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ON DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENTS
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**FIFTEENTH
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**Report on the Demands for the Grant Nos.14, 15, 18 & 20
for the year 2022-23**

DEPARTMENT : HOME

NINETEENTH REPORT

Presented to the House on 28th March, 2022

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INTRODUCTION

1. I, as Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this **NINETEENTH REPORT** on Demands for Grant Nos. 14, 15, 18 and 20 of the Home & Political Department for the financial year, 2022-2023.
2. Demands for Grant have been examined by the Committee under Rule 260 J (1) (a) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.
3. The Committee took evidence of the representatives of the Home & Political Department on 23rd March, 2022.
4. The Draft Report was considered and adopted by the Committee at their sitting held on 26th March, 2022.
5. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Officials of the Home & Political Department for placing before them the requisite materials and their considered views in connection with the subjects under consideration.
6. The Committee would also like to place on record their deep sense of appreciation for the invaluable assistance rendered to them by the Officials of Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat attached to the Committee.

Dispur :
Dated 26th March, 2022

Ramendra Narayan Kalita,
Chairman,
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Committee on Development (B) Departments,
Assam Legislative Assembly.



CHAPTER – I

REPORT

Grant No – 14 (Police)

After presentation of the Budget in the House for the financial year 2022-23 on 16th March, 2022, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee On Development (B) Department held its meeting on 23rd March, 2022 to discuss in respect of Grant No. 14 (Police), Grant No. 15 (Jail), Grant No.18 (Fire Service) and Grant No. 20 (CD & HG) relating to the Home & Political Department.

- 1.1. The Departmentally Related Standing Committee in its sitting held on 2^{3rd} March, 2022 examined the papers and documents received from the departments and took evidence of the departmental representatives. At the same time, the Committee considered the Action Taken report on the recommendations made in its Eighteenth Report of 2021-22 in addition to the scrutiny of the budget provisions.
- 1.2 Budget provisions under Grant no 14 (Police) relating to the Home (Police) Department, 2022-23 are as follows:

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	648607.24	43400.45	692007.69
CHARGED	52.00	0.00	52.00

General Areas

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	648607.24	43363.45	691970.69
CHARGED	52.00	0.00	52.00

Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	0.00	26.00	26.00
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	0.00	11.00	11.00
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Bodoland Territorial Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Under the following heads, an estimated budget allocation has been fixed as shown below:

• 2055	Police	648607.24
• 4055	Capital Outlay on Police	43363.45
• Grand Total		691970.69

The amount so allocated is presented before the House and is proposed to be spent in the Revenue and Capital expenditure respectively.

However, the Committee found that the fund released as per the budget allocation during the last financial year, i.e., 2021-22 for Grant no 14, had a great adverse impact due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. The Department also mentioned in its sitting about the disruption in many activities as proposed in the recommendation of the Eighteenth Report of the Committee for the State and District wise lockdown.

To further improve the performance of Assam Police and also to make it a more people friendly Police force for better service delivery as well as to make it welfare oriented, several initiatives have been taken some of which are mentioned below:-

1.3. Modernization of Police Stations:-

- a. Total 346 Nos. police stations of Assam have been taken up for modernization, out of which, works for 119 Nos. police stations have already been taken up. Out of 119 Police stations, 100 Police stations are taken up by Assam Police Housing Corporation Ltd. (APHCL) and 19 NOS. are taken up by HOUSEFED. Out of 100 Police stations of Assam Police Housing Corporation Ltd., construction of 68 Nos. of Police station are completed & remaining 32 are in progress. The remaining 173 Police stations for which land is available are being taken up by APHCL for construction/modernization along with quarters for Police officers and constables in each P.S.
- b. The following amenities are incorporated in the Modern Police station-
 - i. For women/juvenile comfort a separate room for **women's and children's corners** with separate access from outside provided.
 - ii. All PSs provided with **video conferencing & CCTV facilities**.
 - iii. Conference/ Briefing Room provided.
 - iv. Cyber Room and Work Station are accommodated.
 - v. Counselling Room for Drug addict & juvenile etc.
 - vi. Lock up with Malkhana
 - vii. Differently Abled citizen friendly facilities provided in each PS.
 - viii. Visitor & Differently Abled Toilets.
 - ix. Basic tools for cyber crime detection are too kept in each PS.
 - x. In addition to the above, the investigation room/reception/OC's room are also available.
- c. **Proposal for construction of new Police stations buildings (Converted from OP) & also new accommodation at new P.S.** have also been taken up.

II. **Modernization of Police reserve:-** APHCL has taken up 20 nos. police reserve for construction/Repair/renovation of quarters on phase manner for police officers/personnel alongwith the following infrastructure - (a) Auditorium,(b)Indoor play hall,(c)Marriage hall,(d)Namghar,(e)Drill shed

III. **Establishment of Proposed 5 (Five) nos. of New Assam Police Commando Battalions :-** APHCL has taken up Constructions of 5 (Five) new Assam Police Commando Battalions with a strength of 800 Police personnel at the following locations:- (i) Pabhoi in Biswanath Dist., (ii)Ambikapur in Sadia Dist.,(iii) Geleky Kamalabari in Sivasagar Dist., (iv)Kachurtal in Hailakandi Dist., (v) Doldoli in Karbi Anglong District. For this purpose the tendering process is on.

IV. Proposal for construction of **100 nos. outpost, 18 nos. of SDPO office cum residence & required no. of SP's Office & SP's Residence** are also taken up for which Plan & Estimate have already been prepared and submitted.

- V. **Modernization of Guwahati Police Reserve** with sufficient no. of quarters for different ranks of Police with other modern amenities and also **construction of new office building of Guwahati Police Commissionerate** at Khanapara, Guwahati are taken up by Assam PWD.
- VI. **Proposal for construction of G+5 Cyberdome Office Building at Kahilipara, Guwahati** is also taken up for which Plan & Estimate have already been prepared and submitted.
- VII. **Police station :-**
Total 40 nos. of proposals have already been submitted to the Govt. for necessary sanction for Establishment of new PS/OP's and up-gradation of existing OP's to PS's.
- VIII. **Counter Insurgency and Anti-Terrorist (CIAT) Schools :-** During the last 03 (three) years a total **656 nos** of personnel have completed CIAT Training at :- (i) 8th AP Bn, Abhayapuri - 159 Nos (ii) 23rd AP(IR) Bn, Siloni - 170 Nos and (iii) APTC, Dergaon - 218 Nos w.e.f. 23-09-2019 for a period of 9 weeks.
- IX. **Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare (CIJW) Schools :-** During the last 03 (three) years a total **197 nos.** of constables completed their CI&JW course at CI&JW School, CDO Bn. Mandakata for a period of 8th weeks.
- XI. **Assam Police Academy**
- Steps have been taken to upgrade the existing Assam Police Training College into a World Class Police Academy.
 - The upgradation would include provision of physical and technical infrastructure for all aspects of policing, including academic needs, outdoor activities, tactical training, cyber capacities, anti-insurgency capabilities, soft skills, etc. This academy would not only cater to the North Eastern region but also neighbouring countries and the ASEAN Nations.
 - Administrative Approval of Rs. 167,41,22,588/- was received from Govt. in the Financial Year 2020-21 for up-gradation of the existing Police Academy College to a World Class Academy at Dergaon. Work order has also been issued for Rs. 156.51 Cr.

Preliminary Status Paper relating to CID :

The Government is fully committed to its prime responsibility of controlling crime in the State and to ensure that the offenders are brought to justice at the earliest. It is fully cognizant of the fact that a safe and secure environment is a prime necessity for the actualization of all other economic, social, cultural, political and developmental potential. It has been taking various measures to upgrade police machinery with a view to make it more efficient and effective in controlling crimes through adequate preventive steps as well as through proper and timely investigation of criminal cases.

1.4 (A) **Controlling crimes against women, children and other weaker sections of the society.**

- I. Monitoring of crime against women including human trafficking and witch hunting, as an integral part of the Hon'ble CM's Vision Programme.
- II. **Women cells in all police station.** The Govt. has already initiated steps for setting up of Women Cells of adequate strength, in each police station of the State, in a phased manner.
- III. **Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs)** have already been set up in 14 districts in the State which require mobility and other equipment. Setting up of another new 19 (nineteen) AHTUs have been initiated and the procurement process will be completed accordingly.
- IV. **FIR in cases of missing children.** It has been made mandatory to register FIRs, in cases of missing children.
- V. **'Missing Person's Squads'** are being established at the District and Sub-division level.
- VI. **Training programs for Police personnel and other stakeholders** are being organized during the year 2021-22 as follows:

The Child Welfare Police Officer shall be in plain clothes and not in uniform.

Action against unauthorized entities accepting deposits from the public.

(B) Case against Non-Banking Financial company registered during the years 2021-2022 till date is treated as nil.

(C) FICN

During the years 2021 to 2022 till date, total 81 (eighty-one) cases of Fake Indian Currency Note (FICN) are registered and 133 (one hundred & thirty-three) persons are arrested and Rs. 2,45,13,100.00 was seized by CID P.S., Assam, Guwahati.

(D) Drug abuse

During the years 2020 to 2022 till date, a sizeable amount of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substance have been seized at CID P.S., Assam by Police. Total 19 (nine) persons have been arrested in connection with above seizure in different cases.

(E) CCTNS/ICJS Progress status

- ❖ 100% Digitization of FIR being achieved in all Police Stations (325) across the state. Since 2014 following are details of the data entry being done in CCTNS system ; IIF-1(Integrated Investigation Form) FIR- 8,86,023, IIF-2(crime detail form)- 3,52,996, IIF-3(Arrest/Surrender)- 1,28,116, IIF-4(Property Seizure)- 44,590 IIF-5(Charge-sheet/FR)- 2,50,761.
- ❖ All 477 locations are connected.
- ❖ Management Information System (MIS) Dashboard is enabled to generate various reports such as crime statistical report.
- ❖ Automated DCR generated from online MIS dashboard.
- ❖ Online complaint registration and other 9 types of citizen centric services launched for Public. Citizen Portal www.assampolice.assam.gov.in was launched in the State on 1st Jan 2016. Following Citizen Centric services has been made available to the citizens such as Complaint, Character Certificate, PRC, DAKSHA, Employee

verification, Tenant verification, Domestic Help verification, Passport Verification, Lost & Found.

- ❖ Centralized File sharing system is created for access and download by Assam Police for all the standardized e-Forms, various SOPs, guidelines etc.
- ❖ Dedicated e-Mail services made available for all PS and Higher offices for official communication.
- ❖ E-court sending automated mail to PS for case related summons.
- ❖ SMS alert to SP/SHO for pending charge sheet of cases particularly for sensitive and important cases like NDPS act cases.
- ❖ Downloading of FIR by citizens enabled as per Supreme Court guidelines.
- ❖ Broadcasting of UIDB (Unidentified Dead Body)/Kidnapping/missing person details through CCTNS mail to all States DGP.
- ❖ Data center- National data center for sharing of approved data.
- ❖ Access of National Database for national level for search of criminals.
- ❖ Connectivity via 'Assam Police Connect' by APRO to every PS has been planned to provide 4 Mbps high speed fiber connectivity. So far 194 links are migrated to APCONNECT.

Current Status of ICJS Assam

1. All the five pillars of ICJS (Police, Court, Prison, FSL and Prosecution) are entering data in their respective applications i.e. CCTNS, eCourt, ePrison, eFSL and eProsecution
2. Data of CCTNS, ePrison, eCourt and FSL is being made available in the ICJS Mini statement.
3. For Prison and Prosecution data are available in the respective application and mapping is being done in ICJS Mini statement with the support of NIC.
4. Consumption of CCTNS data (FIR/Charge sheet) by eCourt has been enabled.
5. ICJS Pilot project has been initiated in Jagiroad PS under Morigaon District.
6. Jagiroad PS is submitting CCTNS generated FIR to Court.
7. Electronic consumption of CCTNS data by e-Court has been enabled.
8. ICJS login credentials created for every District to access the ICJS portal.

(F) So far, the criminal Justice system has focused only on the accused. The Government has taken a historical step to orient the system towards the victims, as well, by introducing the "Victim Compensation Scheme", as mandated by the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

(G) To handle the large number of pending cases, the government has now delegated powers of investigation to ASIs and selected HCs of the Unarmed Branch.

The Police Department is going to undertake a massive exercise for imparting adequate training to equip and empower these ranks, which will help in mitigating the problem of increasing pendency of cases under investigation.

(H) Training and sensitizing the Police personnel on importance of safe guarding human rights.

(I) At present, the Assam Police is having 18 (eighteen) dogs at the disposal of CID, Assam and are being distributed throughout Assam. The services of the dog squad are immensely helpful in anti-sabotage checking and in detection of heinous crime.

Physical targets achieved during the last three years :

A cyber Forensic Lab-cum-Training Centre has been set up at CID HQ at cost of Rs.3,92,99,900/- under CCPWC Scheme during the FY 2021-22.

Action Taken Report on the recommendation made by the committee in its 16th Report:

1. Training programme on "Cyber Crime, Cyber security, Cyber Forensic, Mobile Forensic, Cyber Investigation and I.T Act" will be continued at CID Cyber Training Lab. on regular basis.

1.5. Brief Note in respect of Grant No. 14:

Over the last few years CID is driving the Modernization process of work in the State. Police computerization through the CCTNS project is one such important step in this direction. A Cyber-Crime Cell and a Cyber Forensic Lab has been set up for combating cyber related crime of the state. A number of cases were detected in the lab and some other complicated cyber cases have been detected.

To combat Human Trafficking, Child Labour i.e. 14 Nos. of Anti-Human Trafficking Unit have been set up under MPF Scheme 2010-15 and 2018-19.

Again, Govt. of India has released an amount of Rs.4,37,00,000/- for strengthening the existing AHTUs and setting up new 19 (nineteen) AHTUs in the State of Assam under Nirbhaya Fund in different districts of Assam. The Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) time to time conduct raids and searches to combat Human Trafficking in the State and Co-ordinates with outside States to ensure recovery of trafficked victims.

CID has also a Narcotic Cell for combating narcotic trafficking and drug abuse. A grant of assistance to States for strengthening their Enforcement Capabilities for Combating Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances for the financial year 2018-19 has been received from MHA for an amount of Rs. 25,80,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Lakh and Eighty Thousand) only. Accordingly, 03 (three) nos. of Maruti Ertiga VXI amounting to Rs.22,95,805/- have been procured through the GeM Portal. The Assam Police Dog Squad has been expanded and activated throughout the districts of Assam.

Moreover, CID Training Centre conducts training for the Police personnel in various fields like Juvenile Justice, Investigation FP application, Computer handling and AHT/NDPS Detection and Law etc.

1.6 Brief Note in respect of 14 Grant: Conversion of Analog to Digital Communication Network

1. The Conversion of Analog to Digital Police Communication Network in the State has been initiated in the year 2013. Presently, installation of Digital Communication Network in VHF Band has been completed in 9(nine) districts viz. Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Sadiya, Jorhat, Majull, North Lakhimpur, Charaideo, Sivasagar and Dhemaji out of total 36 Police districts of Assam.

2. Proposal for Installation of Digital VHP Network has submitted for another 6(six) districts viz. Golaghat, Sonitpur, Biswanath, Nagaon and Hojai under the State Budget at a total cost of Rs.7.96 Crore, but sanction could not be received. 3.3 Proposal has also been submitted for Installation of Digital VHF Network in the current financial year 2021-22 for another 6(six) numbers of districts viz. Bongaingaon, Dhuburi, South Salmara, Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi at a total cost of Rs.6.66 Crore. 3.4 A plan has also been submitted for Digitalisation of Communication Network in the districts of Morigaon, Kamrup(R), Darrang, Nalbari, Barpeta and Udalguri at a total cost of Rs.7.07 Crore from the unspent amount of fund allocated to Assam Police under the sub-scheme of "Assistance to States for Modernisation of Police."

3. It is proposed for Digitalisation of Communication Network in the districts of Karbi Anglong, West Karbi Anglong, Dima Hassao, Baksa, Chirang and Kokrajhar including Battalions in the districts, at an estimated cost of Rs.7.85 Crore under the "Assistance to States for Modernisation of Police". 4.0 Infrastructure Development:

4. Infrastructure Development:

Renovation of office Building, Staff quarter, GO's Quarter is under construction at APRO Training School, Jalukbari. Roof treatment as well as construction of 3rd floor of APRO HQ building.

Renovation of old office building of APRO Zonal HQ, Jorhat as Heritage Building has been completed under the Mission MOITRI.

1.7

NEW SCHEMES FOR 2022-23

1) CYBER POLICE STATIONS AND TWO CYBER OUTPOSTS

The existing Law and Order Police Stations are unable to cope with the heavy work load due to which they are unable to concentrate on the cyber crimes being reported because it requires specialist training and equipment to deal with these cases and accordingly it was decided to set up one Cyber Police Station at Police Commissionerate, Guwahati City with City Jurisdiction and one Cyber Police Station at CID HQ, Guwahati with 2 (two) Outposts in Dibrugarh and Silchar with state wide jurisdiction will be more pertinent and effective. Almost all the states in the country are now in possession of Cyber Police Stations and some states are having one Cyber Police Station per districts.

2) Reliable Chain of Custody for Evidence (both digital and non-digital) using Blockchain Technology

Block chain is a distributed ledger technology that decentralizes maintenance and preservation of digital ledger across multiple nodes. Each node contains entire data as well as the entire software that operates the data. The data once written onto blockchain cannot be modified or deleted. The smart contracts deployed on block chain once installed cannot be altered even by the administrator. The blockchain gives trust and transparency and also plugs single point failure vulnerability. It by design establishes the chain of custody and provides a heightened level of public trust in the integrity of the evidence since tempering is impossible. Therefore the law enforcement agencies should tap its potential.

Several law enforcement agencies across the world and several Govt. as well as public sector undertakings are also using blockchain technology to ensure temper proof maintenance of various data bases. In the year 2019 around 15 % of blockchain applications in India were used in Govt. sector and public sector undertakings. Already the land registry data, farm insurance data and ration distribution data are going live with blockchain storage in several States. Further use of blockchain technology by various private sector agencies has shifted from pilot mode to series production in the last few years.

With regard to the evidence captured by the Investigating Officers during investigation both digital and non-digital, it is very essential to maintain the chain of custody, prevent alteration, tampering and omissions. This technology can provide secure method of maintaining the integrity and preservation of purity of evidence which can be accessible to the Courts as admissible evidence. The system can provide guarantees for integrity, authenticity and audit trail so that the acceptability of the evidence by the defense, Courts and the public in general will improve drastically.

The system will have a unique I.D for every criminal case and will store all the data and the details of the evidence gathered against the said unique I.D. The data can be entered by the I.O. by accessing the App loaded on a smart phone. The I.O. can upload the data / meta-data of the seizures pertaining to the criminal case including photographs, video and audio clips. The data in general will be stored on block chain. Large sized files if any, will be stored on a separate server but backed up by storing the hash value and meta-data on blockchain. The movement of the seized items from location to location can also be recorded to ensure chain of custody. At appropriate stage access can also be given to prosecution, Courts and to the defense.

1.8 **Conversion of APRO (Assam Police Radio Organisation) to APTO (Assam Police Technical Organisation) to support all Technical Issues related to Assam Police**

The manpower for Assam Police Radio Organisation (APRO) is being sanctioned from time to time along with creations of new Districts, Battalions, Police stations, Out posts etc. This has led to APRO to be an unstructured organization with undue delays in promotions at certain levels causing frustration. Moreover, the Posts sanctioned by the government are not as per scale as well as actual operational requirement, which in turn, has led to acute shortage of manpower.

This has also led to the shortage of Supervisory Officers in the field, causing below average performance.

Hence the Re-Organisation and Re-structuring of APRO is felt extremely essential. The APRO officers and men are meeting the technical requirements of other police establishment in an un-organized manner as no specific sanction is there for doing such kind of jobs for those respective organizations. Thus, those jobs are being performed from the existing sanctioned strength of the organization. Thereby, the primary responsibility of the APRO is getting affected adversely. It is also high time to provide technical support for diversified technical needs of Assam Police with adequate sanction of posts for the purpose and it could be achieved by conversion of Assam Police Radio Organisation (APRO) into Assam Police Technical Organisation (APTO). Detail report submitted to APHQ on Jan'2018. Revised and updated proposal has been submitted to APHQ vide L/No.RC/287/2018-21/79 dtd.1/06/2021. Total financial implication for additional manpower per annum comes to a tune of **Rs.71.95 Crores.**

AP Connect for Internet Connectivity and Video Conferencing upto P.S. Level

Directive issued by the Govt. vide L/No.HMA.751/2016/154 dtd.20/12/2018 for the work to be done by APRO. For better understanding of the budgetary estimate as well as other connectivity related issues the project was splitted into two parts. One is for Network & Internet Connectivity and another one is for the peripherals of Video Conferencing Solutions.

Assam Police Connect:

Work order has been issued to the BSNL for implementation of "Assam Police Connect" for providing internet connectivity to around 568 locations in the State including EFT (Electronic Foreigners Tribunal) and installation work is under process.

Video Conferencing facility:

Commercial Bid was opened on 05/07/2021 and accordingly report has been submitted by the designated committee for "Supply Installation Testing and Commissioning of Video Conferencing Facility" upto the PS level in the State.

ANNEXURE-I

**Action Taken Report on 18th Report of Departmentally
Related Standing Committee on Development (B)
Department, Assam Legislative Assembly Relating to
Grant No. "14-Police"**

PO IN T No.	RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION TAKEN
1	<p>The Committee observed that there is urgent need for up-gradation of existing Out Posts and establishment of new Out Posts in Madhupur near Khagorijan under Nagaon LAC, Belbari (Tengakhat PS), Abhoypur Forest, Kanubari under Charaideo District with lodging, electricity and toilet facilities along with manpower. Moreover, the Committee observed that it will be more convenient for the local public of Soraipung area in Tinsukia district if the same can be brought under the jurisdiction of Bhadoi Out Post from Digboi Police Station.</p> <p>Thus the Committee recommended that the process of up-gradation of all existing Outposts across the State, especially the Goroimari Outpost to full-fledged Police Station and establishment of new OPs at Belbari (Tengakhat PS), Abhoypur Forest, Kanubari under Charaideo District with lodging, electricity and toilet facilities along with adequate manpower should be expedited. The Committee also recommended to take necessary action for bringing Soraipung area under the jurisdiction of Bhadoi Outpost.</p>	<p>Creation of new OP in Madhupur near Khagorijan under Nagaon LAC, a proposal has been received from SP Nagaon vide their Letter No. E/Proposal of OP/NGN/2021/4882, Dated 23-11-2021 which proposal being submitted shortly to the Govt. after examination by the Committee on reforms in Establishment Functioning and management of PS and OP etc.</p> <p>In respect of Belbari OP under Tengakhat PS in Dibrugarh Dist, Govt. Notification has been received vide No. HMC-63/05/136-A, Dated 16-02-2012 for establishment the same OP. A plot of land measuring 03 B-0 K- 0 LS covered by Govt. Dug No. 396 (Pt) has been allotted by the Circle Officer, Tengakhat Circle vide No. TC/A1/Pt-3/2016-17/1260, Dated 29/03/2018.</p> <p>Keeping in view of Public convenient, Soraipung area under Digboi PS in Tinsukia Dist. may be brought under Jurisdiction of Bhadoi OP in Dibrugarh Dist. In this regard SP, Tinsukia has taken up the matter vide his L/No. TSK/E/2021/1767-69 Dated 29-09-2021.</p>
2	<p>The Committee was informed that the Orang Police Station is functioning from rented house and therefore facing many difficulties. Moreover, the Committee also observed that the Kamalpur PS is in a very dilapidated condition in totally worn out position.</p> <p>Therefore, the Committee recommended to construct the permanent building of Orang PS and also for immediate reconstruction of Kamalpur PS under MOITRI Sheme in the next phase.</p>	<p>For an amount of Rs. 1.00 Crore only has been proposed in budget estimates for the F.Y. 2022-23 for acquisition of land in respect of construction of all PS Buildings permanently which PS has been functioning from rented house. Secondly, Rs. 500.00 Crore has been proposed in the budget estimates for the C.F.Y. 2022-23 for construction of PS and other constructions under MOITRI Scheme.</p>

3	<p>During the course of discussion, the Committee observed that many BOPs in the Inter-State Borders of Assam are lying in dilapidated condition. Moreover, the Committee felt the need of establishing new BOPs in all sensitive border areas. Thus, the Committee recommended for taking immediate action for repairing/renovating those BOPs for smooth functioning and establishing new BOPs in all sensitive border areas, especially at Garilik under West Gauhati constituency and at Ukiam near Assam-Meghalaya inter-state border.</p>	<p>For repairing/renovation of existing BOPs proposals covering 34 BOPs submitted by Spl. DGP (B) vide their Memo No. Spl. DGP (B)/IV/96/Pt-IV-02/Meeting/2020-21/23, Dated 28-01-2021 is under process in Border Protection & Development Department. For establishment of new BOPs at 50 locations in different districts of Assam a proposal has been submitted to Border Protection & Development Department by Spl. DGP, vide their Memo No. Spl. DGP (B)/IV/96/Pt IV-02/Meeting/2020-21/78, Dated 15-03-2021.</p>
4	<p>The Committee observed that there is huge illegal racket of Fake Gold and fake note (currency) across the state and mainly at Bongalmora under Lakhimpur district which needs strict and prompt action from the Assam Police. Moreover, the Committee was also informed about the illegal dealing of fake note making machine in Bongalmora. Hence, the Committee, after threadbare discussion recommended that stern steps should be taken by the Department to stop this fake gold and fake note (currency)racket across the State and mainly at Bongalmara under Lakhimpur district. Further, the department should take necessary action to locate and seize the entire fake note making machines in Bongalmora.</p>	<p>Regarding the illegal racket of fake currency and fake gold which was previously centered in and around Bongalora Outpost under Bihpuria Police Station both necessary and preventive actions are being taken Police Station level and district level. Apart from arresting the kingpins another 16 nos. main accused persons were arrested during the 2nd half of 2021 and sharp watch has been made on all such persons who were suspected to be involved in such crime, so that any effort of starting such business may be nipped in buds. After taking such types of strict action and sharp watch the kind of offences are seemed to be under control. Further, an "Organized Crime Prevention Cell" is constituted with all kinds of logistic and technical support to keep record and take prompt action in this regard.</p>
5	<p>During the Meeting, the Committee discussed about the transportation of illegal liquor from Arunachal Pradesh to Assam due to which Assam has to incur loss of revenue.</p> <p>The Committee recommended for severe steps from the Department in an active coordination with the Excise Department to stop the illegal liquor transportation to Assam.</p>	<p>All possible steps have been taken to stop the illegal liquor transportation to the State from the neighbouring States.</p>

6	<p>The Committee observed that many unlawful lottery/gambling/teer khel syndicates are operating mainly in Barpeta Road, Bajali, Bhabanipur areas and generally in many parts of the State which leads to destruction of many families. Thus, the Committee, after threadbare discussion, recommended for a strict and active action from the Department to completely stop these unlawful lottery/gambling/teer khel syndicates across the State of Assam.</p>	<p>As reported by the SP, Barpeta in this regard four cases has already been registered at Barpeta Road PS under the relevant sections of the Assam Game & Betting Act during the year 2021, and 6 (six) accused persons were arrested. Out of four cases charge sheets have been filed in three cases and one case is presently under investigation. However, regular drives against such illegal activities are going on. Moreover, letter has been issued to all SPs for taking action against such activities by APHQrs, Ulubari, Guwahati-07.</p>
7	<p>The Committee observed that there is an urgent need of rehabilitation centres across the State for the Drug/Alcohol addicts. The Committee thus recommended for an active drive from the Department for sufficient rehabilitation Centres with proper skill development facilities across the State for financial independence and social acceptance of the drug/ Alcohol addicts.</p>	<p>In this regard, letter has been issued to all SPs alongwith ADGP (CID), Assam to take action as per DRSC recommendation. Accordingly, SPs concerned have already taken necessary steps for sufficient Rehabilitation Centres with proper skill development facilities across the State for financial independence and social acceptance of Drug/Alcohol addicts. For example, SP, Lakhimpur has established two rehabilitation Centres for Drug/Alcohol addicts viz. Jagnite Sanmilita Unaya Kendra (15 beded) at Bongalmora of Lakhimpur and Kharapathar Sanmilita Yuva Samaj (13 beded) at Bihpuria. Both of these Centres has been functioning more efficiently with active supervision and assistance from district authority.</p>
8	<p>The Committee after a threadbare discussion, recommended that the Department to take necessary steps for allotment of land for about 3-4bighas, against each Regional Forensic Science Laboratory such that permanent construction of Office cum laboratory Buliding for the same could be started.</p>	<p>Land has been allotted against Regional Forensic Laboratory, Jorhat and Civil Construction Work is in progress. Govt of Assam has allotted a plot of land with two storied building to start the forensic examination of cases at Songaigaon from the financial year 2022-23. There is adequate provision of land for further construction. Again Government of Assam has allotted few rooms belonged to Silchar Medical College to start forensic examination of cases particularly-chemical and biological science from the financial year 2022-23. No land/Buildings have been allotted against Regional Forensic Laboratory, Dibrugarh and Tezpur.</p>

9	<p>The Committee made an observation that there is urgent need of River Police at Azara to control illegal smuggling/trafficking of animals through river Brahmaputra by ferry at night. The Committee recommended that the Department should take immediate steps for setting up of River Police Out Post in Azara area to stop the illegal smuggling/trafficking of animals through river Brahmaputra.</p>	<p>The set-up of proposed River Police Station of Azara, the riverine area falls under Sualkuchi River Police Station. They have executed river patrolling to prevent unsocial activities like illegal smuggling/trafficking of animals through river Brahmaputra by ferry at night and also patrolling riverine area by Pandu Police Out Post as the O.P. falls under Sualkuchi River Police Station. No such cases have been reported till date.</p>
10	<p>The Committee observed that the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti Corruption has vacancies which require to be filled up for strong and proper functioning of the Department. The Committee was also informed that due to frequent transfer of Officers in this Directorate, many difficulties arises in investigation process. The Committee recommended for urgent filling up of the posts of Technical Officer, Legal Officer and Accounts Officer of the Vigilance and Anti Corruption under Home Department. Moreover, necessary steps should be taken to fix the service term of the Officers in the Directorate for smooth functioning of transparent investigation process.</p>	<p>Government has allowed the Directorate for engaging a Legal Adviser and 8 (eight) nos. of empanelled Chartered Accountant Firms on contractual basis for assisting the Investigating/Enquiry Officers in Legal matters and in the Financial analysis in the investigation of the Cases/Enquiries respectively. The matter for engaging Technical Officer is under process.</p>

**OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
GRANT NO.14**

After threadbare discussion with the Home & Political Department the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Department has made the following observations and recommendations:-

1. The Departmentally Related Standing Committee observed that the Department has not monitored the ongoing works under Mission Moitri by the Higher Level Officers.

The Committee recommended that the Department concerned should have to look over all the ongoing work runs under Mission Moitri considering the sanctity of public interest involved therein.

2. The Committee observed that the Department half done ongoing construction work of outpost as recommended in the last 18th Report of the Committee at page No.5 and Sl. No.1 has not yet been completed by the Department.

Therefore, the Committee felt its resentment and recommended to reiterate the half done construction work of outpost as early as possible.

3. The Committee observed that the Department has put less interest to upgrade some of the outposts to a Police Station and some of the Police Station where the Post of O/C is not in the inspector level.

The Committee recommended that the Department should have to take initiative to upgrade some of the outpost to a Police Stations with the reference of Debosthan Outpost (very old outpost) under Jamunamukh LAC, Rani outpost under West Guwahati, Goroimari Out post Under Chaygaon LAC should be upgraded to the fledged Police Station considering the sanctity of public interest at the earliest without making any delay.

On the other hand in Chaygaon Police Station, Baskandi Police Station, Dhalai Police Station (situated) in Barak Valley the post Officer-in-charge should be in Inspector level.

4. The Committee observed that some of the police station has ~~ruin in~~ rented house for example Simluguri Police outpost is working in a rented house for a long period is required to shifted in to a permanent Building of a Police Station.

The Committee, therefore, a recommended to Shift such Out Post from temporary to a permanent building/construction.

5. The Committee observed that some Police outposts and Police stations have no boundary wall which may cause a hazardous problems therein.

The Committee, therefore recommended that boundary wall should immediately be constructed in the Police Station or Police Outposts where there is no boundary specially including the Police Station at 1 No.Kaki Panchayat, ward No.4 which is covering to a large areas about 20 sq. kms.under Lumding LAC.

6. The Committee observed experiencing to see some unnecessary created chaos in the bordering areas which generally hurt the peace loving people living specially in such a inter Border State.

The Committee recommended considering the grievance of peace loving people that the Department should find out the solution to solve such chaos by setting up of Police Outpost in the inter border State including the border sharing with Karbi Anglong district and Gohpur under Biswanath District with Arunachal Pradesh and Muduki in West Guwahati.

The Department should also make a communication or co-ordination system between Home and Border Protection Department with a proposal to construct a road or Police Station/Outpost as well.

7. The Committee observed that the Department has not taken any initiative for the Rehabilitation of Drugs addicted persons in the state.

The Committee recommended that the Department should work to rehabilitate such a drugs addicted person in collaboration with Social Welfare, Health and Skill Development Departments.

8. The Committee observed that the Department has to take provision for modernization of Forensic Laboratory of Assam with equipped up modern facilities wherever necessary.

The Committee recommended that the Department should sanction and amount making requisite budgetary provision through S.D. for modernization of Forensic Laboratory in the State.

9. The Committee observed that there is a necessity to reorganize and modernize River Police and Women Cell wherever necessary including the modernization of Azara Police Station which cover upto Chaygaon area so far.

The Committee recommended that the Department should take initiatives to reorganize and modernize the River Police/Women Cell as mentioned above as early as possible.

10. Further the committee recommended that the department should take follow up action on the following suggestions:-

- 1) Separate Directorate of Prosecution with Prosecution officers from legal background at District level. Creation of permanent cadre of Public Prosecutors from personnel with legal background
- 2) Separation of Crime Investigation from Law & Order
- 3) Improvement of Training Infrastructure and appointment of faculties from various fields.
- 4) Augmentation of manpower in Police Station for 2 Shift duty.
- 5) Infrastructure development of Cyber Crime investigation.
- 6) Appointment for permanent Medical Officer, Nursing staff & physiotherapist in District/battalion/Training Institute.
- 7) For announcement of Health Scheme for Police personnel's serious health issues.
- 8) Land allocation for PPs /OPs / PSs / SP Offices where permanent land is not allocated.

With these observations, the committee recommends that the amount sought for, under Grant No. 14 (Police) may be approved by the August House.

Action Taken Report on the recommendations may be submitted to the Committee within ninety days from the date of presentation of the Report to the House.

CHAPTER – II

REPORT

GRANT N. 15 (JAIL)

2.1 The total allocation of fund in respect of Grant No.15 for administration of Home (Jail) Department during the financial year 2022-23 is as follows:

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	9625.04	6333.20	15958.24
CHARGED	20.00	0.00	20.00

General Areas

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	9131.83	5933.60	15065.43
CHARGED	20.00	0.00	20.00

Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	418.74	206.70	625.44
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	74.47	192.90	267.37
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Bodoland Territorial Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Under the following heads, an estimated budget allocation has been fixed as shown below:

- 2056 Jails 9131.83
- 4059 Capital Outlay on public works 5933.60
- **Grand Total** 15065.43

The amount so allocated is presented before the House and is proposed to be spent in the Revenue and Capital expenditure respectively.

However, the Committee found that the fund released as per the budget allocation during the last financial year, i.e., 2021-22 for Grant No. 15, had a great adverse impact due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. The Department also mentioned in its sitting about the disruption in many activities as proposed in the recommendation of the Eighteenth Report of the Committee for the State and District wise lockdown.

During the year 2016-2017 the female prisoner's daily wages were enhanced from Rs.55/- to Rs.80/- for unskilled prisoners and from Rs. 75/- to Rs. 100/- for skilled prisoners.

Fund release system in respect of diet and medicine of all Jails both for General Areas & Sixth Schedule Areas has already been exempted from the purview of fixation of Ceiling during the year 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Under the Jail Department the Prisons are treated as "Correctional Home" and the main theme is to feed, maintain and build up the prisoners as a good citizen. Hence an adequate provision for diet, medicine and clothing, bedding and utensil for prisoners have been proposed during the year 2020-2021.

2.2 Vision:-The vision of the jail department is to make the prisons as vibrant centres of reformations, re-assimilation and rehabilitation of prisoners with dignity.

Mission:- Mission of this department is to ensure protective custody in the jail in consonance with the laws of the land, and Rules and orders of the competent authorities of law, and at the time to uphold rights and human dignity of the convicts as well as the under-trial prisoners.

Objectives:- The key of the Jail Department are

- To provide the basic amenities, education, health care, hygienic, safety and security to the prisoners.
- To impart vocational training for skill up gradation, rehabilitation and social empowerment.
- To instil good values through meditation, yoga and other cultural activities.
- To extend facilitates for legal aid to prisoners.

Functions:-

- To ensure safe custody of the prisoners with proper security and discipline.
 - To provide basic amenities including proper accommodation, sanitation hygiene and health care.
 - To provide correctional treatment for bridging the gap between the prisoners and the mainstream society for uplifting them morally, mentally and socially.
 - To provide recreational and cultural facilities like physical exercises, Yoga, Meditation, Games and Sports and Cultural activities for physical and mental health.
 - To provide work programme with vocational content to facilitate rehabilitation.
 - To provide Legal Aid to support through empanelled lawyers to the prisoners.
- ISO compliance details, if applicable: Not Applicable

● **Training Methodology and Assesment (for training institutes):-** So far there is no any training institute of Prison Department, If newly selected candidates for Jails are recruit in the Department they have to undergone training in the Police Training College, Dergaon.

- 2.3 (1) Recruitment of Warder: Approval for filling up of 261 posts of Warder (Male & Female) has been conveyed to the I.G. Prisons, Assam from Government and Chairman, State Level Police Recruitment Board, has been given responsibility for selection of the suitable candidates.

Due to change in the minimum educational qualification for "Female Warder" from Class VIII passed to HSLC passed, the advertisement dated 05.04.2018 for recruitment of 261 posts of Jail Warder has been cancelled by this Department and State Level Police Recruitment Board has been requested to issue fresh advertisement for 253 posts of Jail Warder vide letter No.HMB.211/2021/47 dated 01.03.2022.

- (2) Recruitment for the post of Asstt. Jailor: For filling up of the 21 (twenty one) of posts Asstt. Jailor (male), approvals have been conveyed vide No.HMB.333/2019/79 dated 05-10-2020. Another 11 posts of Asstt. Jailor have been approved by Govt. vide No.HMB.385/2020/30 dated 08-11-2021 and State Level Police Recruitment Board has been given responsibility for selection of suitable candidates.
- (3) Posting of Regular Medical & Health officers in the Jails of Assam: Out of the 31 (thirty one) sanctioned posts of Medical & Health officers in the Jails of Assam, 23(twenty three) posts are vacant. In the meantime, 5(five) Medical & Health officers had signed MOU vide Govt. letter No.HMB.165/2018/58 dated 09-06-2021 for joining. Appointment letter not yet issued.
- (4) Proposal for filling up the vacant post of Pharmacist: Approval for filling up the 8 (eight) posts of Pharmacist has been conveyed vide No.HMB.472/2019/14 dated 13-01-2020 and validity for extending the same till 31-03-2022 for filling up the said posts has been conveyed vide letter no HMB.472/2019/32 dated 24-08-2021
- (5) Recruitment for the post of Peon: Approval for filling up the 1(one) post of Peon and 1(one) post of Chowkidar have been conveyed vide No.HMB.260/2012/46 dated 26-02-2015. Approval for another 3 posts of Peon have also been conveyed vide No.HMB.136/2010/254 dated 22-12-2021. Direct recruitment to above 5(five) Grade-IV posts through State Level Recruitment Commission for Class IV posts.
- (6) Recruitment for the post of Junior Assistant: Approval for filling up the 11(eleven) posts of Junior Assistant have been conveyed vide No.HMB.476/2019/26 dated 13-09-2021. Approval for another 5(five) post have been conveyed vide No.HMB.385/2020/30 dated 08-11-2021. Direct recruitment to above 16(sixteen) Grade-III posts are to be done through State Level Recruitment Commission for Class III posts.

2.4 **RECOGNITION AND AWARDS, IF APPLICABLE:-**

1. Shri Brajen Das, Superintendent of Central jail, Dibrugarh has been honored with the president Correctional service Medal on the occasion of the Republic day, 2021.
2. Superintendent of District jail, Barpeta, Shri Gobinda Malakar was honored with prestigious president Medal on the occasion of the Independence Day, 2021.

2.5 NEW INITIATIVES :

The Prison Department of Assam has taken many initiative for this Financial Year 2022-2023 in which most of the Jails is being covered with all new amenities structure facilities for their prison families and well as for the prisoners with additional new RCC barrack in most Jails and construction of modern bathroom toilet facilities. Apart from this looking to the health condition of prisoners, new modern Hospital is being constructed and also being repaired for hygienic. Some of the list of new initiatives has been providing below for the financial year 2022-2023.

10. Construction of Sale outlet showroom with godown (G + 1) in the campus of Assam Prison Headquarter.
11. Construction of DIG (Range) Jorhat office complex cum quarter and Assistant in RCC (G + 3) provision in Jorhat.
12. Construction of Superintendent Quarter, Doctor Quarter, Jailor Quarter, 4(Four) Unit at Central Jail, Guwahati (G+1) Building with a provision of (G+3).
13. Providing Solar Power Plant in the complex of Central Jail Guwahati
14. Construction of Brick drain in front and north side and R.C.C. out let drain at South side of District Jail, Kokrajhar.
15. Construction of Septic Tank with Soak pit of Prisoners 14 (Fourteen) Nos. inside District Jail, Kokrajhar.
16. Construction of 2(two) nos. of (G + 3) RCC Superintendent, Doctor, Jailor, Pharmacist and Assistant Jailor at Central Jail, Tezpur.
17. Construction of Quarter (G + 2) for Superintendent and M&HO-I at District Jail, Dhubri.
18. Construction of (G + 3) RCC Quarter for Superintendent & Doctor at Central Jail, Jorhat.
10. Construction of (G + 3) RCC Quarter for Warder at Central Jail, Jorhat
11. Construction of (G + 3) RCC Quarter for Superintendent, Doctor, Jailor & Asstt. Jailor at District Jail Morigaon.
12. Construction of (G + 3) RCC Quarter for Superintendent, Doctor, Jailor & Asstt. Jailor at District Jail, Sivasagar.
13. Piped Water Supply Scheme at Biswanath District Jail.
14. Construction of (G + 3) RCC Quarter for Superintendent, Doctor, Jailor & Asstt. Jailor at District Jail, Nalbari.
15. Construction of (G + 3) RCC Quarter for Superintendent, Doctor, Jailor & Pharmacist at Special Jail, Nagaon.
16. Construction of additional 2(two) storied RCC Barrack for 100 inmates at District Jail, Tinsukia. (APHC)
17. Construction of (G + 3) RCC Quarter for Superintendent, Doctor, Jailor & Pharmacist at District Jail, Tinsukia.
18. Extension of Main enclosure big boundary wall for newly construction building of District Jail, Udalguri.
19. Construction of additional 2(two) storied RCC Barrack for 200 inmates at District Jail, Barpeta. (APHC)
20. Construction of (G + 3) RCC Quarter for Superintendent, Doctor, Jailor, Asstt. Jailor & Pharmacist at District Jail, Barpeta.
21. Construction of Quarter (G + 3) for Superintendent, M&HO-I, Jailor, Asstt. Jailor and Pharmacist at District Jail, Majuli.
22. Construction of (G + 3) Quarter (Ground for parking) for Superintendent, Jailor, Asstt. Jailor and Pharmacist at District Jail, Mangaldoi.
23. Up-gradation of Vertical extension of Jail enclosure wall at Central Jail, Nagaon (Part-I).
24. Up-gradation of Vertical extension of Jail enclosure wall at Central Jail, Nagaon (Part-II).
25. Estimate for Water Treatment plant for providing clean water to the inmates at Nagaon Central Jail.
26. Construction of (G + 3) RCC Quarter for Superintendent, Doctor, Jailor & Pharmacist at Central Jail, Nagaon.
27. Construction of Double Storey Building for 100 inmates capacity at District Jail, Diphu.
28. Installation of Solar Street light in the District Jail Campus, Hamren, West Karbi Anglong
29. Improvement and Renovation of Six (6) Bedded Hospital with Dispensary at District Jail, Hamren.
30. Construction of Addl. Prisoners Double Storied RCC Barrack for 50 inmates at Sub-Jail, Haflong.
31. Providing solar integrated Street Lighting system and 5-KWP solar Plant at Nagaon Centra Jail, Nagaon.

2.6. UPCOMING IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES DURING THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR :-

The Draft Assam Jail Rules, 2021 has been formulated adopting the provisions of Model Prison Manual, 2016 for reformation of Jails for the scope of upliftment of Jails focusing on bringing basic uniformity in laws, rules and regulations governing the administration of prisons and the management of prisoners. Also the new Jail Rules emphasizes the use of technology wherever possible, including introduction of a personal information system for recording information relating to inmates, maintaining registers required by the prison authorities in an electronic form and installation of CCTV cameras in work sheds, kitchens, high security enclosures, main gate etc of prisons to prevent violation of human rights.

- Provision for construction of New District Jail, South Salmara; District Jail at Kamrup Rural and provision of Special Jail Guwahati which is at under process.
- Establishment of Assam Prison Academy at Jorhat for capacity building of Jail Officials.
- Introduction for Installation of Solar Power Plant at Central Jail, Guwahati, Central Jail, Nagaon, District Jail, Dhemaji, District Jail, Tinsukia District Jail, Mangaldoi and Special Jail, Nagaon for consumption of Clean and Green Energy.
- Construction of Central Outlet at Campus of Assam Prison Headquarter for the sales of the Jail Manufactory unit.
- Process for procurement of Diesel Generator Sets for 7 (Seven) nos. of Jails of Assam including body worn cameras for 6 (Six) Nos. of Jails v.i.z Central Jail, Guwahati, Nagaon, Dibrugarh, Tezpur, Jorhat and Silchar for the first Phase.
- Introduction of e-prison system in all Jails of Assam which will be help for e-court production and interview.

2.7

AUDIT REPORT/EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR FUNDS RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT/ VARIOUS SOURCES:

SL No	IR No. & Date Period	Para No	Reply of DDO
1	AMC-I/Vetting/12-05/2020-21/1083 Dated.10-12-202001-04-2015 to 31-10-2020	Para-1	Audit requirement regarding non-imposition of penalty of Rs 29.85 Lakh for delay in completion of CCTV Cameras at Central Jail, Sarusajai, Guwahati-3 vide order No.CS/CE/BLD/ELECT/54/2016-2017/55 Dated.17.11.2020(copy enclosed) Hence objection raised in this Para may please be dropped.
2		Para-2	Advance payment of BSNL against the Demand Note of during the year 2018-2019 was made for 8 Mbps lease line connection as per minute of the State Level Apex Committee held on 10/1/2019 and as per declaration agreement laid down in application form for leased circuits of BSNL which was agreed upon by this Department by submitting the letter of commitment vide this office letter No.PRI.244/2013/377 dated 21/7/2018(copy enclosed). As per terms and conditions of executing agency NICS, NICS had made agreement with the concerned approved vendors and issued work orders to those vendors for supplying different components of e-Prisons project with specifying a targeted date of completion for each work. Also, NICS will impose penalty to the vendors as per terms and conditions due to delay in work. No agreement had been made with the BSNL for completion period for executing the 8 Mbps lease line connection. However, the BSNL had been completed the allotted work during the year 2019-2020.
3		Para-3	Reply will furnish in due course of time after collection the said information.
4		Para-4	Para-4 Concern contractor has not yet received the draft from this office for which draft of Rs.1.12 Lakh is line pending in this office. However notice will be issued to the contractor concern to receive the draft immediately.

2.8. ANY OTHER DETAILS RELEVANT TO THE ORGANISATION:-

1. To ensure Prison reforms and sustainable rehabilitation of inmates in Jails of Assam New (SRIJAN) Budget has been marked in the year 2021-2022. ("SUSTAINABLE REHABILITATION IN THE JAILS OF ASSAM" (SRIJAN) scheme which also included Agriculture, Pisciculture, Organic Liquid Manure, Vermicompost, Petrol depot, Skilled development work, Horticulture, Vegetables Production, Handicraft, Handloom, Pottery Bamboo & Cane etc and Eco- friendly product (Coconut bowls, paper plates etc.
2. At present, 31 nos. of Jails of Assam are on-board in e-prisons software of NIC and making data entry of prisoners with the help of Data Entry Operators engaged for this purpose. Total 1,74,192 nos. of prisoners details have been uploaded on e-prisons software as on 04-03-2022 by different jails of Assam.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE DRS COMMITTEE IN ITS 18TH REPORT, GRANT NO. "15-JAILS" FOR THE YEAR 2022-23.

Sl No.	Observation	Recommendation	Action taken on recommendation
1	The Committee observed during the course of discussion that there is urgent need of new District Jail with high security Prison at Kamrup (Rural) District and District Jail at South Salmara and transformation of Nagaon Special Jail to high security Jail.	The Committee recommended that necessary fund should be provided to the Department to construct one District Jail with a High Security Prison at Kamrup(Rural) District and District Jail at South Salmara by the way of Supplementary Demand. The Committee also recommended for funding for the transformation of Nagaon Special Jail to High Security Jail.	For establishment of new District Jail with a High Security Prison at Kamrup (Rural) District and District Jail at South Salmara and transformation of Nagaon Special Jail to High Security Jail Inspector General of Prisons, Assam has requested the concerned Deputy Commissioners for allotment land vide letter No.PRI.10/2020/15 dated 20-06-2021 and No.PRI.97/2021/1 dated 04-07-2021. The necessary Govt. land for aforesaid Jails yet to be allotted by the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district. Hence, the proposal for Supplementary Demand of fund for the aforesaid Jails was not required to be submitted during the Financial Year 2021-22. Necessary steps will be taken after allotment of land.
2	The Committee observed that the Assam Prison Academy should be constructed with state of art facilities for the development and smooth training for the Department.	The Committee recommended that necessary fund should be provided by way of Supplementary Demand to the Department to construct Assam Prison Academy.	For establishment of 1 (one) Assam Prison Academy sufficient quantum of land is available. Further, it is to be stated that, it is proposed for establishment of 'Assam Prison Academy' at Jorhat in the financial year 2022-23.
3	The Committee observed that the existing Barracks belonging to all Jails in the State are in dilapidated condition and needs urgent repairing / renovation.	The Committee recommended that the Department to take necessary steps to repair/ renovated those barracks at the earliest.	An amount of Rs.133.81 Lakh also had been received as original Annual Budget Provision for the year 2021-22 for repairing / renovation of the existing barracks as well as Jail infrastructure in the Jails of the State. It is to be stated that action has already been taken for repairing/ renovation of barrack at Central Jail, Jorhat, District Jail, North Lakhimpur, Sivasagar, Majuli, Tinsukia, Sadiya, Hamren, Sub-Jail, Haflong etc. and for remaining Jails necessary steps will be taken in the next Financial Year.
4	The Committee observed that the construction of Jail at Mushalpur in Baksa District, construction of Jail in Chirang District at Kajalgaon and construction of District Jail, Hailakandi (2 nd Phase) and the staff quarters at Jails are going on and fund allotted for the work is not sufficient. Moreover, the proposal of establishing more new Jails in every district is under process.	The Committee recommended that necessary fund should be provided by way of Supplementary Demand to the Department to construct the new Jails in Baksa, Chirang and Hailakandi District with necessary staff quarters. The Committee further recommended to expedite the process of establishing more new Jails in every districts.	An amount of Rs.2002.68 Lakh had been received as original Annual Budget Provision for the year 2021-2022 for construction of new District Jail Baksa at Mushalpur, new District Jail, Chirang at Kajalgaon and for construction of additional barrack in Central Jail, Silchar, District Jail, Kokrajhar, Golaghat, Nalbari, Tinsukia, Barpeta, Diphu, Sub-Jail, Haflong, construction of new District Jail, Hailakandi (Phase-II) etc. The construction of new District Jail, Baksa, Chirang and Hailakandi (Phase-II) are in progress. Construction of additional barrack in Central Jail, Jorhat, Udalguri, Goalpara, Sonari, Biswanath Chariali, had already been completed during the year 2020-2021. The works for construction of additional barracks are in progress except in new District Jail North Lakhimpur and Dhubri. A proposal for Supplementary Demand for Rs.3502.12 Lakh was received from Inspector General of Prisons, Assam, during the year 2021-22 which was sent to Finance (Budget) Department for granting the supplementary demand. But the proposed S.D. was not granted.

5	The Committee felt the need of imparting Skill Training in various trades amongst the Jail inmates in all Jails across the State.	The Committee recommended the department to take necessary initiatives to impart Skill Training in various trades amongst the Jail inmates in all Jails across the State. Moreover, the concerned department should also emphasize in opening outlets to sell the products made by the Jail inmates.	<p>Government approval has already been accorded for the project SRIJAN (SUSTAINABLE REHABILITATION IN THE JAILS OF ASSAM) to constitute Co-operative Societies in the Central Jail, Guwahati as Pilot Project. Imparting skill development to the inmates will be one of the activities to be undertaken under the aegis of the Co-operative societies. Gradually, such Co-operative societies will be formed in other jails. Moreover, periodically skill development training are being imparted to the jail inmates to enable them for a systematic rehabilitation after their release from jails.</p> <p>One Central sale outlet was opened at Prison Headquarters, Khanapara and Administrative Approval accorded for construction of Modern Sale Outlet at Khanapara and also directed to construct more manufactory unit and appoint instructors for the purpose.</p>
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OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATION**GRANT NO. 15 (Jails)**

The Committee after holding a threadbare discussion and on close scrutinization of the Report related to Grant No. 15 (jails) of the Home & Political Department and the evidences tendered by the Department representative, made the following observations and Recommendations

Sl No.	Observation	Recommendation
1.	The Committee observed that there is already a proposal for shifting of 12 (Twelve) Jails namely Central Jail, Silchar, Dibrugarh, Tezpur, Nagaon, District Jail, North Lakhimpur, Sivasagar, Goalpara, Mangaldoi, Dhubri, Krimganj, Kokrajhar and Sub-Jail, Haflong and transformation of special Jail, Nagoan to High Security Jail. Nagaon to High Security Jail. The land is required 60 (Sixty) to 80 (eighty) Bighas for shifting of the Jails.	<p>The Committee after a threadbare discussion recommended that necessary fund should be provided to the department for shifting of 12 (Twelve) Jails from City, Town areas to rural areas by way of Supplementary Demand and the Committee further recommended for the necessary funding for transformation of Special Jail, Nagaon to High Security Jail.</p> <p>There are 2 (two) Jails Nagaon District one is central jail, Nagaon and another is Special Jail, Nagaon. Special jail, Nagaon was sent for converting to High Security Prison as per recommendation of DG/IG Conference in the year 2018.</p> <p>But as the proposal for shifting the jails in City/Town area to new locations is under process, So, both the Jails of Nagaon will have to be new location by creation a fund through S.D. So, Committee ask Deputy Commissioner, Nagaon to provide minimum 100 (One Hundred) Bighas of land in clster for establishment of the 2 (Two) Nos. of Jail.</p> <p>For other Jails, concerned Deputy Commissioners may be asked to provide the Govt. Land as per requisition of the competent authority as early as possible.</p>
2.	The Committee observed that there is urgent need of new District Jail at Kamrup Amingaon, Hojai and South salmara. The land is required 60 (Sixty) to 80 (Eighty) Bighas for each of the Jail.	The Committee recommendation that necessary fund should be provided by way of supplementary Demand to the Department to construct new District Jail at Kamrup Amingaon, Hajai and South Salmara.
3.	The Committee observed that the Assam Prison Academy should be constructed at Jorhat District with state of art facilities for the development and smooth training for the department. The land is required minimum 50 (fifty) Bighas for the proposed Assam prison Academy	The Committee recommendation that necessary fund should be provided by way of supplementary Demand to the Department to construct Assam Prison Academy for the year 2022-23
4.	Government approval has already been accorded for the project SRIJAN (SUSTAINABLE	The Committee recommended the department to take necessary initiatives to impart

<p>REHABILITATION IN THE JAILS OF ASSAM) to constitute Co-operative societies in the Central Jail Guwahati as pilot prproject and extended up to 5 (five) other Central Jails i.e. Central Jail, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Tezpur, Nagaon and Silchar: Imparting skill development to the inmates will be one of the activities to be undertaken under the aegis of the Co-operative societies. Gradually, such Co-operative societies will be formed in other Jails.</p>	<p>skill training in various trades amongst the Jail inmates.</p> <p>Further, Committee recommends that after the pilot project at Central, Guwahati, in near future other Central Jails and District Jails may be covered under SRIJAN.</p>
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With these observations, the Committee recommends that the amount sought for under Grant No.15. (Jails) for the year 2022-23 may be approved by the august House.

Action Taken Report on the recommendation of the Report to the Committee to the Committee within ninety days from the date of presentation of the Report to the House.

CHAPTER - III

REPORT

GRANT NO. 18 (FIRE SERVICE)

3.1 The total allocation of fund in respect of Grant No.18 for administration of Home (FIRE SERVICE) Department during the financial year 2022-23 is as follows:

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	18562.36	5443.50	24005.86
CHARGED	0.01	0.00	0.01
General Areas			
	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	16780.06	5443.50	22223.56
CHARGED	0.01	0.00	0.01
Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council			
	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	473.02	0.00	473.02
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00
North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council			
	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	363.78	0.00	363.78
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bodoland Territorial Council			
	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	945.50	0.00	945.50
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Under the following heads, an estimated budget allocation has been fixed as shown below:

• 2070	Other Administrative Services	16780.06
• 4059	Capital Outlay on Public Works	3296.50
• 4070	Other Administrative Service	2147.00
• Grand Total		22223.56

The amount so allocated is presented before the House and is proposed to be spent in the Revenue and Capital expenditure respectively.

However, the Committee found that the fund released as per the budget allocation during the last financial year, i.e., 2021-22 for Grant no 15, had a great adverse impact due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. The Department also mentioned in its sitting about the disruption in many activities as proposed in the recommendation of the Eighteenth Report of the Committee for the State and District wise lockdown.

The Fire & Emergency Services, Assam was initially established as State Fire Service Organisation, Assam in the year 1956 under a SP rank officer known as the Supdt. of Police-cum- Fire Service Advisor. Presently, the organization is headed by an officer in the rank of Spl. Director General of Police with designation as Director of Fire & Emergency Services, Assam under the administrative control of Home (B) Department, Govt. of Assam.

The Fire & Emergency Services, Assam provides service and assistance to the citizens for prevention, control and fire fighting to ensure safety of life and property from fire related incidents and other man-made and natural disasters/emergency situations. The geographical location of Assam in seismic Zone-V makes the state vulnerable to earthquakes and landslides thus posing serious threat to life and property.

There are 137 sanctioned Fire & Emergency Services Stations and 5 (five) companies of SDRF Bn. Besides, the department has opened 6(six) Ad-hoc Fire & Emergency Services Stations and 9 (nine) Fire Camps utilising the existing resources. The total strength of this Directorate is 3764 personnel with 987 numbers of Fire Fighting equipments & appliances.

Training: A Training Centre under the name "Elementary Fire Fighting Training School" was set up at Sila, North Guwahati in the year 1968 for imparting training to the personnel of Fire & Emergency Services. This Training Centre was renamed as "Regional Training Centre" by the Govt. of India in the year 2004 and is imparting basic training as well as other training including Sub-Officers course to the F & ES and SDRF personnel as well as trainees from other agencies like ONGC, APDCL, NEEPCO and other States of North Eastern Region.

New name of the Organisation: The State Fire Service Organisation has been renamed as "Fire & Emergency Services, Assam" w.e.f. 07/01/2013 vide Govt. Notification No. LGL:56/2012/13.

- 3.3 (i) The Fire & Emergency Services, Assam plays an important role in protecting the life and property of the people during natural disasters and Fire incidents. Keeping this in view efforts have been made to modernize the department by procuring various essential fire fighting and Search & Rescue (CRBN equipments for SDRF) such as- 5(five) Water Tender Pumps, 5(five) Mini Water Tender Pumps, 500 nos. Delivery Hose, 375 Co2 Extinguisher, 110 Suction Hose (75 mm), 6 nos. Portable Gama Spectrometer, 6 nos. Portable Alpha Contamination Monitor, 6 nos. Teletector etc.
- (ii) At present, the department is functioning with 124 Fire & Emergency Services Stations and 3 (three) companies of SDRF Bn. throughout the State. Besides, the department has opened 6 (six) numbers of Ad-hoc F&ES Stations and 9 (nine) numbers of Fire Camps utilizing the existing resources. Further, the Govt. has sanctioned 13 new F&ES Stations out of 44 notified F&ES Stations during the year 2018-2019 and 2 (two) new companies of SDRF Bn. along with manpower during the year 2020-2021 but these are yet to be made functional. Out of 137 (124 + 13) F & ES Stations, 86 F & ES Stations are functioning from the departmental buildings, 27 F & ES Stations are functioning from rented house and remaining 24 F & ES Stations are functioning from rent free accommodation. The number of departmental buildings would increase from 86 to 113 after completion of the ongoing construction of 27 buildings. Further, we have to construct another (20 + 6 + 31) = 57 numbers of buildings for the F & ES Stations functioning from rented house/rent free accommodation/31 notified F & ES Stations.

- (iii) In order to create adequate infrastructure, department has undertaken construction of Headquarter buildings for 4th and 5th Company of SDRF Bn. at Abhayapuri and Dergaon and residential accommodation for Officers/ Instructors of SDRF Bn. at RTC, Sila, North Guwahati and the constructions works are going on.
- (iv) The department has undertaken construction of building for trainee Sub-Officers for 40 personnel at RTC, Sila, North Guwahati and the construction works are going on.

FISCAL TARGET ACHIEVED DURING THE LAST 3 THREE YEARS :-

- (i) Out of 44 notified F & ES Stations, 13 F & ES Stations have already been sanctioned by the Govt. vide letter No. HMB.87/1994/451 dated 21/02/2019 and 7 Stations under consideration.
- (ii) In the Budget Speech, 2021-22, the Hon'ble Finance Minister of Assam had announced for undertaking infrastructure creation for 31 F & ES Stations.
- (iii) The department has procured some essential fire fighting as well as Search & Rescue equipments during the last 3 (three) years 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.
- (iv) In order to create adequate infrastructure, department had undertaken construction of 45 new Fire & Emergency Services Station buildings, construction of Headquarter buildings for 4th and 5th company of SDRF Bn. at Abhayapuri and Dergaon, 38 new Staff Quarters at different places of the state, construction of building for trainees of Sub-Officer and Residential accommodation for Officers/ Instructors of SDRF Bn. at RTC, Sila, North Guwahati. Out of these 19 F & ES Station buildings and 12 Staff Quarters have been completed.
- (v) The construction of Parking-cum- Office building at F&ES Hqrs., Panbazar as well as construction of Swimming Pool for training of SDRF personnel at RTC, Sila, North Guwahati are going on.
- (vi) The Govt. has sanctioned for raising of 2 companies of SDRF Bn. as well as creation of various posts vide letter No.HMB.323/2009/Pt-I/265 dated 19/10/2020 and process of recruitment of personnel, creation of building infrastructure and procurement of search & rescue equipments has been initiated.

24 1.5 BRIEF NOTE IN RESPECT OF GRANT NO.18. FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES:-

During the financial year 2022-2023, a massive reorganization and expansion programme is proposed to be undertaken keeping in view the public demand for these very essential services and to effectively combat all types of disaster, man-made and natural. To achieve this goal, this department has submitted the budget demand for Rs 52662.04 lakh i.e. Rs 24451.88 lakh (voted), Rs.0.01 lakh (charged) under EE.Estt.Etc.(Revenue) and Rs 28210.16 lakh under SOPDS) (Capital) under General area/sixth schedule areas for the financial year 2022-2023 to the Govt. Which includes Salary components, Wages and Non-Salary components (construction of Fire & Emergency Services Station/ SDRF buildings) under 13_Major works, for purchasing of machinery and equipments under 15- ME cost of POL and repairing of vehicles etc.) besides opening of new Fire & Emergency Services Stations in different places of Assam.

In view of the above, the Hon'ble DRSC is requested to kindly recommend for providing adequate budget provision as submitted by this department for implementation of the schemes as stated above to enable the Fire & Emergency services, Assam to fulfill the expectations of the people of the states and to provide emergency services in the greater interest of the citizens.

NEW SCHEMES LAUNCHED BY THE GOVT:-

(a) (i) Presently, there are 137 sanctioned F & ES Stations in different places of Assam. After sanctioning of 31 notified F & ES Stations, it would be 168 F & ES Stations. The Director has submitted a proposal to the Govt. For sanction of 7 notified F & ES Stations after getting allotment of land. Meanwhile, the department has received the allotment of land for construction of new building projects for Accommodation of new F&ES notified by the Govt.

As per RMSI report 2021, there should be 202 Fire & Emergency Services Stations in different places of Assam. So the department has already submitted consolidated proposal to the Govt. For establishment of another 36 (thirty six) new fire & Emergency Services Stations as well as creation of various posts vide this office letter no. FG/309/Vol -VI /2018/638 DATED 27/02/2018.

(b) Initiative has also been taken up for establishment of 31 numbers of notified Fire & Emergency Services Stations.

(c) Proposed for construction of 5 no.s of new Fire & Emergency Services Station buildings at Jogighopa, Kalaigaon, Tinsukia, Nagaon and Dergaon (in existing F & ES STATIONS).

(d) Proposed for construction of 51 no.s F & ES Stations buildings in different places of Assam (31 notified and 20 rented F&ES STATIONS).

(e) Proposed for construction of 51 no.s F & ES Staff Quater building in different places of Assam (31 notified and 20 rented F&ES Stations).

(f) The existing organisational set – up of the SDRF is inadequate to cope up with the ever increasing operational challenges and rise in hazardous incidents especially at the regional and district level. A proposal has been submitted to the Govt. for raising of 2 (two) more companies of SDRF Bn. Consisting of 7 companies.

(g) It is proposed to procure 20 Water Tender Pump, 33 Mini Water Tender Pump, 15 Hose Tender, 5 Rescue Boat Carrier Vehicles, 1 Under Water Remotely Operated Vehicles, 300 Safety Helmets , Essential Fire Fighting/Search & Rescue Equipments for F&ES, Assam with SDRF under Head SOPD ODS (Capital) and 3 Water Bowser, Miscellaneous Essential Training Equipment, 39 Water Tender Pumps and miscellaneous fire fighting as well as essential Search & Rescue Equipments under Revenue Scheme during the financial year 2022-2023.

(h) The Fire & Emergency Services personnel sanctioned by the Govt. are less than the requirement in almost all 124 sanctioned F& ES Stations. The total shortfall of manpower 2501 (Station Officer-149, Sub-Officer-70, Leading Fireman-82, Fireman – 2070 and Driver-130) of different categories of posts is required to be met in conformity with recommendations of Standing Fire Advisory Council, Govt. of India. Hence, the Govt. may kindly consider creating the required number of posts in various categories to meet the shortfall.

ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, ASSAM, GUWAHATI FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-2021.

3. **FOREWORD** : The State Fire Service Organisation, Assam was created by taking over and merging the Fire Stations belonging to Municipal Boards of Shillong and Silchar by the State Govt. under the name and style "State Fire Service Organisation, Assam" in the year 1956. Further, the organisation was amalgamated with Assam Police Department w.e.f. 01/05/1959 under a SP rank officer known as the Supdt. of Police-cum- Fire Service Advisor.

Later the Govt. created a new post of Director, State Fire Service Organisation as head of the Organisation and posted an officer in the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police w.e.f. 16/09/1983 and subsequently an officer of the rank of IGP and then DGP, Addl. DGP, Spl. DGP. Presently, the organization is headed by an officer of the rank of Spl.DGP with designation as Director of Fire & Emergency Services, Assam. There are 137 sanctioned Fire & Emergency Services Stations and 5 (five) companies of SDRF Bn. Besides, the department has opened 7 (seven) Ad-hoc Fire & Emergency Services Stations and 9 (nine) Fire Camps utilizing the existing resources. The total strength of this Directorate is 3764 personnel.

The State Fire Service Organisation has been renamed as "Fire & Emergency Services, Assam" w.e.f. 07/01/2013 vide Govt. Notification No. LGL.56/2012/13.

INTRODUCTION:

- a. **Location**: The Director, Fire & Emergency Services., Assam, located at Parbazar, Guwahati-781001.
- b. **Vision** : To respond to all types of disaster and emergency situations both natural and manmade, caused by fire, earthquake, landslide, flood and erosion, drought emergency, chemical and biological mishap, bomb-explosions, major accidents on road, air, and water etc. speedily and effectively to save life and property of the people of Assam.
- c. **Mission**: To save life and property of the people of State timely in response to all kinds of disaster/ emergency situations by using the best technology and other resources including manpower available at the disposal of this Directorate. It will be the endeavor of this organization to have public participation in disaster response by building effective public and organizational interface through awareness building, training and interactive actions.
- d. **Objectives**:
 - i. To respond to all types of disaster and emergency situation both natural and man-made caused by Fire, Earthquakes, Landslides, Flood and erosions, chemical and biological mishaps, bomb explosions, major road accidents etc.
 - ii. To save life and properties of all citizen in case of fire hazards and in other natural calamities.

- iii. Generate public awareness by conducting Seminars, public meeting, mock and evacuation drill etc. with participation of the people at large.
- iv. Regular conduct of scenario based exercise/ full scale exercise to determine the State of readiness of key response institutions (other line department or stake holder).
- v. Ensure operational readiness of the key units.

e. Functions:

- i. To ensure compliance of Fire and Disaster safety rules in all public, private and commercial buildings by regular inspections and suggestions relating to fire and other disaster safety and prevention.
- ii. To ensure fire and disaster safety by inducting skilled fire fighters, rescue and search operation and use of modern technology in all forms of disaster response related activities.
- iii. Specialised response to threatening disaster situations.

f. ISO compliance details, if applicable:

- g. Training Methodology and Assessment (for training institutes):** A training centre under name and style "Elementary Fire Fighting Training School" was set up at Sila, North Guwahati in the year 1968 on land measuring 38 bighas for imparting training to the personnel of Fire & Emergency Services. This training centre was renamed as "Regional Training Centre" by the Govt. of India in the year 2004. Now the RTC is imparting trainings on - Basic Fire Fighting Course, Sub-Officers Course, CSSR & MFR course to the F & ES personnel including SDRF and other agencies like ONGC, APDCL, NEEPCO as well as other States of North Eastern Region.

3.5 Key performance indicators/ performance highlights/ achievements

a) The key performance and achievement related to this department such as mock drill & awareness programs, issuance of NOC/ Renewal of NOC/ FAC and inspection conducted in the various occupancies like hospitals, industries and factories, schools & colleges, high-rise buildings etc and the fire statistics for the year 2020-2021 are furnished below:

(i) Mock drill and awareness program conducted in different establishments:

Sl. No.	Establishments	Number of Mock Drill/ Awareness Program conducted
1	Schools/ Colleges	140
2	Hospitals	132
3	Other establishments	96

(ii) No Objection Certificate/ Renewal of No Objection Certificate, Fire Attendance Certificate and Fire Safety Suggestion issued to the different establishments through online and offline:

Sl. No.	Suggestion/ Certificate issued	Through offline	Through online	Total
1	Suggestion	303	-	303
2	NOC	285	80	365
3	Renewal of NOC	1881	356	2237
4	Fire Attendance Certificate	262	Nil	262

(iii) Inspection conducted in the various occupancies including designated Covid Hospital in the year 2020-2021:

Sl. No.	Occupancies	Number of inspections conducted
1	Designated Covid Hospital	120 designated Covid Hospitals
2	Other occupancies	2602 other occupancies

(iv) Fire Statistics during the year 2020-2021:

Sl. No.	Year	Major Fire Call	Serious Fire Call	Medium Fire Call	Small Fire Call	Total No. of Fire Call	Special Call	Life injured from fire & other disasters	Life lost from fire & other disasters	Life saved from fire & other disasters	Property involved (Rs. in lakh)	Property saved (Rs. in lakh)
1	2020-21	916	9	208	1415	2548	580	22	34	3202	68418.36	11519.84

Note: Special Calls include all rescue/ evacuation/ recovery from manmade and natural disasters such as flood, landslides, drowning incidents etc. other than fire incident.

b) The department has procured Fire Fighting equipments and appliances as well as Search & Rescue equipments for Fire & Emergency Service Stations and SDRF at a total cost of Rs. 27,98,45,809.50 during the financial year 2020-2021.

c) The department had promoted 13 (thirteen) Station Officer to the rank of Sr. Station Officer, 1 (one) Station Officer to the rank of Response Team Commander, 12 (twelve) Sub-Officer to the rank of Station Officer, 52 (fifty two) Leading Fireman to the rank of Sub-Officer, 14 (fourteen) Fireman to the rank of Leading Fireman and 14 (Fireman) Fireman to the rank of Havilder. The department is in the process of recruiting of 9 Station Officers, 11 Squad Commanders, 6 Sub-Officers, 5 Asstt. Squad Commanders, 519 Firemen, 291 Emergency Rescuers, 27 Drivers and 12 Driver Operators.

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- (b) The Govt. has sanctioned manpower for raising of 2 companies of SDRF Bn. vide HMB.323/2009/Pt-I/265 dated 19/10/2020 and process of recruitment of personnel and creation of building infrastructure has been initiated.
- (c) In order to create adequate infrastructure, department had undertaken construction of 31 new Fire & Emergency Services buildings, construction of Headquarter buildings for 4th and 5th company of SDRF Bn. at Abhayapuri and Dergaon, 15 new Staff Quarters, construction of building for trainees Sub-Officers and Residential accommodation for Officers/ Instructors of SDRF Bn. at RTC, Sila. Out of which during the year 2020-2021, 2 (two) F & ES Station buildings and 6 (six) Staff Quarters has been completed. Further, Govt. had given administrative approval for construction of 13 new Fire & Emergency Services Station buildings and 25 new Staff Quarters and the construction works will be started shortly.
- (d) The Govt. had given administrative approval for construction of Swimming Pool at RTC, Sila, North Guwahati vide letter No. HMB.567/2018/4 dated 21/02/2019. The construction work is going on and it is expected to be completed within this financial year 2021-2022.
- (e) The Govt. has given administrative approval for construction of Parking-cum-Office building at Headquarters complex vide letter No.HMB.572/2018/8 dated 21/02/2019. The construction work is going on.
- (f) The department had already moved the Govt. for obtaining of administrative approvals for construction of 7 nos. of toilet block and bathroom at Guwahati F & ES Station and construction of Garage for keeping 3 nos. of Hydraulic Platform vehicles at Guwahati F & ES Stations during this current financial year 2021-2022.
- (g) In view of the pandemic COVID-19, sanitization programme is being conducted by Fire & Emergency Services personnel all over the State. Station Officer Jugal Payeng, Sub-Officer Gajendra Nath Das and LFM Amulya Ch. Kalita who were infected during the course of their duties succumbed to COVID-19 virus.

3.7. Upcoming important activities during the next financial year:

- i) The department had proposed for procurement of 1(one) Side Scan Sonar, 5(five) Water Tender Pumps, 5(five) Mini Water Tender Pumps, 3(three) Recovery Vans (Crane), 2(two) Aerial Drones, 1617 Fire Proximity Suits, 1(one) Turn table Ladder- working height 42 mtrs., 300 (three hundred) Wet Suit (PPE), 20(twenty) Under Water Deep Diving Sets, 8 (eight) Lighting Systems, 8(eight) Portable Pumps, 8 (eight) De-watering Pumps, Essential Fire Fighting Equipments, 10(ten) VHF Static Set with full accessories, 10 (ten) VHF hand Held Set, Essential Search & Rescue Equipments for 4th & 5th Company of SDRF Bn.
- ii) Proposed construction of 7 nos. of new departmental buildings at 1) Nagaon, 2) Tinsukia, 3) Jorhat, 4) Silchar, 5) Hailakandi, 6) Dergaon and 7) Biswanath Chariali in existing Fire & Emergency Services Stations during the financial year 2022-2023.

d) The department had undertaken 33 nos. of new departmental buildings at Bihpuria, Badarpur, Chapar, Golokganj, Gossaigaon, Hatsingimari, Katlichera, Lakhipur, Lumding, Mussalpur, Raha, Rangapara, R.K. Nagar, Sapatgram, Silapathar, Howraghat, Jonai, Sonapur, Udalguri, Mukalmua, Mangaldoi, Ledo, Nilambazar, Dhekiajuli, Barpeta, Khoirabari, Dhubri, Lakhimpur, North Guwahati, Hamren, Maibong, Kalain and Mankachar. Out of 33, 2(two) buildings at Sonapur and North Guwahati could not be started due to allotment of unsuitable land and 18 buildings have been completed and the construction works of remaining 13 buildings at Lakhipur, R.K. Nagar, Udalguri, Mukalmua, Mangaldoi, Ledo, Nilambazar, Dhekiajuli, Lakhimpur, Hamren, Maibong, Mankachar and Kalain are going on and likely to be completed shortly.

Further, department had undertaken 15 nos. of new Staff Quarters buildings at Sorbhog, Tamulpur, Bilasipara, Teok, Golaghat, North-Lakhimpur, Gohpur, Mangaldoi, Goalpara, Abhayapuri, Sonari, Sivasagar, Dhakuakhana, Bijni and Narayanpur. Out of 15 buildings, 10 buildings have been completed and the construction works of 1(one) building at Sorbhog have been completed and yet to be handed over and remaining 4 buildings at Tamulpur, Bilasipara, Golaghat and Gohpur are going on and expected to be completed shortly.

Moreover, the department had undertaken for construction of Parking-cum- Office building in the Headquarters premises of Fire & Emergency Services, Assam and the construction works is going on.

Besides, Govt. had given the administrative approval for construction of 13 new F & ES Station buildings at Lala, Jalah, Gogamukh, Salbari, Mandia, Mahur, Borkhola, fakirganj, South-Salmara, Basugaon, Tamulpur, Narayanpur and Ambagan and 23 new Staff Quarter buildings at Lala, Jalah, Gogamukh, Salbari, Mandia, Mahur, Borkhola, Fakirganj, South Salmara, Basugaon, Ambagan, Dibrugarh, Barpeta, Jorhat, Mukalmua, Khoirabari, Tinsukia, Dhekiajuli, Nalbari, Nagaon, Gossaigaon, Sapatgram and Mussalpur and the construction works of these buildings will be started shortly.

The department had undertaken construction of 3(three) nos. of projects at Regional Training Centre, Sila, construction of 1(one) building for 4th Company of at Abhayapuri, construction of 1 building for 5th Company of SDRF at Dergaon and one Swimming Pool at Regional Training Centre and the construction works of these projects are likely to be completed shortly.

Recognition and awards, if applicable: 2 personnel of Fire & Emergency Services have been awarded President's Fire Service medal for Meritorious service on the occasion of Republic Day, 2021. In recognition of the good work done, 6 personnel of Fire & Emergency Services, Assam received Chief Minister's Police Medal on the occasion of Independence Day, 2020, 4 personnel received DGP's Police Commendation Medal on the occasion of Police Day, 2020 and 5 personnel received Director's Commendation Medal on the occasion of Fire Service Day, 2020.

New initiatives:

The Hon'ble Finance Minister of Assam had announced the sanctioning of 44 numbers of already notified F & ES Stations in the Budget Speech'2018. Out of 44 (forty two) notified F & ES Stations, the Govt. sanctioned 13(thirteen) F & ES Stations alongwith manpower vide letter No.HMB.87/1994/451 dated 21/02/2019. Moreover, the department had submitted a proposal for sanctioning of 7 notified F & ES Stations out of the remaining 31 notified F & ES stations during the financial year 2020-2021.

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ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE COMMITTEE IN ITS 18TH REPORT, GRANT NO.18, FIER & EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2021-22.

Sl. No.	Observations	Observations and Recommendations	Action Taken
1	<p>The Committee observed that the Department has taken up for construction of building projects of new F & ES Stations but the need of F & ES Stations at Rani, Azara (West Guwahati), Jalukbari, Rupahi, Kayakuchi (Bhaktardoba), Baithalangshu, Laluk (under Naobaicha LAC), Sarupeta and Bhabanipur has been pointed out in the threadbare discussion during the course of the meeting.</p>	<p>The Committee recommended for taking up construction of the F & ES Station building projects at Rani, Azara (West Guwahati), Jalukbari, Rupahi, Kayakuchi (Bhaktardoba), Baithalangshu, Laluk (under Naobaicha LAC), Sarupeta and Bhabanipur with proper manpower allocation at the earliest.</p>	<p>Government of Assam has already notified F & ES Stations at Rani, Baithalangshu, Sarupeta and Bhabanipur. Further, the Revenue Authority concerned had allotted land for construction of F & ES Station buildings at Rani and Baithalangshu.</p> <p>Proposal for establishment of new F & ES Station at Azara (West Guwahati), Jalukbari, Rupahi, Kayakuchi (Bhaktardoba), Laluk (under Naobaicha LAC) is received from the Directorate of F & ES, Assam, but the process of notification of those F&ES Stations can be done only on logistical completion and operationalization of the previously notified 44 (forty four) nos. of F&ES Stations as advised by the Finance Department.</p>
2	<p>The committee observed during the course of discussion that there are disparities/ anomalies in the pay scales of fire personnel vis-a-vis Police personnel cropped up in ROP Rule-2010 and 2017 i.e. from 6th and 7th Pay Commission. As such, the posts of Sub-Officer (equivalent to ASI of Police)/Leading Fireman/ Havildar (equivalent to Havildar of Police) and Fire/ Emergency Rescuer (equivalent to Constable of Police) have already adversely affected by these anomalies.</p>	<p>The Committee recommended for immediate rectification with restructure of the anomalies in the pay structure of the F & ES, Assam by equalizing the Grade Pay at par with corresponding in the pay structure of the F & ES, Assam by equalising the Grade Pay at par with corresponding ranks in Assam Police and Directorate of Civil Defence and Home Guards, so that the benefit of enhanced Grade Pay can be extended on pay parity basis to the Sub-Officers, Havildar/ Leading Fireman, Fireman/ Emergency Rescuer under the Directorate of F & ES, Assam.</p>	<p>Proposal for rectification of anomalies of Grade Pay of the F&ES/SDRF personnel was received and was moved to the Finance (PRU) Department for rectification/ correction of the anomalies of the pay scale. Finance Department was of the view that "there is no specific recommendation of 7th APPPC on the proposal. In absence of the specific recommendation of the 7th APPPC, Finance (PRU) Department is not in a position to agree for such up-gradation of pay scale and suggested that the Department may place the matter in the next Pay Commission."</p>

<p>3</p>	<p>The Committee observed that 56 Fire Stations are operating from rented/rent free accommodation and due to constraints in the rented houses, fire personnel are facing difficulties in carrying out their duties including non-availability of proper space for parking vehicles and proper storage of fire fighting equipments etc. The department has already submitted proposals to the Govt. for allotment of land at 21 different locations of Assam (3 bighas at each location) viz, Barpeta Road, Bahari Bazar, Sootea, Rangirkhari, Sonai, Udarbond, Lakhipur(Cachar), Dholai, Tingkhong, Bokajan, Chadrapur, North Guwahati, Kamalpur, Sualkuchi, Chaygaon, Mirza, Hajo, Bhuragaon, Mairabari and Tangla.</p>	<p>The Committee recommended for prompt action regarding the early allotment of land in the above mentioned locations in greater interest of the public service.</p>	<p>Proposals for allotment of land at 21 different locations of Assam (3bigha at each location) have already been submitted to the respective Revenue Authority for allotment of land as per recommendation of the DRSC.</p> <p>In this connection, the Revenue Authority has allotted land for construction of departmental building at 5 (five) locations in respect of Bahari Bazar, Sualkuchi, Chaygaon, Sootea and Mirza Fire & Emergency Services Station.</p> <p>Matter is being pursued for allotment of land for remaining locations.</p>
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OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATION**GRANT NO. 18 (CD & Fire Service)**

The Committee after holding a threadbare discussion and on close scrutinization of the Report related to Grant No. 18 (Fire & Emergency) of the Home & Political Department on the evidence provided by the Department representative, made the following observations and Recommendations

1. During the discussion the Committee observed that new Fire stations are to be set up at different places.

Therefore, the Committee recommended to setup new Fire station in consultation with local MLAs and the Deputy Commissioners may be informed for acquisition of land for this purpose.

2. During the course of discussion the Committee observed that the notification of some fire Stations yet to be published.

Therefore the Committee recommended that Concerned Department publish notification to set up Fire Stations at Rupohi, Kayakuchi and Gohpur as early as possible.

3. The Committee observed that during the course of discussion that there are disparities/anomalies in the pay scales of Fire personnel vis-a-via Police personnel cropped up in ROP Rule- 2010 and 2017 .i.e. from 6th and 7th pay commission. As such, the posts of Sub-Officer (equivalent to ASI of Police) Leading Fireman/Havilder (equivalent to Havilder of Police) and Fireman / Emergency Rescuer ((equivalent to Constable of Police) have been adversely effected by these anomalies.

The Committee recommended that the matter should be placed before the Cabinet to rectify the anomalies/ disparities in the pay scale of the personnel of Fire Emergency Services, Assam by equalising their Pay/Great Pay in ROP Rules 2017, as per with corresponding ranks in Assam Police so that the benefit of such personnel would be enhanced.

4. The Committee observed that 56 Fire Station are operating from rented/rent free accommodation and due to constraints in the houses. Fire personnel are facing difficulties in carrying out their duties including non-availability of proper place for parking vehicles and proper storage of fire fighting equipments etc. The Department has already submitted proposal to the Govt. for allotment of land at 21 different locations of Assam (3 bigha at each location), viz, BARPETA ROAD, Bahari Bazar Sootea, Rangirkhari, Sonai, Udarbond, Lakhipur (Cachar), Dhalai, Tingkhong, Bokajan, Kayakuchi Chandrapur, North Guwahati, Kamrup, Sualkuchi, Chaygaon, Mirza , Haji, Bhuragaon, Mairabari and Tangla.

The Committee recommended for prompt action regarding the early allotment of land in the above mention locations in greater of the public Service.

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the amount sought for under Grnat No. 18. (Fire Service) for the 2022-23 may be approved by the august House.

Action Taken Report on the recommendation of the Report to the Committee within ninety days from the date of presentation of the Report to the House.

CHAPTER - IV

REPORT

GRANT NO. 20 (CD & HGs)

4.1 The total allocation of fund in respect of the Grant No. 20 for administration of Home (CD & HGs) Department during the financial year 2021-22 is as follows:

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	31357.62	494.00	31851.62
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

General Areas

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	30662.37	494.00	31156.37
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	386.14	0.00	386.14
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	234.00	0.00	234.00
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Bodoland Territorial Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	75.11	0.00	75.11
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Under the following heads, an estimated budget allocation has been fixed as shown below:

• 2070	Other Administrative Services	30662.37
• 4070	Other Administrative Service	494.00
• Grand Total		31156.37

The amount so allocated is presented before the House and is proposed to be spent in the Revenue expenditure.

However, the Committee found that the fund released as per the budget allocation during the last financial year, i.e., 2021-22 for Grant no 20, had a great adverse impact due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. The Department also mentioned in its sitting about the disruption in many activities as proposed in the recommendation of the Eighteenth Report of the Committee for the State and District wise lockdown.

4.2

In India, on 6th December 1946, Home Guards was raised in Bombay to assist the police in controlling civil disturbances and communal riots. Subsequently, this voluntary force was engaged to meet emergencies like floods, fires, famines etc. In the wake of Chinese Aggression in 1962, the Centre advised the States and Union Territories to merge their existing voluntary organizations into one all - India force known as 'Home Guards' which would be voluntary both in concept and character. Accordingly, in the State of Assam also, the department of Home Guards and Civil Defence came into existence in the year of 1962.

In the state of Assam there is a Directorate of Civil Defence and Home Guards headed by police officer of IPS cadre in the rank equivalent to the DGP of the state. The Director General is assisted by one IGP rank officer who is also an IPS cadre. One Dy. DCD & Dy. CGHG in the rank of SSP, 2 (two) Senior Staff Officers of Home Guards cadre and one Senior Staff Officer of Civil Defence cadre in the rank of SP are assisting DGCD & CGHG in discharging his duty. Ministerial Staff as per scale and combatant staff (attached) have been taking care of official work in the Directorate.

There are three wings under the Directorate of Civil Defence and Home Guards, Assam are rendering services for assistance to the state police as well as civil administration. Viz.

- Home Guard.
- Civil Defence
- Armed Home Guard Battalion.

Home Guards wing :- There are district Home Guards establishments in 15 Revenue Districts viz. Kamrup, Nagaon, Jorhat, Golaghat, Dibrugarh, Lakhimpur, Sonitpur, Darrang, Nalbari, Barpeta, Goalpara, Dhubri, Karbi-Anglong, Dima-Hasao and Cachar. The above 15 Home Guard districts come under three Home Guards Division viz.

(1) Lower Assam Division at Guwahati. (2) Upper Assam Division at Jorhat & (3) Hills Division at Cachar, Silchar. Each division is headed by an officer of Home Guards cadre equivalent to the SP rank.

Each Home Guards District is headed by an officer of Home Guards cadre equivalent to Dy. SP rank (10 districts) and Addl. SP rank (4 districts).

The department enrolls, raises and trains Home Guards under the provision of Assam Home Guards Acts & Rules 1947 amended in 2015. The total sanction strength of Home Guards in Assam is 23907. Around 10550 home guards volunteers have been assisting Assam Police by rendering valuable service for maintenance of public order and security of the state. Another 6733 (approx) home guards volunteers are presently deployed under both Public as well as private Sector enterprises /other agencies for security of man and materials. Further Home Guards volunteers are also rendering their services during the time of election, natural calamities and other emergency situations.

The present duty allowances for Home Guards Volunteers are @ Rs. 300/- per day per head for basic trained home guards and @ Rs. 315/- per day per head for advanced trained Home Guards volunteers. There is a proposal for considering the enhancement of duty allowance for Home Guard volunteers and it is under process.

An ex gratia grant to the next of kin of Home Guards for death due to extremists' attack or during counter insurgency operation is equivalent to that of Police personnel i.e. Rs. 50 Lakh and Rs. 2 lakh for injury due to extremists' attack or during counter insurgency operation.

It may be mentioned further that Assam Home Guard Act and Rules 1947 have been amended in 2015 enabling a Home Guard volunteer to work upto the age of 55 years if he or she is willing to serve further after expiry of three years tenure.

Civil Defence wing - There are 14 (fourteen) Civil Defence Districts in Assam to carry out the Civil Defence activities viz Dhubri, Goalpara, Bongaigaon, North Lakhimpur, Dibrugarh, Sivsagar, Jorhat, Tezpur, Tinsukia, Mangaldoi, Kokrajhar, Karbi-Anglong, Golaghat and Kamrup, Guwahati.

The Civil Defence establishment in a district is headed by an officer of Civil Defence cadre i.e. Dy. Controller of Civil Defence in the rank of Dy. SP and concerned District Magistrate (D.M) is the Controller of Civil Defence in the district.

The role of Civil Defence establishment in the district is to raise and train Civil Defence volunteers to assist the district administration at the time of natural calamities and man-made disaster under the provision of Civil Defence Rules and Regulation 1968. The authorized target of Civil Defence volunteers is 55878 for maintaining 12 (twelve) Civil Defence service in the 14 (fourteen) Civil Defence districts respectively.

Armed Home Guards Battalion :-

There are 4 (Four) armed Battalions under the Directorate of Civil Defence and Home Guards, Assam.

Assam Special Reserve Force Battalion-I (ASRF Bn-I), Borjar, Nalbari and Assam Special Reserve Force Battalion -II (ASRF Bn-II), Karagaon, Karbi-Anglong are engaged in maintenance of public order and security of the State under police department. Each ASRF Bn. consists of 1232 personnel from Commandant to Grade-IV.

Central Training Institute, (Civil Defence & Home Guards) Panikhaiti :- It is a

4.3 combined state level training institute of the department where the basic as well as advance training, leadership training, disaster management training to both volunteers and paid staff. NGOs are imparted on regular basis.

Also, combatant basic, refresher, cadre course training are imparted to regular staff of both Civil Defence and Home Guards, Battalion cadre of the department.

The institute is headed by an officer of Home Guards cadre equivalent to the rank of SP.

- a) The Non-Gazetted staff up to the rank of Subedar of Home Guards & battalion setup is recruited under the provision of Assam Home Guards (Non-Gazetted) Service Rules 1991 amended in 1997 / 2009.
- b) The Assam Home Guards Gazetted Officer Service Rules 2020 governs the service and recruitment of Gazetted Officer of Home Guards / Battalion wing.
- c) Non-Gazetted staff up to the rank of Asstt. Dy. Controller Civil Defence (Sr.) (Inspector rank) is recruited / appointed under the provision of Assam Civil Defence (Non-Gazetted) Service Rules 1991 amended in 1998

Brief note on Grant No. 20 CD & HG in respect of budget estimate for 2022-23.
4.4 under the Major Head "2070-OAS under Grant No 20 CD & HG.

- (i) **01 Salary:** The proposed amount of Rs. 29952.31 lakh only is required for payment of Salary of 6127 nos total strength of employees, Arrear Salary etc. covering 39 DDO's including Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards Assam.
- (ii) **02 Wages:** Rs. 80.02 lakh only is required for payment of duty allowance in two occasion for participation on Independence Day and Republic day parade in the district HQR i.e 15th August/2022 and 26th January/2023, besides amount included in the budget for payment of duty allowance for magazine guards duty during the time of Home Guards Refresher Training during the financial year 2022-23.
- (iii) **03 TE :** Rs. 51.10 lakh is required for payment of Traveling Expenses of Home Guards personnel including officers covering 39 DDO's for the F. Y. 2022-23.
- (iv) **04 OE :** Rs. 364.52 lakh is required for purchase of office stationery articles, payment of Telephone Bills, Electricity bills, POL and other items is required for official use covering 39 DDO's for the F. Y: 2022-23.
- (v) **05 PPS:** Rs. 5.19 lakh is required for payment of fees for obtaining legal services and filing of e.TDS Qly. return covering 39 DDO's for the F.Y 2022-23.
- (vi) **06 RRT:** RS. 5.86 lakh is required for payment of Rent for hire building for office accommodation of CD office Duliajan, Digboi and for District HG office Urban wing HG office Karimganj, Hailakandi for the F. Y. 2022-23
- (vii) **13 MW:** Rs. 370.00 lakh is required for payment of constructional works under the DDO's HQ as follows:-
1. Construction of RCC 2 storied US Quarter (4 Unit / 1 Bldg) for accommodation of Govt. Senior Gazetted Officer in the HQR of Directorate (CD&HG), Office Beltola, Guwahati.
 2. Construction of RCC 2 storied Barrack (40 person capacity) including RCC Ground Floor Kitchen and Dining Hall at Directorate (CD & HG) office, Beltola, Guwahati.
 3. Construction of G + 1 RCC Bldg for accommodation of trainees with kitchen & ATWC bath at CTI (CD & HG), Panikhaiti, Guwahati- 26.
 4. Construction of paver block approach road from Ladies Barrack to hillock at CTI (CD & HG), Panikhaiti, Guwahati
 5. Construction of Assam type Guest House for Civil Defence personnel at the Directorate campus, Beltola, Guwahati
 6. Electrification works of Assam type Guest House for Civil Defence personnel at the Directorate campus, Beltola, Guwahati
 7. Construction of RCC 2 storied office building for Civil Defence at Goalpara
 8. Construction of G+1 office cum residence with kitchen and ATWC bath for Divisional Commandant HGs. , Hill Division at Cachar, Silchar"
 9. Construction of RCC Ground floor Magazine Guards building with boundary wall at CTI, Panikhaiti, Guwahati- 26

hillock at CTI (CD & HG) Panikhaiti, Ghy-26

11. Construction of RCC 2 Storied Barrack (60 person capacity) including RCC Ground Floor Kitchen and Dining for Women Constables at CTI (CD & HG) Panikhaiti, Ghy
 12. Construction of RCC Ground floor Magazine room at ASRF Bn-I, Barjar, Nalbari
 13. Construction of RCC Ground floor US quarter (2 Unit /1 Bldg) (Provision for 2 storied) at ASRF Bn-I, Barjar, Nalbari
 14. Construction of RCC 2 Storied Barrack (60 person capacity) including RCC Ground Floor Kitchen and Dining for Women Constables at ASRF Bn- II, Karagaon Karbi-Anglong
 15. Construction of RCC Ground floor Commandant's residence with Assam Type Guards Shade , Garrage and Sentry Post at AISF Bn-I, Bahbari, Tezpur
 16. Construction of RCC Ground floor Magazine Guards Building at AISF Bn-I, Bahbari, Tezpur
- (viii) **14 MW:** Rs. 597.00 lakh is required for minor Construction / Renovation and Repairing and Boundary wall etc. works for Directorate HQ, CD office Bongaingaon , Golaghat and District HG office for DTC HGs Nagoan, Dibrugarh, Mongaldoi, Cachar, Dhubri, Nalbari, Goalpara, CTI, Panikhaiti and BN HQ ASRF -I & ASRF -II and AISF -I & AISF -II.
- (ix) **15 ME:** RS. 152.60 lakh is required for purchase of Machinery and equipments covering 39 DDO's of CD&HGs department.
- (x) **16 MV:** Rs. 300.00 lakh is required for purchase of Staff vehicles for departmental use.
- (xi) **17 Maintenance :** Rs. 76.00 lakh is required for maintenance and repairing of office building, Machinery and equipments for the F.Y. 2022-23.
- (xii) **19 MS :** Rs. 917.41 lakh is required for payment of supply of Dry Ration to the ASRF BN & AISF Bn personnel, Uniform articles, medicine, Utensil etc. for ASRF, AISF & HGs personnel for the F. Y. 2022-23
- (xiii) **26 OC :** Rs. 90.01 lakh is required for payment of CD volunteers for Annual CD training in district level, HGs refresher training for HGs volunteers and advance training at CTI for Home Guard & Civil Defence Volunteers.
- (xiv) **99 IFT :** Rs. 14.90 lakh is required for payment of AMC of Home Guards Deployment system and others for F.Y 2022-23.

New schemes Launched by the Government :-

It is mentioned here that no schemes has been launched by the Government during the F.Y. 2022-23.

4.5 Creation of new Home Guards District

A Proposal is under process for creation of 7 (seven) new Home Guards Districts in Assam viz (i) Majuli (ii) Dhemaji (iii) South Salmara (iv) Bongaigoan (v) Kokrajhar (vi) Haliakandi and (vii) Sivsagar

Recruitment under process at SLPRB Assam and APSC, Assam

1)	For the post of Class -I (Jr. Grade) HG Cadre	= 19 Nos.
2)	For the post of Platoon Commander	= 40 Nos.
3)	For the post of ADC (Jr) CD	= 10 Nos
4)	For the post of Demonstrator CD	= 42 Nos
5)	For the post of Constable	= 908 Nos
6)	For the post of Junior Assistant	= 10 Nos
7)	For the post of Storeman	= 2 Nos
8)	For the post of Stenographer	= 2 Nos
	Total	= 1033 Nos

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE COMMITTEE
IN ITS EIGHTEENTH REPORT ON GRANT NO-20**

Sl. No.	Observations	Recommendations	Action taken reports on recommendations
1	The Committee observed that the Home Guard volunteers deserve a quota of sizable percentage for permanent employment as constables in Police department, Forest department, Excise department etc relaxing their age and qualification PET etc considering their relentless and dedicated service for their term of dedicated service extended.	The Committee recommended that 10% of the sanctioned vacant post of Constable in Police Department and Forest Guard in Forest Department, Excise Department, Jail Department should be reserved for Home Guard Volunteers upto age of 40.	At present 2% of sanctioned vacant posts of Constable in Assam Police have been reserved for Home Guards volunteers. The matter has been taken up with all concerned authorities.
2	During the course of discussion, the Committee was informed that the duty allowances for Home Guard Volunteers are Rs.300/- per day per head for basic trained Home Guards and Rs.315/- per day per head for advanced trained Home Guards Volunteers which are very less. A proposal for the enhancement of duty allowance for Home Guard Volunteers is under process.	The Committee observed that the duty allowances of Home Guard Volunteers are Rs. 300/- per day per head for basic trained Home Guards and Rs. 315/- per day per head for advanced trained Home Guards volunteers which are very less and recommended the department to expedite the process of enhancement of duty allowance.	Finance (EC-II) Department was moved by this Department for their views/concurrence on the matter. However, Finance Department has advised for the possibility of reducing the strength of Home Guards so that the proposal becomes revenue neutral. The matter is under consideration for exploring ways & means to find possibility of making the proposal revenue neutral by probable reduction of strength of Home Guards.
3	While discussing the Grant No. 20, the Committee observed that some batches of Home Guards are deployed on their duty at a stretch of 6 months and they remain jobless for another six months whereas some batches are on duty for the whole year and even more. The committee felt the lack of uniformity in the distribution of work to the Home Guards.	The Committee recommended the uniformity in the distribution of work should be maintain for all existing Home Guards and the terms of work should be increased for a longer period of time	As per Home Guards Act & Rule, 1947 amended in 2015 the Home Guard volunteers are deployed for a period of 6 (six) month which may be extended for a maximum period of 1 (one) year subject to approval from the Govt.

OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATION**GRANT NO. 20 (CD & HGS)**

The Committee after holding a threadbare discussion and on close scrutinization of the Report related to Grant No. 20 (CD & HGS) of the Home & Political Department on the evidence provided by the Department representative, made the following observations and Recommendations

1. During the course of discussion, the Committee was informed that the duty allowances for Home Guard Volunteers are Rs.300/- per day head for basis trained Home Guard and Rs.315/- per day head for advances trained Home Guard Volunteers which are very less

Therefore, the Committee recommended that the salary for Home Guards Volunteers should be enhanced as per above of the minimum wages norms.

2. While discussing the Grant No.20, the Committee observed that some batches of Home Guards are deployed on their duty at a stretch of 6 Months and they remain jobless for another six months whereas some batches are on duty for the whole year and even more. The Committee felt the lack of uniformity distribution of the works to the Home Guards.

Therefore, the Committee recommended that uniformity in the distribution of the works should be maintained for all existing Home Guards .

After making a detailed security of the Demands for Grants of the Departments of Home of Department of Home and assessing the progress of various important programmes and projects administrated by it, the Committee recommends that demands for Grant No. 14,15,and 20 as sought by the Department of Home & Political for the year,2022-23 are in order and may be approved by the August House.

Action taken on the recommendations may be submitted to the Committee within 90 (ninety) days from the date of presentation of the Reports to the House.

