of DTO office at Amtingoon, Komrup (R)	5055-462-13-01-SOPD-ODS	X	8.00		10.00
13	Construction of DTO office at Lekhipur	5055-XXX-13-01-SOPD-ODS		8.00		15.00
14	Assam State Road Safety Fund-Assam Motor Vehicle Road Safety Cells	3055-00-001-1394-128-32-99-SOPD-ODS GA V	159.76		296.15	
15	Assam State Road Safety Fund-Assam Motor Vehicle Road Companding Fee	3055-00-001-1394-129-32-99-SOPD-ODS GA V	594.58		1373.06	
16	JGBI Airport, Guwahati	5055-00-050-1536-939-13-01-SOPD-ODS GA V		406.30		
17	Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-Airport	5055-00-800-2443-463-32-99-SOPD-G GA V		3679.12		
18	Development of Lilabari Airport	5055-00-800-2443-460-32-99-SOPD-G GA V		356.00		
19	Jorhat Airport	5055-00-800-2443-465-32-99-SOPD-G GA V		15609.31		
20	Silchar Airport	5055-00-800-2443-465-32-99-SOPD-G GA V		5000.00		
21	WOMEN SAFETY & SECURITY IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ECOSYSTEM- State Share	3055-00-800-2523-928-32-99-SOPD-SS GA V	154.00	X		
22	SSH (CTA) Construction of DTO office in Darrang	5055-800-13-01-SOPD-ODS	X	8.00		10.00
23	Construction of Driving Testing Track	5055-00-050-1536-XXX-13-a-01-N SOPD-ODS	X	X		1000.00
24	Video Conference Hall	5055-00-050-1536-XXX-13-01-				75.00
25	Helipad	5055-00-800-2443-463-13-01				50.00
26	Installation Of C.C.TV In All District Offices	5055-00-800-5896-203	20.00	X		25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>986.88</b>	<b>25170.73</b>	<b>1744.21</b>	<b>2385.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue + Capital (Under SOPD) 2022-23</b>			<b>4129.21</b>			

**Action taken/Status report on the recommendations made by the committee (Grant No.9) in its twenty third report of DRSC of 2021-22.**

SI No.	Observations & Recommendation	Action Taken / Status Report
1. (pt. 2 of the recommendation)	The Committee observes with grave concern that the status of implementation of "Mukhayamantrir Gramya Paribahan Achoni" is very poor and the MLAs are not involved in every stage of implementation of the said scheme including selection of beneficiaries. The Committee therefore, recommends that implementation of "Mukhayamantrir Gramya Paribahan Achoni" be expedited and the local MLAs should invariably be involved in every stage of implementation of the said scheme including selection of beneficiaries.	The "Mukhayamantrir Gramya Paribahan Achoni" has been implemented as per the guidelines set by the Government.
2. (pt. 3 of the recommendation)	The Committee observed that in spite of notification on 18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2013 vide no. TWT.4/2012/32, vessels have not been provided yet to the following water-course : (a) Manikpur-Pamechar (b) Dongra-Kholabandha (c) Moinbari-Goalpara town ghat via Tarakandi.	<p>Due to shortage of Departmental vessel, this Directorate has not been able to provide vessels to the aforesaid ferry services namely: (a) Manikpur-Pamechar, (b) Dongra-Kholabandha, (c) Moinbari-Goalpara town ghat via Tarakandi.</p> <p>As per survey cum feasibility study report, low draft passenger's boats only can be plied in this water course. For augmentation fleet position of IWT Assam and also for development of IWT infrastructure Govt. of Assam has signed loan agreement with World-Bank and proposed to procure numbers of passenger vessels of 100pax and 50pax capacity of 10(ten) each category under Assam IWT Project. The 50pax capacity vessels are designed for lower draft category and IWT Assam likely to place one or two of this group in this route as soon as completion of construction and delivery.</p> <p>Further, IWT Assam is implementing a 100% Govt. subsidize beneficiaries scheme in the name of "JIBONDINGA" under Assam IWT Project. Under this scheme Marine engine &amp; reversible Gear Box with propulsion system including life saving equipments will be provided to the private boat owners who are interested to operate their boats for passenger's service to develop last mile connectivity through water transportation.</p> <p>In this respect IWT Directorate has received applications from different boat owners/operators which are under scrutiny and to be implemented shortly.</p>

<p>3. (pt. 4 of the recommendation)</p>	<p>In view of major rivers namely ; Brahmaputra, Beki ,Aie-Manas, Jaljali and Bhellengi flowing across the length and breadth of the constituency and perdominance of riverine islands inhabited by more than 1.50 lakh population, the committee recommends for survey and notification of the following watercourses under Baghbar LAC:</p> <p>(a) Baghbar-Goalpara water course (river- Brahmaputra)</p> <p>(b) Dalguma-Chaysimana water course (river-Jaljali)</p> <p>(c) Uzirarchar-Dekhduwa water course (river-Jaljali)</p> <p>(d) Morabhaj-Sheorachara water course (river-Beki)</p> <p>(e) Hadirachaki-(Tarakandi)-Pahartoli(Chatola) water course (riverAieManas)</p> <p>(f) Milijuli-Koimari water course (river-Bhellengi)</p> <p>(g) Pub-Bhatnapaity-Paschim Bhatnapaity water course (river Brahmaputra)</p> <p>(h) Chaysimana-Paschim Chaysimana water course (tributary of Brahmaputra)</p> <p>(i) Takakata-Sonabari water course (river-Brahmaputra)</p> <p>(j) Dighirpam-Shukhwarjhar water course (river-Brahmaputra)</p> <p>The committee further recommends that appropriate vessels be provided to the aforesaid water courses within a period of two years.</p>	<p>Presently IWT Assam is operating 102 (one hundred two) Government Notified ferry Service on the river Brahmaputra, Barak and its tributaries and there is no immediate scheme for opening of new ghats in this pipeline owing to shortage of departmental vessels at present. The Executive Engineers of IWT Divisions Guwahati, Dibrugarh and Silchar shall henceforth be asked to send proposals for opening of new ghats to improve connectivity only after consultation with concerned Honb'le MLA of respective constituencies. The Executive Engineer, IWT Division Guwahati, has already been asked to submit feasibility report after conducting necessary survey in these new ferry routes so that, appropriate vessels could be placed within a stipulated time frame.</p>
<p>4. (pt. 5 of the recommendation)</p>	<p>The Committee directed the Department to initiate departmental enquiry and to take necessary steps against the Officer who gave permission to construct petrol pump illegally on the land allotted to ASTC</p>	<p>The entire decisions taken in the 178" Board of Directors, ASTC has been cancelled by Transport Department, Govt. of Assam.</p>
<p>5. (pt. 6 of the recommendation)</p>	<p>The Committee strongly recommends to punish the Departmental Officer and others if they found guilty in the departmental enquiry in the appointment of UDA in 2017</p>	<p>The entire decisions taken in the 178" Board of Directors, ASTC has been cancelled by Transport Department, Govt. of Assam.</p>
<p>6. (pt. 7 of the recommendation)</p>	<p>The Committee observes that the toilet facilities in every ASTC bus stand in the entire State is in deplorable condition. So, the Committee recommends to keep it clean and hygienic by fitting tiles etc. In existing toilets and to construct new toilet facilities where necessary by use and pay ode. The Committee further recommends that if needed the toilets in ASTC may be constructed / developed through PPP model also.</p>	<p>A proposal of Rs 200.00 lakhs has been submitted of which the Administrative Approval is being received but the fund has not yet received. Again for FY 202223 another proposal of Rs 180.00 Lakhs has been submitted for budgetary Support.</p>
<p>7. (pt. 8 of the recommendation)</p>	<p>The Committee observes that a huge number of properties of ASTC are lying unutilized. So, the Committee recommends to make it modernized and income oriented so that unemployment problem can be reduced.</p>	<p>A proposal is submitted for Rs.200.00 Lakhs for appointment of Consultancy Firm to identify ASTC's untapped/ idle assets for their monetization.</p>

8. (pt. 9 of the recommendation)	The Committee recommends to construct ISBT at Bhairabkunda in Udalguri district and Sufaranguri of Kokhrajhar District	As per request of ASTC, 30 Bighas of land at Shyamugaon under Kokhrajhar district was allotted by District Authority allotment of which was cancelled and reallocated another plot of land at Kathalguri No. 1, Kokhrajhar, but the Govt. of Assam in WPT &BC Dept. informed about allocation of land at Fakiragram. Till date the matter is yet to be finalized. Aste is committed to execute the scheme on allocation of land & fund from Govt. of Assam. As regards to construction of ISBT at Bhairabkunda, Udalguri district, ASTC doesn't have any land and the matter is under consideration.
9. (pt. 10 of the recommendation)	The Committee observes that Electric Buses are highly efficient and have low operating cost than diesel buses. So, the Committee recommends that Transport Department should take steps to utilize electric buses where possible in different places in Assam like Guwahati.	ASTC is going to operate 200 Nos. of Electric buses and 100 Nos. of CNG driven buses in greater Guwahati region. The buses will be provided by Guwahati Smart City Ltd to ASTC for operating on revenue sharing basis.
10. (pt. 11 of the recommendation)	The Committee recommends to construct Constituency wise driving tracks	Deputy Commissioners have been requested to allot minimum 2 acre of land for establishment of at least 1 (one) Automated Driving Testing Track in each district in the interest of minimizing the Road Accident & Fatalities in the State. (Copy enclosed as annexure I).
11. (pt.14 of the recommendation)	The Committee recommends that Transport Department should take adequate steps for transportation of people from District Head Quarter to Guwahati and onwards journey on daily basis.	The State Transport Authority, Assam grants different types of route permits under Motor Vehicle Acts & Rules against application submitted by the vehicle owner for plying of their vehicles on different routes which includes the routes from Guwahati to different parts of the State.
12. (pt. 15 of the recommendation)	The Committee recommends that the Consultation with the local MLAs should be mandatory for selection of Schemes / Projects related to ASTC	The Field Officers have been instructed to take action.
13. (pt 16 of the recommendation)	The Committee recommends for construction of ISBT at Bhairabkunda, Udalguri and Kokhrajhar.	As per request of ASTC, 30 Bighas of land at Shyamugaon under Kokhrajhar district was allotted by District Authority allotment of which was cancelled and reallocated another plot of land at Kathalguri No. 1, Kokhrajhar, but the Govt. of Assam in WPT &BC Dept. informed about allocation of land at Fakiragram. Till date the matter is yet to be finalized. Aste is committed to execute the scheme on allocation of land & fund from Govt. of Assam.



		As regards to construction of ISBT at Bhairabkunda, Udalguri district, ASTC doesn't have any land and the matter is under consideration.
14. (pt. 17 of the recommendation)	The committee observes that Inland Water Transport Parghat, BorgholaKahibari, Borghola-Tilpukhuri has been running without any permission of the Government. The Committee therefore recommends that formal permission to this Parghat or any other non-allotted I.W.T. Parghat be allotted at the earliest.	As per Govt. notified 'SOP' vessels without manne engine and reversible gear box are barred to ply in any public service throughout Assam. Interested private boat operators have participated in tendering process invited by IWT Assam for Borghola-Kahibari, and Borghola-Tilpukhuri Parghats, which are presently under scrutiny at Govt. level for offering settlement.
15. (pt. 18 of the recommendation)	The Committee recommends that Dhubri to Hatsingimari and Dhubri to Fakirganj Ro Ro service shall start at the earliest.	One Ro-Pax (Ro-Ro) vessel is already in service between Dhubri and Fakirganj. Due to lower draft in the Dhubri - Hatsingimari route the Ro-Pax service in this route has been stopped temporarily to avoid any untoward incidents.

## Grant No.9

### Transport

#### Observation and Recommendation

1. **Commissionerate of Transport, Assam:**

(i) The committee reiterates its earlier recommendation of consultation with the local MLAs for selection of schemes/ projects related to ASTC. The department should ensure involvement of the local MLAs.

2. **Directorate of IWT, Assam**

(i) The committee reiterates its earlier recommendations for providing appropriate vessels to the following three water-courses:

- (a) Manikpur-Pamerchar,
- (b) Dongra-Kholabandha &
- (c) Moinbari-Goalpara town ghat via Tarakandi.

(ii) The committee reiterates its earlier recommendations for survey and notification of the following water-courses under Baghbar LAC and

(iii) for providing appropriate vessels in these water-courses:

- (a) Baghbar-Goalpara water course (river-Brahmaputra)
- (b) Dalguma-Chaysimana water course (river-Jaljali)
- (c) Uzirarchar-Dekdhuwa water course (river-Jaljali)
- (d) Morabhaj-Sheorachara water course (river-Beki)
- (e) Hadirachaki-(Tarakandi)-Pahartoli(Chatola) water course (river-Aie-Manas)
- (f) Milijuli-Koimari water course (river-Bhellengi)
- (g) Pub-Bhatnapaity-Paschim Bhatnapaity water course(river-Brahmaputra)
- (h) Chaysimana-Paschim Chaysimana water course(tributary of Brahmaputra)
- (i) Takakata-Sonabari water course(river-Brahmaputra)
- (j) Dighirpam-Shukhwarjhar water course(river-Brahmaputra)
- (k) Kokradangu Hatsingmari to Dhubri
- (l) Sukchar Dhubri (Bepari perah)

3. The Committee observes that due to lack of awareness of the "Mukhyamantrir Gramya Paribahan Achoni" people could not take the benefit of the Scheme. Therefore, the Committee recommends to make awareness programme so that the people can take the benefit of the Scheme and also to involve the local MLAs in every stage of implementation of the said scheme including selection of beneficiaries.

4. The Department in its earlier sitting had recommends that the local MLAs should be involved in every stage of implementation of the said scheme including selection of beneficiaries in consultation with the DC and the DTO. But the Hon'ble Members of the Committee opined that no MLA has been involved in this regard. Therefore, the Committee strongly recommends that strict action should be taken against the concerned officers for ignoring the recommendation of the Committee.

5. The Committee recommends to increase the passenger vessel in South Salmara, Mankachar, Goalpara and Dhubri District.

6. The Committee suggests the Department to provide modern comfortable buses and Bus stand at South Salmara-Mankachar District.
7. The Committee has observed that Electric Buses are highly efficient and have low operating cost than diesel buses. So, the Committee recommends Transport Department should procure new-model modern Electric Buses.
8. The Committee has observed that some officers are involved in collecting money illegally from goods Vessel in Tezpur District. Therefore, the Committee strictly directed the Department to initiate departmental enquiry and to take necessary action against the officer who are involved in it.
9. The Committee has observed that a proposal has been given for constructing a new helipad in Nagaon District which the Committee finds not very useful for the general public. Therefore, the Committee recommends to construct one Heliport instead of Helipad so that A TR under UDAN can be landed.
10. The Committee has observed that the Ro Ro and Ropax vessels which the Department has purchased could not be used in all the seasons. It could not be used in low water level. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Department should purchase new Ropax vessels considering the water level of the Brahmaputra river.
11. The Committee has observed that due to dredging in the Brahmaputra river, some villages are suffering from huge soil erosion. Therefore, the Committee recommends that proper survey should be conducted and erosion factor also be taken into consideration while doing the dredging in future.
12. The Committee recommends the plight of Volvo Bus from Kokrajhar to Guwahati and also from Udalguri to Guwahati immediately.
13. The Committee recommends a connection of ferry service from South bank of Brahmaputra to Tezpur town.

The Committee recommends that the Budget allocation provided under Grant No.9 for the Financial Year 2022-23 for Transport be approved by the August House.

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