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ON DEVELOPMENT (F) DEPARTMENTS**

**(2025-26)**

**FIFTEENTH ASSEMBLY**

**TWENTY SEVENTH REPORT**

**FOOD, PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

**DEMANDS FOR GRANT**

**(2025-26)**

**GRANT NOS. 37 & 46**

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**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT,  
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006.**

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## CHAPTER- I

### REPORT

#### A BRIEF NOTE IN RESPECT OF GRANT NO-37

**A. Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department, Govt. of Assam:-** The Department of Food, Public Distribution & Consumer Affairs, Government of Assam endeavors to ensure availability of food grains at affordable and reasonable price throughout the State. The department ensures creation of buffer stock, procurement, storage and distribution of food grains to overcome natural calamities.

The Department undertakes supervisory and enforcement duties under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Orders like the Public Distribution System (control) Order, 2001. In Assam, 2.52 crore population has been covered under NFSA'13 (84.17% of rural population and 60.35% of urban population as per census 2011) categorizing them as AAY and Priority Household families.

The following Acts and Orders are being followed by the department:-

- 1) The Public Distribution (Control) Order, 2001 amended up to date.
- 2) The Assam Public Distribution of Articles Order, 1982.
- 3) The Assam Trade Articles (L&C) order 1982.
- 4) The Prevention of Black Marketing, Supply and Maintenance of Essential Commodities Atc, 1980.
- 5) The Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply & Distribution) Order, 2000 amended up to date.
- 6) The Naphtha (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of use in Automobile) Order 2000.
- 7) Petroleum Products (Maintenance of Production, Storage and Supply) Order, 1999.
- 8) The Kerosene (Restriction on Use and Fixation of Ceiling Price) Order 1993 amended up to date.
- 9) The M.S & HSD (Regulation of Supply and Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Order 2005 amended up to date.
- 10) Assam Paddy and Rice Procurement (Levy and Licensing) Order 1995
- 11) Assam Paddy and Rice Procurement (Levy and Licensing) Amendment Permanent Order, 2000.
- 12) The Solvent, Reffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of used in Automobiles) Order, 2000.
- 13) The Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of Supply, Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Amendment Order, 2007.
- 14) The Lubricant Oils and Greases (Processing Supply and Distribution Regulation) Order 1987 and lubricating oil Greases (Procuring Supply and Distribution regulation) (Amendment) order, 2021.
- 15) The Consumer Protection Act, 2019
- 16) National Food Security Act, 2013



- 17) The Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of Supply, Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Amendment Order, 2008.
- 18) Targeted Public Distribution (Control) Order, 2015.
- 19) Assam Food Security Rules, 2022

**B. Legal Metrology:** The Department of Legal Metrology is one among the Welfare Departments of the State. The Department is working in the field of weights and measures. But, the department does not implement any beneficiary related scheme.

The main objective of the Legal Metrology Department is to protect the interest of the consumers. This is done by maintaining accuracy of the weights and measures used in all business transaction and protection and also by registering prosecution cases against the violators of the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act and Rules in force at present. The Department also enforces provisions related to Packaged Commodities. To give boost to Legal Metrology infrastructures of the States/UTs, the Strengthening of Weights and Measures Infrastructures of the States/UTs sponsored by Govt. of India(GOI) is being maintained in our State also, which is likely to improve the functioning of the Department leading to consumers protection. The Legal Metrology Department (Weights & Measures) came into existence in the State of Assam in the year, 1960 to maintain an uniform system of Weights and Measures throughout the Country.

At present, the Department is enforcing the following Acts and Rules:

- 1) The Legal Metrology Act, 2009.
- 2) The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.
- 3) The Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011.
- 4) The Assam Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011.
- 5) The Legal Metrology (Approval of Models) Rules, 2011

The Department of Legal Metrology is working for the welfare of the consumer of the State. There is no specific scheme to implement. Standardization and maintenance of accuracy of all the weights and measures used in various trades and industries in the State is the target of the Department.

Though the Legal Metrology Department is a service oriented department, the Department also earns substantial amount of non-tax revenue every year through verification and stamping of weights and measures by traders, Calibration of storage tank, issue of Dealer License/Packers License, etc. The financial target and achievement w.e.f.2020-21 to 2024-25 are as follows:

Year	Collection of Revenue
2020-21	Rs. 495.65 Lakh
2021-22	Rs. 576.75 Lakh
2022-23	Rs. 552.89 Lakhs
2023-24	Rs. 613.97 Lakhs
2024-25 (upto December)	Rs. 497.35 lakh

1) The nos. of prosecution cases detected/registered, compounded and fees realized under various Acts and Rules of Weights and Measures w.e.f. 2021-22 to 2024-25 are as follows:

Year	No. of Prosecution case registered	No. of cases compounded	Compounding fees	No. of cases sanctioned for trial
2021-22	714	294	Rs. 21.13 Lakh	42
2022-23	755	382	Rs. 40.91 Lakh	99
2023-24	524	209	Rs. 19.96 Lakh	89
2024-25 (upto December)	796	417	Rs. 30.89 Lakh	46

**Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions Assam were established under Consumer Protection Act.**

**Consumer Protection Act, 2019 is an Act of the Parliament of India.**

Grant No. 46 was allotted to the Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission along with 23 nos. of District Consumer Disputes Redredssal Commission Assam after Govt. of Assam declared Hon'ble President, Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission as HOD. Since this financial year 2024-25, Govt. of Assam has allotted budget under Grant no. 46 to Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission as HOD.

**Consumer Protection Act 2019 Details:**

- Consumer Protection Act, 2019 is a law to protect the interests of the consumers. This Act provides safety to consumers regarding defective products, dissatisfactory services, and unfair trade practices.
- The basic aim of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 is to save the rights of the consumers by establishing authorities for timely and effective administration and settlement of consumers' disputes.

**Rights of the consumers:**

- Consumers have the right to information on various aspects of goods and services. This could be information about the quantity, quality, purity, potency, price, and standard of goods or services.



- To be protected from hazardous goods and services. Right to protection against goods and services that can be dangerous to life and property.
- To be protected from unfair or restrictive trade practices.
- Consumers have the right to access a variety of goods and services at competitive prices.
- Consumers should have the right to redressal.

### **Salient Provisions of the Consumer Protection Act 2019**

#### **Now definition of consumer:**

- The new Act has widened the definition of 'consumer'.

#### **Definition of consumer:**

- As per the Act, a person is called a consumer who avails the services and buys any good for self-use. Worth to mention that if a person buys any good or avails any service for resale or commercial purposes, he/she is not considered a consumer. This definition covers all types of transactions i.e. offline and online through teleshopping, direct selling or multi-level marketing.

#### **Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission:**

- The Act has the provision of the establishment of Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions (CDRCs) at the national, state and district levels to entertain consumer complaints.
- The CDRCs will entertain complaints related to:
  - Overcharging or deceptive charging
  - Unfair or restrictive trade practices
  - Sale of hazardous goods and services which may be hazardous to life.
  - Sale of defective goods or services

#### **E-Filing of Complaints:**

- The new Act provides flexibility to the consumer to file complaints with the jurisdictional consumer forum located at the place of residence or work of the consumer. This is unlike the earlier condition where the consumer had to file a complaint at the place of purchase or where the seller has its registered office address.
- The new Act also contains enabling provisions for consumers to file complaints electronically and for hearing and/or examining parties through video-conferencing.
- Consumers will also not need to hire a lawyer to represent their cases.



## 2. PERFORMANCE BUDGET/ANNUAL REPORT RELATING TO GRANT NO 37 FOR FOOD, PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION & CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT 2024-25

**(i) National Food Security Scheme:** A budget provision of Rs.52790.50 lakhs (Rs.29273.54lakhs commission and Rs.23516.96 lakhs as transportation totaling to Rs.52790.50 lakhs) has been provided as budget provision during the financial year 2024-25 for payment of commission to the FPSs and transportation cost to transporters in respect of National Food Security Scheme. Out of Rs. Rs.52790.50 lakhs, an amount of Rs.50341.30591 lakhs has been utilized and Rs.2449.19409 lakh is to be utilized within 31 March, 2025. **The achievement of FPD&CA department in last 1 year furnished at Annexure-A.**

A budget estimate of Rs.52978.22 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-26 for payment of commission to the FPSs and transportation cost to transporters in respect of National Food Security Scheme.

**(i) Paddy Procurement Programme:** A budget provision of Rs.1026.00 lakhs has been provided for the financial year 2024-25 for opening of paddy procurement Centre in the State. This amount is under process for utilization.

A budget estimate of Rs.1709.35 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-26 to recover the differential expenses under paddy procurement programme by Assam Food and Civil Supply Corporation Limited.

**(ii)** A budget provision of Rs.171.00 lakhs has been provided for the financial year 2024-25 for Assam Food and Civil Supply Corporation. This amount is under process for utilization.

A budget estimate of Rs.171.00 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-26 for Assam Food and Civil Supply Corporation Limited.

**(iii) Confonet Project:** -A budget estimate of Rs.5.00 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-26 for payment of bills to BSNL in connection with broadband internet services in respect of Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and 23 District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions.

**(iv) AAMAR DUKAN:-** The State Govt. has provided a budget provision of Rs.115.90 lakhs for strengthening of AAMAR DUKAN for the financial year 2024-25 for functioning of 175 nos. of AAMAR DUKAN @ Rs.66,225/- per AAMAR DUKAN. Out of Rs.115.90 lakhs, expenditure incurred for an amount of Rs.74.83 lakhs and balance amount of Rs.41.07 lakhs shall be released on receipt of F. S. proposal from the respective District Commissioners.

A budget estimate of Rs.115.90 lakhs has been proposed for the financial year 2025-26 for providing financial assistance to selected 175 No.s of AAMAR DUKANS.

**(v) End-to-End Computerization:** A budget provision of Rs.189.88 lakhs has been provided for the current financial year 2024-25 for implementation of End-to-End Computerization of TPDS project and payment of internet connectivity for



continuation of supply chain management, manpower support, security audit of application software's etc. This amount under process for utilization.

A budget estimate of Rs.199.64 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-26 for payment of internet connectivity for continuation of supply chain management, manpower support, security audit of application software's etc.

**(vii) Samabai Sabalikaran Yojana:** A budget provision of Rs.5700.00 lakhs has been provided for payment as Grants-in-Aid @ Rs.26.35 per quintal against quantity handled to each of the GPSSs/LAMPs/WCCs of the State for services rendered by them in the supply chain management of foodgrains for the year 2024-25. Out of Rs.5700.00 lakhs, an amount of Rs.4155.78 lakhs has been utilized and balance amount of Rs.1544.22 lakhs is to be utilized within 31 March, 2025.

A budget estimate of Rs.5006.96 Lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-26.

**viii) State Consumer Helpline:-** A budget provision of Rs.24.53 lakhs is provided for recurring expenditure for continuous operation of State Consumer Helpline scheme for the financial year 2024-25. This amount shall be utilized on receipt of F.S. and FOC from the Govt.

A budget estimate of Rs.24.53 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-26 for recurring expenditure for continuous operation of State Consumer Helpline scheme.

### **CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME**

**1. FAIR PRICE SHOP AUTOMATION SCHEME :-** A budget provision for an amount of Rs.8253.22 lakhs (Rs.2147.21 lakhs as Central Share and Rs.6106.01 lakhs as State Share totaling to Rs.8253.22 lakhs) has been provided for the financial year 2024-25 for implementation of Fair Price Automation Scheme. Out of Rs.8253.22 lakhs, an amount of Rs.5856.22 Lakhs has been utilized and balance amount of Rs.2397.00 lakhs shall be utilized on receipt of bill from the AMTRON.

A budget estimate of 6823.48 lakhs is proposed for FY 2025-26 for the scheme.

**2. Smart Public Distribution System:-** A budget provision of Rs. 280.63 was provided for the financial year 2024-25 (Rs. 256.16 as central share and Rs.24.47 as state share). Out of Rs. 280.63 lakhs an amount of Rs 35.5767 lakhs has already been utilized and balance amount of Rs.245.053 lakhs will be utilized within 31 March, 2025.

A budget estimates of Rs.245.07 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-26 for implementation of Smart Public Distribution System Scheme.



## **CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME**

### **1. CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE GODOWNS:-**

A budget provision of Rs.472.51 lakhs (Rs.467.44 lakhs as CSS +Rs.5.07 lakhs as SOPD-SS) was provided for the financial year 2024-25. Out of the budgeted amount of Rs.467.44 Lakhs (CSS) for the F.Y 2024-25 GOI has released Rs.267.75 Lakhs through PFMS in CNA model during the F.Y 2023-24 in the month of March, 2024 and the entire amount has been utilized for the purposes before 31" march, 2024, Hence the budgeted amount remains unutilized during the F.Y 2024-25.

Further, Out of Administrative approval amount of Rs.132.00 Lakhs for construction of Majuli Godowns an amount of Rs.126.95081 Lakhs has been utilized. Out of budgeted amount of Rs.5.07 Lakhs (SOPD-SS) an amount of Rs.5.04919 Lakhs will be utilized before 31" march 2025.

A budget estimate of Rs.112.07lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-2026 for construction of storage godowns.

### **2. STRENGTHENING THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE CONSUMER COURT:-**

A budget provision of Rs.0.49 lakhs is provided for the financial year 2024-25 for payment of outstanding bill in construction of Consumer Court building at Nalbari. Out of budgeted amount of Rs. 0.49 Lakhs, Two nos of financial sanction has already been submitted to govt. Rs. 18,386/- will be utilized against the outstanding liabilities for the work construction of consumer court building Nalbari and Rs. 29,616/- will be refunded to Govt of India.

A budget estimate of Rs.0.49 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-2026

**3. Consumer Awareness Activities:-** A budget provision of Rs. 40.04 lakhs is provided for implementation of Consumer Awareness Activities for the financial year 2024-25. Out of the budget amount Of Rs. 40.04Lakhs, a plan & estimate of Rs. 29,92,480 has already received from Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. The amount will be utilized before 31 March 2025 against the grant sanction received from GOI during the F.Y 2013-14. There is lying as unspent amount of Rs. 10.05575 Lakhs against the grant sanction during the F.Y 2006-07 and 2014-15 received from GOI under the Scheme consumer awareness activities. The unspent amount will be refunded to GOI due to non-utilization by districts.

A budget estimate of Rs.40.04 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-26.

**4. Construction of Toilet in District Commission:-** A budget provision of Rs.15.75 lakhs has been provided for the FY 2024-25. Administrative Approval has already been issued to 3 nos of districts. The balance amount will be utilized on receipt of bill from Districts A budget estimate of Rs.15.75 Lakhs is proposed for the FY 2025-26.



**5. Strengthening of Weight and Measures:-** Rs.0.20 lakhs is required for maintenance of mobile kit vans in respect of Legal Metrology for the financial year 2024-25.

**PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR HEAD QUARTER ESTABLISHMENT AND  
DISTRICT LEVEL ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.**

**1. Writing of cards:** -A budget provision of Rs. 1116.00 lakhs has been provided for the financial year 2024-25 for payment of writing of cards, refund of fund to CMSGUY against the temporary loan, Rs. 826.32 lakhs FS already received and FOC yet to be received. Out of the total budget provision of Rs.1116.00 lakhs, expenditure has incurred for an amount of Rs.78.00 lakhs. The remaining amount shall be utilized on receipt of financial sanction proposal from the DDOs as well as FOC from Govt.

A budget estimate for Rs.250.00 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-26 for payment in connection with writing of cards.

**2. Generating Awareness of TPDS Beneficiaries:** -A budget provision of Rs.16.20 lakhs has been provided for Publicity Awareness of TPDS for the financial year 2024-25. Out of Rs.16.20 lakhs, expenditure for an amount of Rs. 14,33,700/- has been incurred and balance amount of Rs.1,86,300/- shall be sanctioned on receipt of bill from the vendor.

A budget estimate of Rs.16.20 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-26 for Publicity Awareness Of TPDS.

**3. Mukhya Mantri Anna Suraksha Yojana:** A budget provision of Rs.108.16 lakhs provided for the financial year 2024-25 for payment of outstanding transportation bill of MMASY. The aforesaid amount has already been distributed to the DDOs. This amount shall be incurred on receipt of F.S. proposal from the DDOS.

A budget estimates of Rs.611.95 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2025-26 for payment of outstanding transportation bill of MMASY.

- a) An amount of Rs.735.24 lakhs for Head Quarter Establishment which Includes Salary, O.E., T.E., RRT etc.
- b) An amount of Rs.3769.48 lakhs for Salary, O.E., T.E. etc for District Level Establishment.
- c) Rs.357.46 lakhs for Salary Wages, TE.OE etc for State Food Commission
- d) An amount of Rs. 77.00 lakhs for Head Quarter Establishment which includes Salary, O.E., T.E etc.
- e) An amount of Rs.44.00 lakhs for District Level which includes Salary.
- f) Rs.717.60 lakhs is required for payment of salary T.E, O.E. RRT etc. in respect of Head Quarters of Legal Metrology.

- g) Rs.2262.98 lakhs is required for payment of salary T.E, O.E. RRT etc. in respect of Subordinate offices of Legal Metrology.
- h) Rs115.40 lakhs is required for payment of salary T.E, O.E. RRT etc. in respect of Subordinate offices of Legal Metrology.
- i) Rs 16.50 lakhs required for purchase of hardware of Legal Metrology.
- j) Rs.1.65 lakhs required for maintainance of Departmental building of Legal Metrology.

The aforesaid amount of Rs.8097.31 lakhs may be recommended for the financial year 2025-26.



**Preliminary status report for 2025-26 in respect of Grant No. 37**  
**The detail requirement of budget as shown below:**

**(Rs. in lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Component / Scheme	Major Head	Sub Major Head	Minor Head	Sub-Head	Sub-Sub Head	Estt. Exp. & salary	SOPD / SS	CSS	Major Scheme	Total	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
1.	Salary Component	2408	01	101	172	000	735.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	735.24	Rs. Rs.735.24 lakhs is required for payment of Salary, Helper allowances, TE, OE, RRT etc including disaster Management in respect of Commissionerate of Head Quarters Establishment and implementation of Disaster Management.
2.	Salary Component	2408	01	101	1291	000	3769.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	3769.48	Rs.3769.48 lakhs is required for payment of Salary, Wages, TE, OE, etc in respect of 41 nos. of District Sub-Divisional Establishment.
3.	Construction / up gradation	2408	01	101	2472	201	0.00	0.00	15.75	0.00	15.75	Rs.15.75 lakhs is required for construction of toilet in 23 District Commission as per direction of GOI.
4.	SMART PDS	2408	01	101	2484	927	0.00	0.00	224.15	0.00	224.15	Rs.224.15 lakhs is required as central share for implementation of Smart Public Distribution System scheme.
5.	SMART PDS	2408	01	101	2484	928	0.00	20.92	0.00	0.00	20.92	Rs.20.92 lakhs is required as state share for implementation of Smart public distribution system scheme.
6.	Distribution of Masur Dal	2408	01	101	2492	202	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	Token provision is made for future implementation of the scheme.
7.	Distribution of Sugar	2408	01	101	2494	204	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03	Token provision is made for future implementation of the scheme.
8.	Assam State Food Commission	2408	01	101	2497	208	357.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	357.46	Rs.357.46 lakhs is required for setting up of State Food Commission.
9.	Generating Awareness of TPDS Beneficiaries	2408	01	101	2895	102	16.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.20	Rs.16.20 lakhs required for generating awareness of TPDS beneficiaries for the work handling of social media.
10.	Support to AF & SCL	2408	01	101	3161	209	0.00	1709.35	0.00	0.00	1709.35	Rs.1709.35 lakhs is required for the financial year 2025-26 to meet the differential expenditure Cost for Gunny Bags, Mandi Labour Charges, Godown Rent, Administrative Charges etc.

11.	State Consumer Helpline	2408	01	101	3882	000	0.01	24.53	0.00	0.00	24.54	Rs.24.54 lakhs is required for recurring expenditure for continuous operation of State Consumer Helpline Scheme for the financial year 2025-26, salary etc.
12.	Assam Food & Civil Supply Corporation	2408	01	101	4549	000	0.00	171.00	0.00	0.00	171.00	Rs. 171.00 lakhs is required for the financial year 2025-26 for meeting expenditure as house rent for AFCSCCL, for repair of godown etc. for carriage of paddy from different locations to the PPCs (as done in the previous year)
13.	Confonet Project	2408	01	101	4931	104	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	Rs.5.00 lakhs is required for implementation of confonet project for providing internet connectivity to Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and 23 District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions.
14.	End-to-end Computerization	2408	01	101	4932	052	0.00	199.64	0.00	0.00	199.64	Out of Rs.199.64 lakhs is required for payment of internet connectivity for continuation of supply chain management, manpower support, security audit of application softwares etc.
15.	Distribution of iodised salt	2408	01	101	Wxyz	Abc	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	Token provision is made for future implementation of the scheme.
16.	FP Shop Automation	2408	01	101	4932	053	0.00	6823.48	0.00	0.00	6823.48	Rs.6823.48 lakhs is required for implementation of FP Shop Automation under NFSA.
17.	National Food Security Scheme	2408	01	102	4732	000	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	Rs.250.00 lakhs is required for payment for writing of cards printing of ration cards under NFSA.
18.	State assistance towards NFSA	2408	01	102	4732	009	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	Token provision is made for future implementation of the scheme.
19.	National Food Security Scheme	2408	01	102	4732	204	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	Token provision is made for future implementation of the scheme.
20.	National Food Security Scheme	2408	01	102	4732	927	0.00	0.00	34444.05	0.00	34444.05	Rs.34444.05 lakhs is required for payment of transportation cost to the transporters and commission to FPS as central share under NFSARs.22142.60 lakhs as commission and Rs. 12301.45 as transportation charges)
21.	National Food Security Scheme	2408	01	102	4732	928	0.00	18534.17	0.00	0.00	18534.17	Rs.18534.17 lakhs is required for payment of Transportation cost to the transporters and Commission to the F.P. Shops as state share under NFSARs.7380.86 as commission and Rs. 11153.31 as transportation charges)



22.	Consumer Awareness Activities	2408	01	102	3274	399	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.04	0.00	40.04	Rs.40.04 lakhs, is required for Implementation of Consumer Awareness Activities.
23.	AAMAR DUKAN	2408	01	800	5314	430	0.00	0.00	115.90	0.00	0.00	115.90	Rs.115.90 lakhs is required for functioning of 175 nos of new Aamar Dukan
24.	Samabai Sabalakaran Yojana	2408	01	800	5314	432	0.00	0.00	5006.96	0.00	0.00	5006.96	Rs.5006.96lakhs is required for meeting expenditure to be incurred for FY 2025-26 @ Rs.26.35 per quintel against distribution of NFSA rice.
25.	MMASY	2408	01	800	5314	431	611.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	611.95	Rs.611.95 lakhs is required for payment of outstanding bills in respect of MMASY.
26.	Salary Component	3456	00	001	0172	000	77.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.00	Rs.77.00 lakhs is required for payment of Salary in respect of staff of the commissionerate of FPDCA Head Quarters Establishment.
27.	Salary Component	3456	00	800	3071	000	44.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.00	Rs.44.00 lakhs is required for payment of Salary in respect of staff of 3 nos. of Districts Establishment.
28.	Purchase of mobile van / trucks	3456	00	800	5335	000	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	Token provision is made.
29.	Construction of Consumer Court Building	4408	01	800	5686	927	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.00	0.49	Rs.0.49 lakhs is required for payment of outstanding bill in respect construction of Consumer Court building at Nalbari and refund to GOI.
30.	Construction of godowns	4408	01	800	2291	143	0.00	5.07	107.00	0.00	0.00	112.07	Rs. 107.00 lakhs is required for payment against construction of 6 nos of godowns as outstanding, Rs.5.07 lakhs is required for outstanding payment of Majuli godown.
31.	Infrastructure development of Legal Metrology	4408	01	800	2465	000	0.00	35.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.10	Out of Rs. 35.10 lakhs an amount of Rs. 29.10 lakh is required for payment for construction of office building of ACLM at Bongaigaon and an amount of Rs 6.00 lakhs is required for purchase of departmental equipment specifically punch tools for stamping with weighing scale machines.
32.	Purchase of hardware of Legal Metrology (HQ)	4408	01	800	1466	0172	5.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.50	5.50 lakhs is required for purchase of hardware for Legal Metrology(HQ)
33.	Purchase of Hardware of Legal Metrology (Sub-ordinate)	4408	01	800	1467	000	5.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.50	5.50 lakhs is required for purchase of hardware for Legal Metrology(sub-ordinate administration)

34.	Salary Component	4408	01	800	1468	000	5.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.50	5.50 lakhs is required for popularisation of metric system of Legal Metrology
35.	Salary Component	3475	00	106	1466	000	1.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.65	Maintenance for departmental building
36.	Salary Component	3475	00	106	1466	172	717.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	717.60	Salary, E.E. O.E. Etc. in respect of Legal Metrology
37.	Salary Component	3475	00	106	1467	000	2262.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2262.98	Salary, E.E. O.E. Etc. in respect of Legal Metrology
38.	Salary Component	3475	00	106	1468	000	115.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	115.40	Salary, E.E. O.E. Etc. in respect of Legal Metrology
39.		3475	00	106	3475	000	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20	Maintenance for departmental mobile kit vans.
	Estt. Exp					8975.48	8975.48	32651.20	34831.68	0.00	0.00	76458.36	
	SOPT					32651.20		Revenue	76294.20				
	CSSO					34831.68			164.16				
	Major Scheme					0.00							
	Total:-					76458.36			76458.36				



**GRANT NO.-37 STATEMENT SHOWING THE BUDGET PROVISIONS FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025 FOR DISCUSSION IN THE MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT "F"**

Sl. No.	Major Head/Minor Head	Budget Provision/ (Rs. in lakh)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)	Balance	Achievement of the different schemes
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	<b>2408-Food Storage and Warehousing</b> <b>01-Food</b>				
2.	<b>2472-Construction/up gradation of toilet (CSS)</b>	15.75	0.00	15.75	Administrative Approval has already been received for 3nos of districts. The budgeted amount will be utilized on receipt of bill from Districts.
3.	<b>2484-Modernization and Reform Through technology in public distribution system (SMART-PDS) (CSS)</b>	256.16	32.019	224.141	GOI has released Rs.32.019 lakhs through SNA model for implementation of SMART-PDS as 25% 1 installment. The released amount was fully utilized as salary against deployment of man power.
4.	<b>2484-Modernization and Reform Through technology in public distribution system SMART-PDS) (SOPD-SS)</b>	24.47	3.5577	20.9123	10% State matching Share of Rs.3.5577 Lakhs has been utilized as salary against deployment of man power.
5.	<b>2895-General Awareness of TPDS Beneficiaries (EE)</b>	16.20	14.3370	1.8630	Out of Budgeted amount of Rs. 16.20 Lakhs, and amount of Rs.14.3370 Lakhs has been utilized for handling of social media for advertisement purposes.
6.	<b>101-Procurement and Supply</b> <b>3161-Paddy Procurement (SOPD-G)</b>	1026.00	1026.00	0.00	The entire budgeted amount has been released to Assam Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited for setting up of PPCs at different location.

7.	3882-State Consumer Helpline (SOPD-G)	24.53	0.00	24.53	The Utilization Certificate of previous financial years has already been received from MD AMTRON. The FS has been approved for sanction by DFC and sanction will be issued soon.
8.	4549-Assam Food and Civil Supply Corporation Limited (SOPD-G)	171.00	171.00	0.00	The entire budgeted amount has been released to Assam Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited for transportation of Paddy and differential Procurement.
9.	4932-Implementation of Computerization of TPDS Project PDS Network (SOPD-G)	189.88	189.88	0.00	Entire amount has been utilized.
10.	4932-Implementation of Computerization TPDS Project PDS Network (Fair Price Shop Automation) (CSS)	2147.21	1627.98719	519.22281	The balance amount will be utilized on receipt of bill from vendor.
11.	4932-Implementation of Computerization TPDS Project PDS Network (Fair Price Shop Automation) (SOPD-SS)	6106.01	4228.24	1877.77	The balance amount will be utilized on receipt of bill from vendor.
12.	102-Food Subsidies 4732-National Food Security Scheme (EE)	1116.32	78.23	1038.09	A budget provision of Rs.1116.00 lakhs has been provided for the financial year 2024-25 for payment of writing of cards, refund of fund to CMSGUY against the temporary loan, Rs. 826.32 lakhs FS already submitted to Finance (budget) Dept. Out of the total budget provision of Rs.1116.00 lakhs, expenditure has incurred for an amount of Rs.78.00 lakhs. The remaining amount shall be utilized on receipt of financial sanction proposal from the DDOs.



13.	<b>927-National Food Security Scheme (Commission) (CSS)</b>	<b>22332.67</b>	22078.18541	254.48459	The balance amount of Rs.254.48459 lakhs shall be utilized within 31" march, 2025.
14.	<b>927-National Food Security Scheme (Transportation) (CSS)</b>	<b>13028.53</b>	12960.45577	68.07423	The balance amount of Rs.68.07423 lakhs shall be utilized within 31 march,2025
15.	<b>928-National Food Security Scheme (Commission) (SOPD-SS)</b>	<b>6940.87</b>	6771.76178	169.10822	The balance amount of Rs. 169.10822 lakhs shall be utilized within 31 march, 2025
16.	<b>928-National Food Security Scheme (Transportation) (SOPD-SS)</b>	<b>10488.43</b>	8530.90295	1957.52705	The balance amount of Rs.1957.52705 lakhs shall be utilized within 31" march, 2025
17.	<b>800-Other Expenditure 3274-Consumer Awareness Activities (CSS)</b>	40.04	0.00	40.04	Out of the budget amount Of Rs. 40.04Lakhs, a plan & estimate of Rs. 29,92,480 has already been received from Assam Stale Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. The amount will be utilized before 31 March 2025 against the grant sanction received from GOI during the F.Y 2013-14. There is lying as unspent amount of Rs. 10.05576 Lakhs against the grant sanction during the F.Y 2006-07 and 2014-15 received from GOI under the Scheme consumer awareness activities. The unspent amount will be refunded to GOI due to non-utilization by districts.
18.	<b>5314-Randhan Jyoti 430-AAMAR DUKAN (SOPD-G)</b>	115.90	74.83	41.07	The balance amount of +1.07 lakhs shall be utilized before 31" march, 2025.

19.	<b>5314-Randhan Jyoti</b> <b>431-Mukhyamantrir Anna</b> <b>Surakshya Yojana</b> <b>(EE)</b>	108.16	0.00	108.16	The budgeted amount has already been distributed to DDOS. The aforesaid amount shall be incurred on receipt of FS proposal from DDO's
20.	<b>5314-Randhan Jyoti</b> <b>432- Samabai Sabalikaran</b> <b>Yojana</b> <b>(SOPD-G)</b>	5700.00	4155.78	1544.22	The balance amount of Rs. 1544.22 lakhs shall be utilized within 31 march, 2025
21.	<b>4408-Capital Outlay</b> <b>01-Food</b> <b>800- Other Expenditure</b> <b>2291-Construction of Storage</b> <b>Godown</b> <b>(SOPD-SS)</b>	5.07	0.00	5.07	Out of Administrative approval amount of Rs.132.00 Lakhs for construction of Majuli Godowns an amount of Rs.126.95081 Lakhs has been utilized. Out of budgeted amount of Rs.5.07 Lakhs an amount of Rs.5.04919 Lakhs will be utilized before 31" march 2025.
22.	<b>4408-Capital Outlay</b> <b>01-Food</b> <b>800-Other Expenditure</b> <b>2291-Construction of Storage</b> <b>Godown</b> <b>(CSS)</b>	467.44	0.00	467.44	Out of the budgeted amount of Rs.467.44 Lakhs for the F.Y 2024-25 GOI has released Rs.267.75 Lakhs through PFMS in CNA model during the F.Y 2023-24 in the month of March, 2024 and the entire amount was utilized. Hence the budgeted amount remains unutilized during the F.Y 2024-25
23.	<b>4408-Capital Outlay</b> <b>01-Food</b> <b>800- Other Expenditure</b> <b>5686-Consumer Court</b> <b>Building</b>	0.49	0.00	0.49	Out of budgeted amount of Rs. 0.49 Lakhs, Two nos of financial sanction has already been submitted to govt. Rs. 18,386/- will be utilized against the outstanding liabilities for the work construction of consumer court building Nalbari and Rs. 29,616/- will be refunded to Govt of India.
	<b>Total :-</b>	<b>70321.13</b>	<b>61943.1668</b>	<b>8377.9632</b>	



**Grant No. 37****(Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department)**

After presentation of the Budget in the House for the Financial Year 2025-2026, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (F) Departments in its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 to discuss in respect of **Grant No. 37 (Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department)**.

1.1. The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (F) Department in its meeting held on **17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025** examined the papers and documents received from the concerned department and took evidence of the Departmental representative. Besides, the Committee considered the Action Taken report on the recommendations contained in the **26<sup>th</sup> Report** in addition to the scrutiny of the Budget provision.

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in Lakhs)	Total Budget Estimates (2024-25) Rs. in lakhs
<b>VOTED</b>	104724.67	163.95	104888.62	87538.66
<b>CHARGED</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

1.2 The detailed Budget Estimates under **Grant No. 37** for the Financial Year 2025-2026 are as below:-

Revenue Account		
Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates 2025-2026 (Rs. in lakhs)
2408	Food, Storage and Warehousing	102058.47
3456	Civil Supplies	121.01
3475	Other General Economic Services	2545.19
4408	Capital Outlay on Food Storage and Warehousing	163.95
	<b>Grand total Rs.</b>	<b>104888.62</b>

1.3 Out of the total Budget provision of Rs. 104888.62 lakhs made for the financial year 2025-26, Rs. 104724.67 lakhs and Rs. 163.95 lakhs have been earmarked under the Revenue and Capital Head respectively. It seems that for the 2025-26 an amount of Rs. 17,349.96 lakhs has been increased than of the previous year's Revised Budget Estimates (2024-25).

The Action Taken Report on the recommendations made in the Twenty Sixth Report of Food, Public Distribution & Consumer Affairs Department are appeared at Annexure-1

**BRIEF NOTE IN RESPECT OF GRANT NO. 46**

The Legal Metrology Department (Weights & Measures) came into existence in the State of Assam in the Year. 1960 to maintain an uniform system of Weights and Measures throughout the Country.

At present, the Department is enforcing the following Acts and Rules:-

- 1) The Legal Metrology Act, 2009.
- 2) The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.
- 3) The Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011.
- 4) The Assam legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011.
- 5) The Legal Metrology (Approval of Models) Rules, 2011.

**THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL METROLOGY ARE AS  
FOLLOWS:-**

- i) In these days of consumers' awareness, the Department plays an important role by maintaining accuracy in all spheres of commercial transaction to protect the interest of the consumers. This Department is functioning to keep vigil on malpractices in the business transactions and to launch cases in case of any violation of the above mentioned Acts and Rules. Thus this Department is a basic infrastructure for the protection of the interest of the consumers.
- ii) Further prosecution cases are registered against the traders, who adopt unfair means to cheat the consumers with frequent inspection to make enforcement drives more effective.
- iii) This Department also undertakes the Calibration of Storage Tanks of Oil and other Industrial establishment and earns revenue accordingly.



Since this financial year 2024-25, Govt. of Assam has allotted budget under Grant No. 46 to Assam State Disputes Redressal Commission as HOD

1. Preliminary status report for 2024-25 in respect Grant No. 46  
The detail requirement of budget as shown below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Component / Scheme	Major Head	Sub Major Head	Minor Head	Sub-Head	Sub-Sub Head	Detail Head	Sub-Detail Head	Scheme	GA/SSA	Voted/Charged	Total (in lakh)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1.	Salary Component	2408	01	101	6329	000	01	01	EE	GA	Voted	1650.67	Pay of the Judicial officer has revised which caused increase in the present salary of the president of District Commission as well as members of this commission. Rs. 16,50,67, 000 is required for payment of salary for the Hon'ble President, staff of this Commission alongwith the Hon'ble Presidents, Members, staff of 8 nos. of independent District Commission and Members of 15 nos. of District Commission.
2.	Salary Component	2408	01	101	6329	000	01	09	EE	GA	Voted	70.00	15 nos. of District Commission Assam are attached with the District & Session Judge. Presidents of District & Session Judge draw honorarium per sitting Rs. 1150/- and employees of the same

10													office involved in the consumer cases draw honorarium 20% per month on their Basic salaries. Rs.70,00000 is required for payment of honorarium
3.	Salary Component	2408	01	101	6329	000	01	12	EE	GA	Voted	20.00	Present President of independent District Commission Assam along with ex-president and 2 (two) members of this Commission along with ex-Members (Judicial) will get the arrear of revised as Pay of the Judicial officer has been revised w.e.f. 01.01.2016. Rs 20.00000 is required for arrear.
4.		2408	01	101	6329	000	02	01	EE	GA	Voted	10.00	This amount is required for payment of wages of casual employee of Commissions
5.		2408	01	101	6329	000	03	01	EE	GA	Voted	10.00	Govt. of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Consumer Affairs celebrates national Consumer Day in New Delhi on 24th December and World Consumer Right Day on 15th March every year. Hon'ble President, Members of this commission and President, Members of





11.		2408	01	101	6329	000	04	10	EE	GA	Voted	24.00	District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Assam including Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission for payment of stationery items in order to smooth functioning of offices This State Commissions and 23 nos. of District Commission Assam are required books, monthly magazine relating to Judgment of Hon'ble Hon'ble Supreme Court, National Commission, State Commissions to pass judgment on consumer cases
12.		2408	01	101	6329	000	04	09	EE	GA	Voted	20.00	Hon'ble President of this commission is entitled to get petrol/diesel 200 litre per month since joining and 4(four) members of this Commission are entitled to get petrol 40 litre per month since joining. President of 8(eight) nos. of District Commission are entitle to get petrol 40 litre per month since joining. 100 litre fuel require per month to run the generator of this office in absence of electricity.



13.		2408	01	101	6329	000	04	11	EE	GA	Voted	12.00	This amount requires amongst the 23 nos. of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Assam including Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission for refreshment
14.		2408	01	101	6329	000	04	12	EE	GA	Voted	36.00	This amount requires amongst the 23 nos. of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Assam including Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission for misc. items
15.		2408	01	101	6329	000	06	01	EE	GA	Voted	50.00	4 nos. District Commission require to pay rent of their office
16.		2408	01	101	6329	000	04	13	EE	GA	Voted	100.00	President of the 8 nos. independent District Commission including 4 members of this commission are entitled to get office vehicle
17.		2408	01	101	6329	000	04	99	EE	GA	Voted	24.00	This amount requires amongst the 23 nos. of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Assam including Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission for misc. items

18.		2408	01	101	6329	000	17	05	EE	GA	Voted	24.00	This amount requires amongst the 23 nos. of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Assam including Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission for asset maintenance.
19.		2408	01	101	6329	000	26	03	EE	GA	Voted	15.00	This amount requires for training of the Members of 23 nos. District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Assam including non-Judicial Member of Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission
20.		2408	01	101	6329	000	26	99	EE	GA	Voted	15.00	This amount requires to organize seminar on the day of consumer right day and international consumer day
21.		4408	01	101	6329	000	04	06	EE	GA	Voted	130.00	This amount requires to furniture for 8 nos. of procure independent District Consumer Disputes Redressal commission Assam. Apart from this, 15 nos. non independent District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission attached with District & Session Judge also require furniture



22.		4408	01	101	6329	000	15	01	EE	GA	Voted	92.00	This amount requires to procure Xerox Machine, AC, Fane for 23 nos. of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Assam
23.		4408	01	101	6329	000	99	04	EE	GA	Voted	0.01	Token provision is made for future implementation fall under this head.
24.		4408	01	101	6329	000	99	02	EE	GA	Voted	41.10	This amount requires to procure printers, scanners for 23 nos. of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Assam
												2407.73	
									Revenue Head	2144.53			
									Capital Head	263.2			
									Total	2407.73			

**Grant No. 46****(The Legal Metrology Department)**

**Administrative Department :- Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department**

**(Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department)**

After presentation of the Budget in the House for the Financial Year, 2025-26, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (F) Departments in its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 to discuss in respect of **Grant No. 46 (The Legal Metrology Department)**.

1.1. The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (F) Departments in its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 examined the papers and documents received from the concerned department and took evidence of the Departmental representative. Besides, the Committee considered the Action Taken Report on the recommendations contained in the **26<sup>th</sup> Report** in addition to the scrutiny of the Budget provision.

	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)</b>	<b>Revised Budget estimates (2024-25) Rs. in lakhs</b>
<b>VOTED</b>	1552.55	180.50	1733.05	2415.73
<b>CHARGED</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

1.2 The detailed Budget Estimates under the **Grant No. 46** for the Financial Year 2025-26 are as below:-

<b>Major Head Accounts</b>		<b>Budget Estimates 2025-26 (Rs. in lakhs)</b>
<b>2408</b>	<b>Food, Storage and Warehousing</b>	1552.55
<b>3475</b>	<b>Other General Economic Services</b>	0.00
<b>4408</b>	<b>Capital Outlay on Food Storage and Warehousing</b>	180.50
<b>Grand Total-</b>		<b>1733.05</b>

1.3 Out of the total Budget provision of Rs. 1733.05 lakhs made for the financial year 2025-26, Rs. 1552.55 lakhs and Rs. 180.50 lakhs have been earmarked under the Revenue and Capital Head respectively. It seems that for the financial year 2025-26 an amount of Rs. 682.68 lakhs have been decreased than that of the previous year's Revised Budget estimates (2024-2025).

**The Action Taken Report on the recommendations made in the Twenty Sixth Report of Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department are appeared at Annexure- 2**



**CHAPTER – II**

**GRANT No.-37**

**FOOD, PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT  
OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS ON DEVELOPMENT (F) DEPARTMENTS**

1. The Committee observes that though the Govt. has already notified involvement of the local Hon'ble MLA's and MP's as special invitee in the District Level Paddy Procurement Committee, no Hon'ble MLA's and MP's have been informed regarding the said Committee and hence reiterates recommendation no. 1 of the year 2024-25.

The Committee recommends that the Department re-issue letters to all DC's & Principal Secretaries of Autonomous Councils for incorporation of Hon'ble MLA's and MP's in the District Level Paddy Procurement Committee and also to call for minutes of meeting held till date.

2. The Committee observed that most of farmers are not registered under paddy procurement schemes in almost every district particularly South Salmara, Mankachar District.
3. The Committee observed that the Fair Price shops designated as '**Amar Dukan**' are not functioning as per guidelines. The beneficiaries are not getting the listed items at subsidized rate.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the department prepares specific guidelines to be followed by '**Amar Dukan**' concerned officers should vigil repeatedly for transparency of '**Amar Dukan**'.

4. The Committee also reiterates recommendation no. 2 of 2024-25 regarding purchase of vehicles for departmental use. The Committee observes that already 9 (nine) districts have official vehicle and rest-24 districts are to avail official vehicles.

The Committee recommends that more vehicles covering all the districts of Assam be purchased for the smooth functioning, enforcement activities and discharging duties more effectively.

5. The committee observed that mustard procurement at minimum support price is affected due to the non fulfillment of the percentage of moisture content as per standards set by the Ministry of Agriculture, GOI.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Department being the Nodal Department is to take up the matter with Government of India and enhance mustered procurement in the State.

6. The Committee in its earlier meetings recommended the department to keep strong vigil for keeping the Electronic Balances in visible position of the customers.

The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation to take steps for maintaining accuracy of the weight and increase the number of inspections, prosecutions with regular surprise inspections.

7. The Committee observed that shortage of manpower in the department hinders the inspection activities repeatedly.

Therefore, the Committee recommends to increase manpower of the Department and execute the duties of checking the vendors repeatedly for transparency.

**The Committee recommends that the Budgetary allocation provided under Grant No. 37 for the Financial year 2025-26 for the Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department be approved by the August House.**

**The Action Taken Report on the recommendations made in the report may be submitted to the Committee within 90 (ninety) days from the date of its presentation in the House.**



**GRANT No.-46**

**THE LEGAL METROLOGY DEPARTMENT  
OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS ON DEVELOPMENT (F) DEPARTMENTS**

1. The Committee observes that in most of the fair price shops as well as other shops cheat the public by using malpractice in the weight machines.

Therefore, the Committee recommended that a District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission is to be established in all districts. The Committee also recommended the department should submit the list of cases received & disposed of by the State & District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission till date. List of the existing District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions is also to be furnished.

2. The Committee in its earlier meetings recommended the department to keep strong vigil for keeping the electronic balances in the visible position of the customers. But the Committee observed that the most of the sellers have not followed the guideline of the department and still adopt dishonest activities for manipulating the electronic balances.

So, the Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation to take strong steps for maintaining accuracy of the weight and measures of all business transaction and book the seller who violates the guidelines of the department and punish as per the existing law.

**The Committee recommends that the Budgetary allocation provided under Grant No. 46 for the Financial year 2025-26 for the Legal Metrology Department be approved by the August House.**

**The Action Taken Report on the recommendations made in the report may be submitted to the Committee within 90 (ninety) days from the date of its presentation in the House.**

## ANNEXURE-I

## ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

N O T I F I C A T I O NThe 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2025

No.LA-DRSC DEV. (F).1/2025/1 In Pursuance of Rule 260-I(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly has been pleased to nominate the following Members to constitute the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (F) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.

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|-----|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Shri Bhabendra Nath Bharali, | MLA & Member |
| 2.  | Shri Bolin Chetia,           | MLA & Member |
| 3.  | Shri Utpal Borah,            | MLA & Member |
| 4.  | Shri Rupsing Teron,          | MLA & Member |
| 5.  | Shri Jitu Goswami,           | MLA & Member |
| 6.  | Shri Bhuban Gam,             | MLA & Member |
| 7.  | Smti Diptimayee Choudhury,   | MLA & Member |
| 8.  | Shri Bharat Chandra Narah,   | MLA & Member |
| 9.  | Shri Nurul Huda,             | MLA & Member |
| 10. | Shri Pradip Sarkar,          | MLA & Member |
| 11. | Hafiz Bashir Ahmed,          | MLA & Member |
| 12. | Md. Aminul Islam (Jr),       | MLA & Member |
| 13. | Shri Lawrence Islary,        | MLA & Member |

And in pursuance of Rule 260-I(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, in Assam Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Speaker has been pleased to appoint **Shri Bhabendra Nath Bharali, MLA and Member** of the Committee as the **Chairman** of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (F) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.

The term of the Committee shall be for a period of one year with effect from the date of its constitution.

Sd/- D. Pegu  
Secretary,  
Assam Legislative Assembly.



## ANNEXURE-2

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON GRANTS NO. 37 OF THE OBSERVATIONS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (F)**

**Grant No. 37**

Point No.	Observation and recommendations	Action Taken Notes
1	The committee expressed its deep concern stating that though the Govt has already notified involving the local honourable MLA's and MP's as special invitee in the District Level Paddy Procurement Committee. No honourable MLA's and MP's have been informed regarding the said committee.	This Commissionerate has already directed all District Commissioners and Principal Secretary of the Autonomous councils for involving the local honourable MLA's and MP's as special invitee in the District Level Paddy Procurement Committee vide letter no.SA.7/2023/BT/146 dated 22.03.2024 and W.T message No.SA.7/2023/BT/155 dated 04/07/2024
2	The committee also reiterates its earlier recommendation for purchase of vehicles for the District Head Quarters for effective implementation of Govt. Schemes and enforcement activities.	A budget estimate of Rs.270.00 lakhs had been proposed for the financial year 2024-25 for making necessary budget provision for purchase of vehicles for the District Head Quarters for effective implementation. of the govt. Schemes and enforcement activities. Out of the proposed amount of Rs.270.00 lakhs, an amount of Rs. 17.00 lakhs has been provided in the budget for the financial Year 2024-25. Notice for quotation for empanelment of vehicle providers for daily and monthly use on rate contract basis has already been published <a href="https://www.sppp.assam.gov.in">https://www.sppp.assam.gov.in</a> and empanelment will be finalized shortly.
3	The committee observed that along with paddy procurement, Mustard Procurement Minimum Support price should be vigorously taken up. Therefore, recommends the that committee mustard procurement centers should be set up for the welfare/betterment of the farmers those who engaged in Mustard procurement.	This Commissionerate has already directed Director, Agriculture, Assam, Khanapara, Ghy-22 and Managing Director Assam Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Khanapara, Ghy-22 for taking necessary action in this regards with intimation to this Commissionerate.
4	The committee in its earlier meetings recommended the department to keep strong vigil for keeping the reiterates its earlier recommendation that the Electronic Balancers in visible position of the customers. But the Committee observed that the most of the sellers have not followed the guideline of the Department and still for manipulating the electronic	It is being tried to ensure that the Electronic Balancers are kept in visible position by the traders. These Electronic Balancers are verified and stamped by the Legal Metrology Officers in every year. These Electronic Balancers cannot be manipulated by the traders easily and if it is done by some unscrupulous traders, prosecution cases has been registered accordingly by the Legal Metrology Officers as per provisions of legal Metrology Act and Rules. Departmental officers (Legal Metrology



Balancers, So, the Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation to keep strong steps for maintaining accuracy of the weight and measures of all business transaction and the seller who violate the guidelines of the Department should be booked and punished as existing of the Department.

Officers) are directed to keep strong vigil to safeguard the interest of the consumers of the state. Accordingly, They are taking step in this regard and registered prosecution cases against the unscrupulous traders as Per Act and Rules. The Details of the last 2 (Two) years

Year	No. of prosecution cases Registered.
2022-23	755
2023-24	524

The details of No. of inspection made by Legal Metrology officers, No. of violation found, No. of cases FIR lodged, fine realized etc., incorporated along with No. of cases registered as shown below:

5) Number of inspection done in the year

a) 2022-23-4824 (All Assam)

b) 2023-24-5380 (All Assam)

(Including business premises, firms, market places etc.)

6) Number of violation found/ Prosecution cases registered in the year

a) 2022-23 -- 755

bl 2023-24 -- 524

3) FIR Lodged: As per provision of Legal Metrology Act & Rules, FIR cannot be launched against the trader, rather offence report is being prepared by the Legal Metrology officer and hence given a chance to the trader to compound the case by depositing compounding fee or if refused by the trader it is sanctioned in the court for trial.

4) Fine realized in respect of year 2022-23 & 2023-24 as shown below

Year	Total Prosecution Cases registered	Total compounding fee (in Rs.)
2022-23	755	40,91,000
2023-24	524	19,96,500

The details of specific cases related to electronic weighting machine for the financial year 2022-23 and 2023-24 as shown below:-

Year	No. cases booked	No. of case Compounded	No. of cases lodged in the Court of Law.
2022-23	284	204	33
2023-24	177	100	28





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## NOTIFICATION

The 18th January, 2025

No.LLE.35/2024/50.-

**Subject : Amendment of the Fifth Schedule to the Rules of  
Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.**

In exercise of power conferred under the proviso to sub-Rule (2) of Rule 260H of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, the Speaker in consultation with the Business Advisory Committee in a meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 has amended the Fifth Schedule to the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly thereby increasing the number of Departmentally Related Standing Committee from 04 to 08. The amended Fifth Schedule is reproduced below:-

1. "Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (A)  
Departments  
a) Barak Valley Development Department  
b) Environment and Forest Department  
c) General Administration Department  
d) Housing and Urban Affairs Department  
e) Panchayat and Rural Development Department  
f) Power Department  
g) Water Resources Department
2. Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (B)  
Departments  
a) Agriculture Department (including Horticulture Department)  
b) Home Department  
c) Judicial Department  
d) Legislative Department  
e) Public Health Engineering Department  
f) Public Works Buildings and National Highways Department  
g) Public Works Roads Department



3. **Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (C)**  
Departments
  - a) Act East Policy Affairs Department
  - b) Cultural Affairs Department
  - c) Higher Education Department
  - d) Information Technology Department
  - e) Revenue and Disaster Management Department
  - f) Science, Technology and Climate Change Department
  - g) School Education Department
4. **Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D)**  
Departments
  - a) Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department
  - b) Mines and Minerals Department
  - c) Political Department
  - d) Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship Department
  - e) Soil Conservation Department
  - f) Transformation and Development Department
  - g) Transport Department
5. **Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (E)**  
Departments
  - a) Co-operation Department
  - b) Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department
  - c) Social Justice and Empowerment Department
  - d) Tribal Affairs (Plain) Department
  - e) Welfare of Bodoland Department
  - f) Welfare of Minorities and Development Department
  - g) Women and Child Development Department
6. **Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (F)**  
Departments
  - a) Finance Department
  - b) Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department
  - c) Health and Family Welfare Department
  - d) Implementation of Assam Accord Department
  - e) Information, Public Relations, Printing and Stationery Department
  - f) Sports and Youth Welfare Department
  - g) Tea Tribes and Adivasi Welfare Department
7. **Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (G)**  
Departments
  - a) Border Protection and Development Department
  - b) Excise Department
  - c) Fishery Department
  - d) Handloom, Textiles and Sericulture Department
  - e) Hill Areas Department
  - f) Industries, Commerce and Public Enterprises Department
  - g) Tourism Department



**8. Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (H)  
Departments**

- a) Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department
- b) Election Department
- c) Irrigation Department
- d) Labour Welfare Department
- e) Medical Education and Research Department
- f) Parliamentary Affairs Department
- g) Personnel Department"

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