



**DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENTS  
(2025-26)**

**FIFTEENTH  
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORT ON THE DEMANDS FOR THE GRANT NOS. 48 & 67  
FOR THE YEAR 2025-26**

**TWENTY SEVENTH REPORT**

**(Presented to the House on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025)**

**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT  
DISPUR : GUWAHATI-781006**

## INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to present this TWENTY SEVENTH REPORT of the Committee on Demands for Grants (Grant Nos. 48 & 67) relating to the Agriculture Department for the financial year, 2025-26.

1. In Pursuance of Rule 260 H (I) of the Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, Hon'ble Speaker has been pleased to constitute the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2025 for a period of one year.
2. The Committee scrutinized the various documents and relevant papers including the status report received from the Agriculture Department and also took the personal evidence of the representatives of the Department on the said Demands for Grants in its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.
3. The Committee considered the Draft Report and approved it on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
4. The Committee expressed its appreciation to the representatives of the Agriculture Department for extending their co-operation to the Committee and the officers/officials of Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat attached to the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments for their full co-operation and unstinted assistance.
5. The Committee would also places on record their deep sense of appreciation to the representatives of Finance and Transformation & Development Department for assisting the Committee in their deliberation.

**Dispur:**  
Dated 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

*Q. M. Kalita*  
**Ramendra Narayan Kalita**  
**Chairman,**  
DRSC on Development (B) Deptts.  
Assam Legislative Assembly.

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## COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

### CHAIRMAN ::

Shri Ramendra Narayan Kalita, MLA                      Chairman.

### MEMBERS::

1. Shri Atul Borah, MLA	Member
2. Shri Siddhartha Bhattacharya, MLA	Member
3. Shri Bhabesh Kalita, MLA	Member
4. Shri Sushanta Borgohain, MLA	Member
5. Shri Manab Deka, MLA	Member
6. Shri Debabrata Saikia, MLA	Member
7. Shri Wazwd Ali Choudhury, MLA	Member
8. Shri Abdur Rashid Mandal, MLA	Member
9. Shri Aminul Islam (Sr.), MLA	Member
10. Shri Mazibur Rahman, MLA	Member
11. Shri Durga Das Boro, MLA	Member
12. Shri Jolen Daimary, MLA	Member

### ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT::

1. Shri Dulal Pegu, Secretary.
2. Shri Indrajit Mozumder, Additional Secretary.
3. Shri Sudip Roy, Under Secretary.
4. Shri Bhaskar Saikia, Librarian.
5. Shri Jitumani Bhuyan, Superintendent.
6. Shri Partha Mitra, Committee Officer.
7. Shri Ratneswar Saikia, Committee Officer

## **CHAPTER- I**

### **AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT (GRANT NO.48)**

#### **Introduction:**

Agriculture and its allied activities are of overriding importance for the people of Assam as sources of livelihood, employment and as a way of life since more than 70% of the population still are dependent on this sector for their livelihood. Food security and poverty alleviation are two major challenges of the sector to be overcome in the interest of welfare of the farming community who are mostly small and marginal farmers (86.2% Agriculture census 2015-16).

As far as the uses of Agricultural Land, net area shown is 27.24 lakh Ha, i.e. 35.05% of geographical area. The gross cropped area is 38.72 lakh Ha. Average land holding in the State is 1.09 Ha (Agriculture census of 2015-16) against a National Average of 1.08 Ha. Cropping intensity of the State is 140.83% (2021-22) against a National Average of 152.7% (2020-21). This signifies that a large percentage of cultivable land is not put to use annually and is one of the major challenges stands from the fact a large area of land, i.e., 16.27 lakh Ha is under mono cropping. However, this also offers an opportunity to enhance the production and productivity.

Assam has a huge potential of food grain production but productivity is normally low in most of such grains. This is so because the major portion of the plain lies in the Brahmaputra Valley which incidentally is prone to chronic flood and bank erosion. Because of this risk of flood, input management in the Khariff season is at very low level. The summer crop in Assam also has a risk of irrigation water deficit, especially because of lack of viable surface irrigation channels.

## PRELIMINARY STATUS PAPER

### GRANT NO.48: (AGRICULTURE) (GENERAL AREAS)

#### Status during 2024-25

During 2024-25, the Departmental **Plan Budget** was as follows

Rs. In lakh

Sl. No.	Particulars	Original Budget Allocation	Approved as SD	Total Allocation
1	2	3	4	5
	<b>AGRICULTURE</b>			
1	State Own Priority Development scheme [SOPD]	2938.27	0.00	2938.27
2	RIDF (Rural Infrastructure Development Fund including State share)	22869.00	0.00	22869.00
3	Salary	45745.70	0.00	45745.70
4	Externally Aided Project	40000.00	0.00	40000.00
5	Assam Agricultural University (AAU)	2150.00	0.00	2150.00
6	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	12500.00	0.00	12500.00
	<b>Total budget provision of Plan</b>	<b>126202.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>126202.97</b>
	The following amounts were <b>Sanctioned</b> against the aforesaid schemes:			
	<b>AGRICULTURE</b>			
1	State Own Priority Development scheme [SOPD]	2400.01	0.00	2400.01
2	RIDF (Rural Infrastructure Development Fund including State share )	2713.36	0.00	2713.36
3	Salary	17153.49	0.00	17153.49
4	Externally Aided Project	335.00	0.00	335.00
5	Assam Agricultural University (AAU)	1851.38	0.00	1851.38
6	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	12500.00	0.00	12500.00
	<b>Total Sanctioned Amount</b>	<b>36954.24</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>36954.24</b>
	The following amounts were received as <b>Ceiling</b> against the aforesaid schemes:			
	<b>AGRICULTURE</b>			
1	State Own Priority Development scheme [SOPD]	2202.78	0.00	2202.78
2	RIDF (Rural Infrastructure Development Fund including State share )	1432.89	0.00	1432.89
3	Salary	2762.64	0.00	2762.64
4	Externally Aided Project	245.00	0.00	245.00
5	Assam Agricultural University (AAU)	1601.38	0.00	1601.38
6	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	12500.00	0.00	12500.00
	<b>Total Ceiling received</b>	<b>20744.69</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20744.69</b>
	The following amounts were <b>drawn</b> against the aforesaid schemes:			
	<b>AGRICULTURE</b>			
1	State Own Priority Development Scheme [SOPD]	488.48	0.00	488.48
2	RIDF (Rural Infrastructure Development Fund including State share )	1432.89	0.00	1432.89

3	Salary	36416.02	0.00	36416.02
4	Externally Aided Project	245.00	0.00	245.00
5	Assam Agricultural University (AAU)	376.43	0.00	376.43
6	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	12500.00	0.00	12500.00
	<b>Total Ceiling drawn</b>	<b>17805.44</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17805.44</b>
	The above statement is summarized as below :			
	<b>Total budget provision</b>	<b>126202.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>126202.97</b>
	<b>Total sanctioned amount</b>	<b>36954.24</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>36954.24</b>
	<b>Total ceiling received</b>	<b>20744.69</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20744.69</b>
	<b>Total amount drawn</b>	<b>17805.44</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17805.44</b>
	<b><u>Budget Proposal during 2025-26 :</u></b>			
	<b>The breakup of proposal under State Plan (General Areas) during <u>2025-26</u> is given below.</b>			
	<b>AGRICULTURE</b>			
1	State Own Priority Development (SOPD )	13910.13	0.00	13910.13
2	Capital Account	8520.00	0.00	8520.00
3	Externally Aided Project	26566.00	0.00	26566.00
4	Agri. Research & Education (AAU)	9115.84	0.00	9115.84
	<b>Total</b>	<b>58111.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>58111.97</b>



**SOPD Schemes**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Scheme (2024-25)</b>	<b>Budget Received</b>	<b>Achievement/Remarks</b>
1	Community Development Programme at Garukhuti	250.00	Around 600 Ha area under cultivation of Rice, Maize, Mustard & Vegetable Crops. Composite farming structure is available at Garukhuti including Fishery, Sericulture and Animal Husbandry
2	Plant Protection Campaign	41.00	For distribution of Pesticides as and when required. Out of total Budget 90.00 Lakh, Rs. 49.00 Lakh reappropriated to other SOPD schemes.
3	Agriculture Information & Publicity	60.00	For various publicity and awareness programmes
4	Expenditure against distribution of Urea by ASAMB	649.00	Rs. 20 per 45Kg bag of Urea is provided to the retailers as handling cost
5	Procurement of Mustard, Urad, Millet etc at MSP	200.00	6914 MT Mustard procured at MSP directly from the farmers through 22 MPCs
6	Flood Damage Restoration under Disaster Management	110.00	Summer Paddy Seeds and Hybrid Maize seeds distributed to flood affected areas
7	Promotion of certified seed growers	90.00	Produced Certified at FPC level for Buyback
8	Revolving fund for seed buyback from registered FPCs/farmers	300.00	Foundation seed is provided to the registered growers for Buyback
9	Infrastructural Development of Agricultural Seed Farms	600.00	90% of Construction of Seed Farms works is completed
10	Assam Agriculture Commission	44.20	Various meetings held with different stakeholders and provided Assam Agriculture Commission's recommendations



## TG-EI (AAU) Schemes

Sl. No	Name of the Scheme (2024-25)	Budget Provision	Achievement/Remarks
1	Development of AAU Dhubri Campus	100.00	Rs. 49.38 Lakh FOC Received as balance amount out of the ongoing and FOC for remaining amount of Rs. 50.62Lakh for new work is under process <b><u>Activities undertaken during 2024-25:-</u></b>  *Completion of G+2 Staff Quarter ( 6 Unit) at Sarat Chandra Singha College of Agriculture, Dhubri ( completed )  *Construction of Boundary wall cum Chain Link Fencing at SCSCA, Dhubri. ( on the verge of completion )
2	Development of AAU Raha Campus	100.00	FOC Received for Rs. 27.67 Lakh as balance amount of ongoing work .FOC for remaining amount of Rs. 72.33 Lakh for new work under process <b><u>Activities undertaken during 2024-25:-</u></b>  *Construction of 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor of Guest House at COF,Raha (on the verge of completion)  *Construction of Boundary wall cum Chain Link fencing at COF Raha (on the verge of completion)
3	Development of AAU North Lakhimpur Campus	100.00	FOC Receivedfor Rs. 100 Lakh for ongoing work <b><u>Activities undertaken during 2024-25:-</u></b>  * Construction of G+2 Staff Quarters ( 6 Unit )  * Construction of Associate Dean's Quarter at LCVSc  * Construction of Gymnasium at First Floor of Existing Indoor Stadium cum Canteen at LCVSc.  ( on the verge of completion)
4	Development of Horticulture College and its Campus,Nalbari	100.00	FOC Received forRs. 100 for the ongoing work <b><u>Activities undertaken during 2024-25:-</u></b>  *Construction of Auditorium cum canteen cum Gymnasium at College of Horticulture and FSR, Nalabari
5	Development of AAU Biswanath Campus	100.00	Rs. 99.38 Lakh FOC Received. <b><u>Activities undertaken during 2024-25:-</u></b>  * Completion of G+2 Staff Quarter ( 6 Unit )  Completed

6	Development of AAU under TNEIF	200.00	FOC Proposal for Rs. 200.00 Lakh under process <u>Activities undertaken during 2024-25:-</u> <b>Ongoing work “ Construction of Convention Centre at AAU, Jorhat</b>
7	ESTABLISHMENT OF NATURAL FARMING AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE UNDER R&D	50.00	FOC Proposal for Rs. 50.00 Lakh under process <u>Activities undertaken during 2024-25:-</u> <b>Activities as per Scheme are going on</b>
8	Development of AAU Khanapara Campus	200.00	FOC for Rs 200.00 Lakh for ongoing work under process <u>Activities undertaken during 2024-25:-</u> <b>* Vertical extension of Veterinary Clinical complex ( ongoing work)</b>
9	ESTABLISHMENT OF KRISHI VIGYAN INSTITUTE IN PATHARUGHAT	200.00	<u><b>Works have already been completed.</b></u>
10	NON-SALARY COMPONENT UNDER 277 EDUCATION	600.00	FOC for RS. 502.00 Lakh under process and FS for RS. 98.00 Lakh under process <u>Activities undertaken during 2024-25:-</u> <b>Contingent and maintenance expenditure of different campuses of Assam Agricultural University</b>
11	NON-SALARY COMPONENT UNDER 004 RESEARCH	400.00	FOC for Rs. 400.00 Lakh under process <u>Activities undertaken during 2024-25:-</u> <b>Contingent expenditure for research activities and 25% State Share against CSS.</b>
	<b>AAU Total</b>	<b>2150.00</b>	

**Fiscal Targets Achieved during the last three years (2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25)  
(Including salary)**

**Rs. in lakh**

Year	Budget Provision	Amount Sanctioned	Ceiling received	Ceiling drawn
1 2022-23	225854.62	174285.40	160617.90	81983.12
2 2023-24	215752.55	147904.63	126438.32	126438.32
3 2024-25	126202.97	36954.24	20744.69	17805.44

**Statement Showing the Schematic Budget Provision and upto date Status Report under different Schemes for the year 2022-23**

**(Rs. In Lakhs)**

Sl No	Name of Scheme	Type of Scheme	Tentative Allocation	S/D Received	Final Allocation (4+5)	Amount Sanctioned	Ceiling Received	Ceiling Drawn
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>A.</b>	<b><u>Revenue Account</u></b>							
<b>I</b>	<b>2401- Crop Husbandry</b>							
	<b><u>SOPD</u></b>							
1	Agril Information and Publicity	SOPD	95.00	0.00	339.39	339.39	61.48	61.48
2	Flood Damage Restoration under Disaster Management	SOPD	2500.00	2600.00	5100.00	5100.00	5100.00	5100.00
3	A special drive for combating natural calamity and epidemic	SOPD	95.00	0.00	95.00	95.00	0.00	0.00
4	Majuli as Organic Hub	SOPD	190.00	0.00	190.00	190.00	0.00	0.00
5	Plant Protection Campaign	SOPD	95.00	0.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00
6	Expenditure against Marketing Infrastructure and allied works	SOPD	380.00	0.00	380.00	374.88	0.00	0.00
7	Cold Storage and Soil	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Health Laboratory in PPP Mode							
8	Training of Agriculture Development Officer.	SOPD	40.50	0.00	40.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Community Development Program	SOPD	500.00	0.00	650.00	635.00	500.00	500.00
10	Support to Eco Task Company of 134 Battalion for setting up of base at Gorukhuti, Darrang	SOPD	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Legal Expenses and Court Cases	SOPD	162.00	0.00	162.00	16.65	0.00	0.00
12	Integrated Training and skill development centreat Patharighat	SOPD	190.00	0.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00
13	Construction works etc. in different district-13- Major Works	SOPD	95.00	0.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00
14	Construction works etc. in different district-14-Minor Works	SOPD	190.00	0.00	190.00	183.95	115.40	115.40
15	Infrastructure Development by ASCL	SOPD	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	Construction of Godown by ASC Ltd.	SOPD	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Special State Mission for Millet and Pulses	SOPD	1000.00	0.00	256.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
18	Extensive Maize Cultivation for fodder purpose nearby bank or Brahmaputra	SOPD	400.00	0.00	400.00	399.65	399.65	399.65
19	Agriculture Statistical Survey for development of farmers	SOPD	95.00	0.00	95.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	IT in Agriculture	SOPD	500.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	Promotion of Natural farming	SOPD	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
22	Infrastructure Development of Agricultural Seed Farm	SOPD	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	Community Development Program of	SOPD	475.00	0.00	475.00	475.00	475.00	475.00

	Agriculture in Various Districts							
24	Assam Agriculture Commission	SOPD	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total SOPD</b>		<b>10302.51</b>	<b>2600.00</b>	<b>12902.51</b>	<b>8689.52</b>	<b>7531.53</b>	<b>7531.53</b>
	<b>Centrally Sponsored Scheme</b>							
25	RKVY	CS	8000.00	22243.00	30243.00	12744.00	12744.00	12744.00
		SS	800.00	2506.78	3306.78	1416.01	1416.01	1416.01
	<b>Total RKVY</b>		<b>8800.00</b>	<b>24749.78</b>	<b>33549.78</b>	<b>14160.01</b>	<b>14160.01</b>	<b>14160.01</b>
26	National e-Governance Programme in Agriculture (Ne-GP)	SS	20.00	0.00	20.00	13.375	0.00	0.00
		CS	200.00	0.00	200.00	120.375	117.915	117.915
	<b>Total NeGP</b>		<b>220.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>220.00</b>	<b>133.75</b>	<b>117.915</b>	<b>117.915</b>
27	National Food Security Mission (NFSM) & NFSM-Cash Crop	CS	15000.00	0.00	15000.00	9932.30	7254.74	7254.74
		SS	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	765.80	468.29	468.29
	<b>Total NFSM</b>		<b>16500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16500.00</b>	<b>10698.1</b>	<b>7723.03</b>	<b>7723.03</b>
28	NMEO-Oil Palm	CS	7500.00	2657.51	10157.51	1751.21	1751.21	1751.21
		SS	750.00	271.84	1021.84	194.58	194.58	194.58
		Total	8250.00	2929.35	11179.35	1945.79	1945.79	1945.79
29	NMEO-Oil Seed	CS	1250.00	0.00	1250.00	754.50	150.00	150.00
		SS	125.00	0.00	125.00	33.33	16.667	16.667
		Total	1375.00	0.00	1375.00	787.83	166.667	166.667
30	National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility	SS	0.01	217.49	217.50	75.52	0.00	0.00
		CS	0.10	1277.33	1277.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total	0.11	1494.82	1494.93	75.52	0.00	0.00
31	Rainfed Area Development (RAD)	SS	2.50	8.61	11.11	0.00	0.00	0.00
		CS	25.00	74.84	99.84	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total	27.50	83.45	110.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	Parampragot Krishi Vikash Yojana (PKVY)	SS	76.48	0.00	76.48	61.34	0.00	0.00
		CS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total	76.48	0.00	76.48	61.34	0.00	0.00
33	Agriculture Extension	SS	300.00	0.00	300.00	158.33	158.33	158.33
		CS	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	1425.00	1425.00	1425.00
		Total	3300.00	0.00	3300.00	1583.33	1583.33	1583.33
34	Sub-Mission on Agril. Mechanization (SMAM)	SS	1.40	686.28	687.68	159.38	146.65	146.65
		CS	14.00	7272.95	7286.95	2534.37	2419.86	2419.86
		Total	15.40	7959.23	7974.63	2693.75	2566.51	2566.51
35	Sub-Mission of Seed and Planting Materials	SS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		CS	0.10	1500.00	1500.10	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
		Total	0.10	1500.00	1500.10	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
36	Pradhan MantriFasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	SS	100.00	12600.00	12700.00	12700.00	12700.00	12700.00

	<b>Total State Share</b>		<b>3675.39</b>	<b>16291.00</b>	<b>19966.39</b>	<b>15577.67</b>	<b>15100.53</b>	<b>15100.53</b>
	<b>Total Central Share</b>		<b>34989.2</b>	<b>35025.63</b>	<b>70014.83</b>	<b>30761.76</b>	<b>27362.73</b>	<b>27362.73</b>
	<b>Total CSS</b>		<b>38664.59</b>	<b>51316.63</b>	<b>89981.22</b>	<b>46339.42</b>	<b>42463.25</b>	<b>42463.25</b>
37	Assam Agri. Business & Transformation Project (APART) (WB)	SS	900.00	1600.00	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00
		LS	9000.00	15000.00	24000.00	24000.00	24000.00	24000.00
	<b>Total APART</b>		<b>9900.00</b>	<b>16600.00</b>	<b>26500.00</b>	<b>26500.00</b>	<b>26500.00</b>	<b>26500.00</b>
	<b>2415-Agricultural Research &amp; Education</b>							
38	Millet promotion	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
39	R& D for Natural farming and organic Agriculture	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
40	Development of Agricultural University under TNEIF	TG-EI	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
41	Development of Sericulture College at, Titabor	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
42	Application of Drone in Agriculture	TG-EI	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
43	Dharmapur Horticulture Campus	TG-EI	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	488.94	488.94
44	Development of Khanapara Campus	TG-EI	1180.00	0.00	1180.00	1180.00	1180.00	1180.00
45	North Lakhimpur Campus	TG-EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
46	Dhubri Campus development of AAU	TG-EI	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
47	Development of Fishery College, Raha	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
48	Biswanath College of Agriculture	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
49	GIS mapping centre	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
50	Training and Skill Development on farm machineries	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
51	Seed processing plant in AAU	TG-EI	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
52	Amar Gaon Amar Gaurav	TG-EI	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
53	Grants-in-Aid	TG-EI	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
54	Grants-in-Aid	TG-EI	1500.00	500.00	2000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Agricultural Research &amp; Education</b>		<b>5930.51</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>6430.51</b>	<b>4330.50</b>	<b>4019.44</b>	<b>4019.44</b>
55	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund	SS	1186.90	0.00	1186.90	1186.90	0.00	0.00
		LS	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	8599.271	1463.92	1463.92

	(RIDF) (L.S & SS)							
	<b>Total RIDF</b>		<b>11186.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>11186.90</b>	<b>9786.171</b>	<b>1463.92</b>	<b>1463.92</b>
56	Agriculture Cold Storage	SS	123.79	0.00	123.79	4.97	4.97	4.97
		LS	94.39	0.00	94.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Agriculture Cold Storage</b>		<b>218.18</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>218.18</b>	<b>4.97</b>	<b>4.97</b>	<b>4.97</b>
	<b>Total Capital Account</b>		<b>11405.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>11405.08</b>	<b>9791.141</b>	<b>1468.89</b>	<b>1468.89</b>
	<b>Grand Total (Revenue + Capital) excluding salary</b>		<b>88702.69</b>	<b>58516.63</b>	<b>147219.32</b>	<b>95650.581</b>	<b>81983.11</b>	<b>81983.11</b>
57	Salary	EE	77212.25	1422.53	78634.78	78634.78	78634.78	78634.78
	<b>Grand Total of Agriculture including salary</b>		<b>153414.94</b>	<b>72439.16</b>	<b>225854.62</b>	<b>174285.40</b>	<b>160617.9</b>	<b>81983.12</b>

**Statement Showing the Schematic Budget Provision and upto date Status Report under different Schemes for the year 2023-24**

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl No	Name of Scheme	Type of Scheme	Tentative Allocation	S/D Received	Final Allocation (4+5)	Amount Sanctioned	Ceiling Received	Ceiling Drawn
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<b>SOPD</b>							
1	Promotion of certified seed growers under SOPD	SOPD	135.00	0.00	135.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Cultivation of Indigenous fruit plant having commercial value along the farm boundary	SOPD	90.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	0.00	0.00
3	Promotion of Agri Entrepreneurs (Model Bankable Project for 5000 Agripreneurs)	SOPD	90.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Promotion of FPO at Block Level	SOPD	9.00	0.00	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00



5	Procurement of Mustard, Urad, Millet etc at MSP	SOPD	450.00	0.00	450.00	450.00	0.00	0.00
6	Financial support for Model Bankable project to cover 5% land of tea garden for Agri-Horti activities	SOPD	45.00	0.00	45.00	45.00	0.00	0.00
7	Extensive Maize Cultivation for Fodder purpose nearby bank of Brahmaputra	SOPD	450.00	0.00	450.00	450.00	0.00	0.00
8	Special State Mission for Millet and Pulses	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Paddy procurement from Farmers at notified MSP	SOPD	90.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
10	Community Development Program of Agriculture in Various Districts	SOPD	450.00	0.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
11	Expenditure against distribution of Urea by ASAMB	SOPD	450.00	0.00	450.00	450.00	0.00	0.00
12	State Honey Mission	SOPD	270.00	0.00	270.00	270.00	0.00	0.00
13	Agriculture Information & Publicity	SOPD	85.50	0.00	85.50	45.97	13.90	13.90
14	Agriculture Information & Publicity	SOPD	225.00	0.00	225.00	157.43	157.43	157.43
15	Flood Damage Restoration under Flood Damage Restoration under Disaster	SOPD	180.00	0.00	180.00	179.97	0.00	0.00

	Management							
16	A special drive for combating natural calamity and epidemic	SOPD	450.00	0.00	450.00	431.21	0.00	0.00
17	Majuli as Organic Hub	SOPD	100.80	0.00	100.80	100.80	0.00	0.00
18	Plant Protection Campaign	SOPD	85.50	0.00	85.50	85.50	0.00	0.00
19	Community Development Program at Garukhuti	SOPD	180.00	0.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
20	Construction works etc. in different district-13-Major Works	SOPD	90.00	0.00	90.00	56.34	30.29	30.29
21	Construction works etc. in different district-14-Minor Works	SOPD	171.00	0.00	171.00	1.22	1.22	1.22
22	Infrastructure Development by Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd.	SOPD	450.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	Construction of Godown by Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd.	SOPD	540.00	0.00	540.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	Agriculture Commission, Assam	SOPD	45.00	0.00	45.00	45.00	0.00	0.00
25	Integrated Training and skill development centre at Patharighat	SOPD	270.00	0.00	270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	Cold Storage and Soil Health Laboratory in PPP	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Mode							
27	Support to Eco Task Company of 134 Battalion for setting up of base at Gorukhuti, Darrang	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
28	Training of Agriculture Development Officer	SOPD	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
29	Legal Expenses and Court Cases	SOPD	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total SOPD</b>		<b>5466.83</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5466.83</b>	<b>3587.44</b>	<b>922.84</b>	<b>922.84</b>
	<b>Centrally Sponsored Scheme</b>							
30	RKVY	CS	19980.00	0.00	19980.00	8168.00	8168.00	8168.00
		SS	2220.30	0.00	2220.30	907.56	907.56	907.56
	<b>Total RKVY</b>		<b>22200.30</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>22200.30</b>	<b>9075.56</b>	<b>9075.56</b>	<b>9075.56</b>
31	National e-Governance Programme in Agriculture (Ne-GP)	CS	128.70	0.00	128.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
		SS	14.30	0.00	14.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total NeGP</b>		<b>143.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>143.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
32	Food & Nutrition Security	CS	7245.00	1632.80	11977.92	11967.92	8867.80	8867.80
		SS	724.51	261.90	1330.87	1330.87	986.43	986.43
	<b>Total FNS</b>		<b>7969.51</b>	<b>1894.70</b>	<b>13308.79</b>	<b>13298.80</b>	<b>9854.23</b>	<b>9854.23</b>
33	NMEO-Oil Palm	CS	2790.00	5198.62	7988.62	7983.00	7983.00	7983.00
		SS	310.00	603.89	913.89	887.00	887.00	887.00
		Total	3100.00	5802.51	8902.51	8870.00	8870.00	8870.00
34	NMEO-Oil Seed	CS	619.95	274.32	1675.72	1613.95	813.29	813.29
		SS	68.87	73.40	231.23	164.89	75.94	75.94
		Total	688.82	347.72	1906.95	1778.84	889.23	889.23
35	National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility	CS	1839.37	0.00	403.00	403.00	403.00	403.00
		SS	313.19	0.00	44.78	44.78	44.78	44.78
		Total	2152.56	0.00	447.78	447.78	447.78	447.78
36	Rainfed Area Development (RAD)	CS	132.04	0.00	132.04	38.00	38.00	38.00
		SS	14.67	0.00	14.67	4.21	4.21	4.21

		Total	146.71	0.00	146.71	42.21	42.21	42.21
37	Parampragot Krishi Vikash Yojana (PKVY)	CS	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
		SS	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
38	Agriculture Extension	CS	1980.00	0.00	2006.65	1960.00	1465.00	1465.00
		SS	198.00	0.00	217.77	217.77	162.77	162.77
		Total	2178.00	0.00	2224.42	2177.77	1627.77	1627.77
39	Sub-Mission on Agril. Mechanization (SMAM)	CS	3015.00	0.00	3015.00	613.00	613.00	613.00
		SS	335.00	0.00	335.00	68.11	68.11	68.11
		Total	3350.00	0.00	3350.00	681.11	681.11	681.11
40	Sub-Mission of Seed and Planting Materials	CS	2520.00	0.00	133.55	88.37	88.37	88.37
		SS	280.00	0.00	9.82	9.8189	9.8189	9.8189
		Total	2800.00	0.00	143.37	98.1889	98.1889	98.1889
41	Pradhan MantriFasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	SS	11340.00	0.00	11340.00	11340.00	5670.00	5670.00
	<b>Total Central Share</b>		<b>40319.50</b>	<b>7105.74</b>	<b>47510.64</b>	<b>32835.24</b>	<b>28439.46</b>	<b>28439.46</b>
	<b>Total State Share</b>		<b>15824.40</b>	<b>939.19</b>	<b>16678.19</b>	<b>14975.03</b>	<b>8816.62</b>	<b>8816.62</b>
	<b>Total CSS</b>		<b>56143.90</b>	<b>8044.93</b>	<b>64188.83</b>	<b>47810.26</b>	<b>37256.08</b>	<b>37256.08</b>
42	Assam Agri. Business & Transformation Project (APART) (WB)	LS	41000.00	0.00	41000.00	27000.00	23500.0	23500.0
		SS	4000.00	0.00	4000.00	3000.00	2500.00	2500.00
	<b>Total APART</b>		<b>45000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>45000.00</b>	<b>30000.00</b>	<b>26000.00</b>	<b>26000.00</b>
	<b>2415-Agricultural Research &amp; Education</b>							
43	Grants in Aid	TG-EI	1863.21	0.00	1863.21	1863.21	0.00	0.00
44	Grants in Aid	TG-EI	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
45	Development of Agricultural University under TNEIF	TG-EI	500.00	0.00	500.00	199.00	199.00	199.00
46	Development of AAU Dhubri Campus	TG-EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
47	Development of North Lakhimpur Campus	TG-EI	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
48	Development of Dharmapur	TG-EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00

	Horticulture Campus							
49	Development of Khanapara Campus	TG-EI	950.00	0.00	950.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
50	Development of Fishery College, Raha	TG-EI	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
51	Biswanath College of Agriculture	TG-EI	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
52	GIS mapping centre	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
53	Training and Skill Development on farm machineries	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
54	Amar Gaon Amar Gaurav	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
55	R& D for Natural farming and organic Agriculture	TG-EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
56	Millet promotion	TG-EI	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
57	Application of Drone in Agriculture	TG-EI	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
58	Establishment of Assam Krishi Vigyan Institute under AAU at Patharughat, Darrang	TG-EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
59	Seed Processing Plant at AAU	TG-EI	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Agricultural Research &amp; Education</b>		<b>6013.24</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6013.24</b>	<b>4512.21</b>	<b>2149.00</b>	<b>2149.00</b>
60	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) (L.S & SS)	LS	15704.73	0.00	15704.73	10838.21	9197.58	9197.58
		SS	826.47	0.00	826.47	442.53	442.53	442.53
	<b>Total RIDF</b>		<b>16531.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16531.20</b>	<b>11280.74</b>	<b>9640.11</b>	<b>9640.11</b>
61	Agriculture Cold Storage	LS	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
		SS	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Agriculture Cold Storage</b>		<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>16531.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16531.22</b>	<b>11280.74</b>	<b>9640.11</b>	<b>9640.11</b>

	Account							
	<b>Grand Total (Revenue + Capital) excluding salary</b>		<b>129155.1 9</b>	<b>8044.93</b>	<b>137200.1 2</b>	<b>97190.65</b>	<b>75968.0 3</b>	<b>75968.0 3</b>
62	<b>Salary</b>	<b>EE</b>	<b>78552.43</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>78552.43</b>	<b>50470.29</b>	<b>50470.2 9</b>	<b>50470.2 9</b>
	<b>Grand Total of Agriculture including salary</b>		<b>207707.6 2</b>	<b>8044.93</b>	<b>215752.5 5</b>	<b>147660.9 4</b>	<b>126438. 32</b>	<b>126438. 32</b>

**Statement Showing the Schematic Budget Provision and upto date Status Report under different Schemes for the year 2024-25**

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl No	Name of Scheme	Type of Scheme	Tentative Allocation	S/D Received	Final Allocation (4+5)	Amount Sanctioned	Ceiling Received	Ceiling Drawn
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<b>SOPD</b>							
1	Construction of Godowns by ASCL under SOPD	SOPD	0.01	0.00	384.29	234.74	205.31	0.00
2	Revolving fund for seed buyback from registered FPC/ farmers by Assam Seeds Corporation Limited under SOPD-G	SOPD	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	75.00
3	Promotion of certified seed growers under SOPD	SOPD	90.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	67.50	22.50
4	Infrastructure Development of Agricultural Seed Farms by Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd	SOPD	600.00	0.00	215.72	215.72	173.52	0.00
5	State Honey Mission	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00

6	ITSDC, Patharighat( Digital Auditorium, Bronze Sculpture , Farmers hostel and Guest House )	SOPD	0.01	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
7	13- Major Works	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
8	14- Minor Works	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
9	Construction of temporary Pandal, Dias, Barricade, Stalls & view cutter, etc. with providing necessary Chair, Table, Sound system , temporary electrification due to visit of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam on 28th January,2021 due to celebration of krishakSwahid Divas, Pathorighat, Darrang, Assam	SOPD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Flood Damage Restoration under Disaster Management	SOPD	110.00	0.00	110.00	109.38	108.36	54.99
11	Disaster Risk Reduction under Disaster Management	SOPD	500.00	0.00	300.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Agricultural Information & Publicity	SOPD	60.00	0.00	60.00	55.59	51.09	35.99
13	Community Development Programme under Garukhuti Land Development Project	SOPD	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00



	for the Component of Garukhuti Bahumukh i Krishi Prakalpa Samity.							
14	Plant Protection Campaign	SOPD	90.00	0.00	41.00	41.00	0.00	0.00
15	Special State Mission for Millet & Pulses  (Assam Millet Mission)	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
16	Extensive Maize cultivation for fodder purpose nearby bank of Brahmaputra	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
17	Procurement of Mustard, Urad, Millet at MSP	SOPD	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	50.00
18	Assam Agriculture Commission	SOPD	44.20	0.00	44.20	6.97	0.00	0.00
19	Expenditure against distribution of Urea by ASAMB	SOPD	600.00	0.00	649.00	649.00	600.00	0.00
20	Majuli as Organic Hub	SOPD	94.00	0.00	94.00	47.00	47.00	0.00
	<b>Total SOPD</b>		<b>2938.27</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2938.27</b>	<b>2400.01</b>	<b>2202.78</b>	<b>488.48</b>
21	Assam Agri. Business & Transformation Project (APART)	CS	32000.00	0.00	32000.00	335.00	245.00	245.00
		SS	8000.00	0.00	8000.00			
	<b>Total APART</b>		<b>40000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>40000.00</b>	<b>335.00</b>	<b>245.00</b>	<b>245.00</b>
	<b>AAU</b>							
22	Development of AAU Dhubri Campus	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.0	100.00	100.00	49.38
23	Development of AAU Raha Campus	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	27.67

24	Development of AAU North Lakhimpur Campus	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
25	Development of Horticulture College and its Campus, Nalbari	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
26	Development of AAU Biswanath Campus	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	99.38	99.38	99.38
27	Development of AAU under TNEIF	TG-EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
28	ESTABLISHMENT OF NATURAL FARMING AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE UNDER R&D	TG-EI	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
29	Development of AAU Khanapara Campus	TG-EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
30	ESTABLISHMENT OF KRISHI VIGYAN INSTITUTE IN PATHARUGHAT	TG-EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	NON-SALARY COMPONENT UNDER 277 EDUCATION	TG-EI	600.00	0.00	600.00	502.00	502.00	0.00
32	NON-SALARY COMPONENT UNDER 004 RESEARCH	TG-EI	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
	<b>Total AAU</b>	<b>TG-EI</b>	<b>2150.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2150.00</b>	<b>1851.38</b>	<b>1601.38</b>	<b>376.43</b>
33	<b>Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)</b>	<b>RIDF</b>	<b>22869.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>22869.00</b>	<b>2713.36</b>	<b>1432.89</b>	<b>1432.89</b>

	<b>Total RIDF</b>		<b>22869.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>22869.00</b>	<b>2713.36</b>	<b>1432.89</b>	<b>1432.89</b>
	<b>Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)</b>							
34	<b>Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)</b>	SS	12500.00	0.00	12500.00	12500.00	12500.00	12500.00
	<b>Total PMFBY</b>		<b>12500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12500.00</b>	<b>12500.00</b>	<b>12500.00</b>	<b>12500.00</b>
	<b>Total of Agriculture Revenue + Capital (Excluding salary)</b>		<b>80457.27</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>80457.27</b>	<b>19800.75</b>	<b>17982.05</b>	<b>15042.80</b>
35	<b>Salary</b>							
	<b>Salary Total</b>	EE	<b>45745.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>45745.70</b>	<b>17153.49</b>	<b>2762.64</b>	<b>2762.64</b>
	<b>Grand Total of Agriculture including salary</b>		<b>126202.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>126202.97</b>	<b>36954.24</b>	<b>20744.69</b>	<b>17805.44</b>

### A BRIEF NOTE ON GRANT NO.48 FOR THE YEAR 2025-26 (PROPOSED)

The breakup of proposed allocation, under State Plan (General Areas) and Central Assistance to State Plan scheme during 2025-26 is given below.	
	(Rs in lakh)
Name of the Scheme	Budget provision for the FY 2025-26
State Own Priority Development (SOPD )	13910.13
Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS)	129227.34
Centrally Sponsored Schemes (PMFBY & WINDS)	20791.00
Capital Account (RIDF)	8520.00
Externally Aided Project (APART)	26566.00
Agri. Research & Education (AAU)	9115.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>208130.31</b>

#### Scheme incorporated in the Budget Estimate of financial year 2025-26 under SOPD 2025-26 Scheme Proposed under Budget

SL	2025-26	Justification for 2025-26
	Name of the Scheme      Amount	
1	Construction of Godowns by ASCL under SOPD      148.68	Out of total project cost Rs. 558.00 Lakh, remaining fund of Rs. 148.68 Lakh required for the FY 2025-26
2	Revolving fund for seed buyback from registered FPC/ farmers by Assam Seeds Corporation Limited under SOPD-G      300.00	In order to make self reliant in production by providing quality seeds to the farmers at the right price the ASCL has initiated production of certified seed through FPCs/ Farmers with the provision of assured buy back.
3	Promotion of certified seed growers under SOPD      0.01	Token Budget
4	Infrastructure Development of Agricultural Seed Farms by Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd      500.00	It is an ongoing scheme. No fund has been released by Govt. in the FY 2024-25. Hence requested for allocation of fund to meet up the related expenditures incurred by the Corp.

5	State Honey Mission	5.00	The Govt. of Assam has budgeted an amount of Rs.270 lakh in FY 2023-24 with an aim to encourage Scientific Beekeeping through training to the bee keepers, to provide a better opportunity for earning as well as enhancing cross pollination. to give livelihood to economically weaker section, women and entrepreneurs. Administrative Approval received for an amount of Rs. 270 lakhs but FOC for the financial year 2023-24 has not issued. The programme implemented in four Districts namely Kamrup, Goalpara, Baksa and Golaghat in cluster approach during the financial year 2023-24. As per work order C.K Udyog ,Jorhat had supplied 700 nos. Apis MeliferaBeebox with colonies along with folding Iron Stand and 113 nos. Bee Keepers kit with Honey extractor. Moreover, for bee box manufacturing unit Sri Tanuram Bora of Golaghat submitted application which is approved by District Level Selection Committee.
6	ITSDC, Patharighat( Digital Auditorium, Bronze Sculpture , Farmers hostel and Guest House	71.00	It is an ongoing scheme and balance fund required for completion.
7	13- Major Works	1100.00	For minor works of District and Co- district offices
8	14- Minor Works	500.00	For minor works of District and Co- district offices
9	Construction of temporary Pandal, Dias, Barricade, Stalls & view cutter, etc. with providing necessary Chair, Table, Sound system , temporary electrification due to visit of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam on 28th January,2021 due to celebration of krishakSwahid Divas, Pathorighat, Darrang, Assam	36.88	Committed Liability against celebration of Krishak Swahid Divas at Pathorighat, Darrang on 28th Jan, 2021

10	Flood Damage Restoration under Disaster Management	150.00	To compensate the loss of farmers due to flood, distribution of Rabi crop seed and pulse seed etc.
11	Disaster Risk Reduction under Disaster Management	500.00	Disaster Risk Reduction
12	Agricultural Information & Publicity	60.00	For Advertisement and Publicity
13	Community Development Programme under Garukhuti Land Development Project for the Component of GarukhutiBahumukhi Krishi Prakalpa Samity.	200.00	It is a Continued project and as per Clause 7 of Minutes of the Meeting on GBKPS with HCM on 24th June, 2024 an amount of Rs 250.00 Lakh maximum was supposed to be granted to GBKPS per annum.
14	Plant Protection Campaign	0.01	Token Budget
15	Special State Mission for Millet & Pulses (Assam Millet Mission) (New scheme)	2549.41	In consonance with International Year of Millet a full-fledged Mission called Assam Millets Mission (AMM) was launched. The following activities have been taken under the mission i.e., crop production, post harvest, processing and market linkages. Last three years, the mission got fund support from APART. However, from fourth year fund support from APART is not available as per closure of APART in September 2024. Now as per cab memo (File No. AGA.04/2022) the funding from 4th Year will be from SOPD and GOI scheme. Therefore, the budget of Rs. 2549.41 Lakh (Post Harvest Management & Value addition- Rs.875 Lakh, Market Linkage- Rs. 1480 Lakh, Administration & Operation -Rs.194.41 Lakh) is required to continue the mission for making crop diversification, better nutrition through crop demonstration, post harvest management and value addition.
16	Extensive Maize cultivation for fodder purpose nearby bank of Brahmaputra. (Assam Fodder Mission)	750.24	Total fodder production in our state is 85,633 MT against a total requirement of 23,15,925 MT of green fodder per annum. Therefore, there is a deficit of 22,30,292 MT of green fodder per annum in the state. To make up the deficit, the Assam Fodder Mission (AFM) was launched. Last three years, the mission got fund support from APART. However, from fourth year fund

(New scheme)

support from APART is not available as per closure of APART in September 2024. Now as per cab memo (File No. AGA.71/2019) the funding from 4th Year will be from SOPD and GOI scheme. Therefore, the budget of Rs. 550 Lakh (Fodder Production demonstration- Rs. 278.75 Lakh, Post Harvest Management- Rs.221.6 Lakh) is required to continue the fodder mission for making state self-sufficient in fodder production through crop demonstration and post-harvest management

& The scheme Extensive Maize cultivation for fodder purpose nearby bank of Brahmaputra was launched in 2022-23. It has been implemented successfully in various districts nearby bank of Brahmaputra during the FY 2022-23 & 2023-24. During 2023-24, FS for an amount of Rs.450 Lakh was received vide sanction no. FS/AGR\_2023-24(I)\_114, dated 29-8-23. However, ceiling for amount of Rs. 224 lakh only were received vide FOC no. FIN/DIS/AGR/001/2023/1553, dated 23-24. But ceiling for Rs. 226.00 Lakh could not be drawn. So committed liability remained for an amount of Rs.226 lakh, which was placed as SD budget during 2024-25. that was not received. Hence, Rs.226 lakh is placed for the budget of 2025-26.

17

Procurement of Mustard,  
Urad, Millet at MSP

200.00

The Government of Assam has proposed to procure 25% of the total production of mustard /rapeseeds as per price support scheme (PSS)'s guidelines. farmers/growers of the state at MSP(at FAQ norms), to be declared by the Union Govt. The ASAMB has already been notified as a state level agency (SLA). The State Government shall have to provide revolving fund for the purpose. However, it is expected that approximately 10000 MT of mustard/rapeseeds shall be procured during this year. As such, for implementation of the programme in the state during Rabi-2025, ASAMB prepared this scheme for an amount of Rs.200 lakh under SOPD for FY 2025-26

18

Assam Agriculture  
Commission

15.00

The Assam Agriculture Commission was constituted on March, 2024 and has been actively working to provide recommendations to the Agriculture and Allied Departments under the Government of Assam. The Commission comprises a five-member committee, including a Chairman. To facilitate the payment of remuneration and the organization of review meetings and field visits etc. for the Commission, financial provisions for these expenses are necessary in the budget, 2025-26.

19

Expenditure against  
distribution of Urea by

700.00

To streamline the distribution of Urea in the state, a Comprehensive standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for



<b>ASAMB</b>			fertilizer (Urea) Administration in Assam has been notified by Agriculture Department on 20-05-2022. Subsequently, ASAMB has been notified as sole wholesaler of urea in the state. The Hon'ble Cabinet, Govt. of Assam also decided to incentivize the retailers with Rs. 20/- per bag of 45 kg.
20	Majuli as Organic Hub	0.01	Token Budget
21	Value Chain Development of 100 FPOs/ FPCs (New scheme)	1500.00	<p>Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) are the grassroots level farmer based organizations which can play a critical role in dissemination and adoption of advanced technology in production, post production and can change the agribusiness sector by helping farmers in better market linkages for their produce.</p> <p>Key Interventions/Activities (support) proposed under the Scheme:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Revolving Fund for Seed Producing FPCs</li> <li>2) Revolving Fund for FPCs involved in Value Addition, Processing, Innovative activities and online marketing etc.</li> <li>3) Solar Hybrid Low Cost Cold Room</li> <li>4) Integrated FPC Portal Development:</li> <li>5) Training , capacity building and handholding of FPCs</li> <li>6) Operational Cost support to FPO Management Unit.</li> </ol>
22	Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS)" for Farmer Producer Organizations/Companies (FPOs/FPCs) of Assam (New scheme)	2000.00	<p>Credit Guarantee Fund (CGF) provision:- Credit Guarantee Fund (CGF) will provide adequate credit guarantee cover to Eligible Lending Institutions (ELIs) for loans given by ELIs to FPOs/FPCs and this will accelerate penetration of institutional credit to FPOs/FPCs by minimizing the risk of financial institutions for granting loan and also enable FPOs/FPCs to undertake profitable agri-business activities leading to their increased revenue to establish. Considering the importance of the CGF, an amount of Rs. 10,000.00 Lakhs (for the entire period of the scheme) (i.e. Rs. 100.00 Crore) is proposed. Amount proposed for this FY-2025-2026 is Rs. 2000.00 Lakhs (i.e. Rs. 20.00 Crore) (including establishment cost</p>
23	Special Scheme to popularize double cropping in Upper Assam through Maize Crop (New scheme)	250.00	Upper Assam covering 9 districts has huge Rice fallow area where only Paddy is grown and after that the land is kept fallow without any crop. The estimated Rice fallow area in 9 Upper Assam Districts is approximately 380450 Ha. and out of this area, approximately 258071 Ha. area has irrigation facility or residual moisture is available where second crop can be grown.
24	Model Assembly line at	1000.00	An assembly line at selected procurement centers in Assam is

	selected procurement centre(New scheme)		essential for streamlining the process of collecting, processing, and distributing agricultural produce efficiently.
25	Committed liabilities against pending court cases (New scheme)	1233.89	To meet up the pending liabilities of court cases.
26	Construction of Pesticide Lab (New scheme)	140.00	A pesticide lab is crucial for Assam due to its significant agricultural dependence, as it helps ensure the safe and effective use of pesticides in crop protection.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13910.13</b>	

**Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for the FY 2025-26:**

**Proposed Budget for 2025-26 (Rs. In Lakhs)**

SL	Name of the Scheme	Central Share	State Share	Total
1	PMFBY	0.00	20711.00	20711.00
2	WINDS	0.00	80.00	80.00
3	SMAM	1570.536	174.504	1745.04
4	PM-RKVY (DPR)	19631.70	2181.30	21813.00
5	Soil Health & Fertility	3249.90	361.10	3611.00
6	RAD	791.10	87.90	879.00
7	Agroforestry under RKVY-AAP	520.00	57.79	577.79
8	AGRICULTURE EXTENSION	3750.00	416.66	4166.66
9	NFSM	1649.22	183.25	1832.47
10	NMEO-OS	5313.75	590.41	5904.16
11	NMEO-OP	26093.00	2899.23	28992.23
12	NMEO-OP (100% Subsidy)	700.00	0.00	700.00

13	SMSP	1200.00	133.34	1333.34
14	AS206-NeGP-A	9373.00	1041.45	10414.45
15	Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)	6876.00	764.00	7640.00
16	Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)	14751.72	1111.09	11111.09
17	Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCD-NER) (Grant-in-Aids)	4200.00	0.00	4200.00
	Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCD-NER) (Creation of Capital Assets)			
18	MOVCD-NER ( DPR)	3000.00	0.00	3000.00
19	National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)	51.61	464.49	516.10
20	Dharti AabaJanajatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan	0.01	0.01	0.01
	<b>Total</b>	<b>97969.83</b>	<b>31257.52</b>	<b>129227.34</b>

**Schemes under Assam Agricultural University (AAU) for the FY 2025-26**

**Scheme Proposed under Budget 2025-26**

SL	Name of the Scheme	Amount	Justification for 2025-26
1	Development of AAU Dhubri Campus	800.00	1.Construction of Indoor Stadium cum canteen : 300.00 Lakh 2.Construction of Students Hostel : 500.00 Lakh
2	Development of AAU Raha Campus	200.00	Construction of Aqua Club for student practical : 200.00 Lakh
3	Development of AAU North Lakhimpur Campus	379.38	1.Construction of Students Hostel at LCVSc (1 Nos) : 350.00 Lakh 2. Completion of Ongoing Construction work : 29.38 Lakh
4	Development of Horticulture College and	850.00	1.Construction of Auditorium ( 600 Capacity)(1st Phase) : 600.00 Lakh

	its Campus.Nalbari		2. Generation of Solar Power: 250.00 Lakh
5	Development of AAU Biswanath Campus	500.00	1.Construction of Students Hostel : 400.00 Lakh 2.Construction of Associate Dean's Quarter : 100.00 Lakh
6	Development of AAU under TNEIF	1200.00	1. Completion of Convention Centre (Phase-I): 450.00 Lakh 2.Construction of Students' Hostel : 350.00 Lakh 3.Development of Internal Roads for various campus under AAU : 100.00 Lakh 4. Different Development works of various buildings at different campuses of AAU : 100.00 Lakh 5.Modernization of Auditorium at AAU Jorhat : 100.00 Lakh 6.Development of Directorate of Extension Education Building at AAU Jorhat : 100.00 Lakh
7	ESTABLISHMENT OF NATURAL FARMING AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE UNDER R&D	100.00	The project will be continued in the existing stations and one new unit. The budget is required for continuation of the Research activities for obtaining the set out put in terms of package of practices of natural farming for field and horticultural crops of Assam. The new unit proposed under Directorate of Research ( Vety). will be focused on characterization of cow dung and cow urine based bio input used in Natural Farming practices using different breeds of cattle including Lakhimi. Chemical analysis of input and out throughout sourcing will require fund.
8	Development of AAU Khanapara Campus	851.00	1. Development of Academic Complex at CVSc, Khanapara :150.00 Lakh 2.Construction of Teachers Quarter : 350.00 Lakh 3. Vertical Extension of Examination building : 150.00 Lakh 4. Completion of Vertical Extension of Clinics: 201.00 Lakh
9	ESTABLISHMENT OF KRISHI VIGYAN INSTITUTE IN PATHARUGHAT	56.68	Non salary: Rs. 56.68 lakh
10	NON-SALARY COMPONENT UNDER	650.00	1. POL : 40.00 L. 2. Office Contingency : 200.00 L

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- 3. Travelling Allowance : 50.00 L
- 6.Repair and Maintenance of 9 Colleges including AAU Jorhat Campus : 150.00 L
- 7. ELP : 60.00 L
- 8. Overseas Fellowship Program :150.00 L

11 NON-SALARY  
COMPONENT UNDER  
004 RESEARCH 1513.73

- 1. POL : 20.00 L
- 2. Office Contingency : 119.62 L
- 3.Postage : 1.50 L
- 4.Travelling Allowances : 20.00 L
- 5. Repair and maintenance of 11 Nos. of Zonal Research Stations and Directorate of Research, Agri and Vety : 100.00 L
- 6. State Share of AICRP/AINP Projects ( Non Salary) : 321.00 L
- 7. State Share of AICRP/AINP projects ( Non-Salary) Backlog amount : 931.60 L

Farmers' access to an array of climate-smart modern crop varieties, livestock/fish breeds along with production technology for adoption in accordance with their specific farming systems and situations.

\* Enhancement of situation specific improved technology adoption.

\*Enhanced skill of farmers and rural youths for adoption of improved innovations and technologies.

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\* Develop entrepreneurship among rural youths

\*Increased sustainable farm and household income and livelihood from adoption of improved technologies and management practices in appropriate combination of total value chain approach.

\*Transformation of rural economy

•Total number of villages to be covered under the programme : 540 nos

•Number of teachers involved: 600

•Total primary beneficiaries covered in the first year: 26,300 farmers

13	TRAINING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT ON FARM MACHINERIES IN DIFFERENT FIRMS OF AAU	20.00	2 No.s ( 25 Per batch) of Training Programme @ Rs. 10.00 L :20.00 L
14	Agricultural Market Intelligence Cell	97.64	To Establish a standard process of collecting and disseminating agricultural market data to ensure timely, accurate, and relevant information dissemination to all stakeholders.
15	NEATEHUB Acceleration Fund	200.00	<p>To continue its impactful work and support the strategic growth of agri-tech startups, we are requesting an Accelerator Fund specifically for the AAU Incubator. The incubator offers a comprehensive support ecosystem tailored to the unique needs of entrepreneurs. This includes mentorship, networking opportunities, marketing assistance, and facilitation of engagements with venture capitalists. NEATEHUB caters to both ideation stage startups (Ishanya) and early-stage ventures (Saranya) with grants of up to ₹5 lakh and ₹25 lakh, respectively supported under the RKVY-RAFTAAR programme. Apart from the grant-in-aid funding, the AAU incubator has also facilitated 4 startups in raising Rs 7.5 Cr approx. funds under the NEVF (Northeast Venture Fund) scheme implemented by NEDFi and supported under the DoNER and NEC, Govt.</p> <p>We propose a budget allocation of ₹2.00 crore for FY 2025-2026 to enhance our capacity to offer accelerator programs that will provide critical resources and support for scaling startups. This fund will be utilized in a blended financing model to agri startups structured as follows: 40% grant-in-aid, 30% convertible debenture, and 30% equity. The establishment of a SEBI regulated separate entity under the AAU umbrella, in consultation with NEDFi, will ensure the effective implementation of this funding strategy.</p>
16	GIS Lab (Support to Existing GIS Lab)	54.09	The objective of establishing the GIS Lab was to use GIS tools to identify areas with low productivity rice-fallows and areas prone to stress (flood and water stress), in order to implement improved cropping systems and promoting climate resilient varieties tailored to specific conditions of each site approach aimed to maximize productivity while addressing

challenges such as climate stress.

The initiative to establish a College of Agriculture at Patharkandi aims to address the critical gaps in agricultural education, research, and skill development. The Barak Valley, comprising the districts of Cachar, Sri Bhumi, and Hailakandi, possesses significant agricultural potential but is still remains untapped due to several challenges, one important among them being the farmers' inadequate access to the latest scientific innovations and technologies and also extension and advisory services.

At present there is insufficient engineering manpower to demonstrate, train, help in repairs/maintenance and guide farmers on Farm Mechanization at Block and District level in Assam. Therefore, to monitor and implement the government policy and programme of farm mechanization more effectively and efficiently at farmer's doorstep, trained Agricultural Engineering graduates are urgently required. It is desirable that these engineers be educated and trained in Assam so that they can provide solution to engineering issues relevant to Agro ecological situation of Assam.

17	Establishment of Agriculture College at Patherkandi	1000.00
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18	Establishment of Agril. Engineering college at Jorhat	500.00
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**Total 9115.84**

#### **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)**

SL	Name of the Scheme (last year Schemes)	Proposed Budget for 2025-26			Justification for 2025-26
		RIDF-LS	RIDF-SS	Total	
1	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)	7124.72	1395.28	8520.00	Installation of STW with diesel pump sets, solar PV operated pump sets, establishment of soil testing & quality control and input testing laboratory, knowledge centre.
<b>Total</b>		<b>7124.72</b>	<b>1395.28</b>	<b>8520.00</b>	



## BUDGET PROVISION

### AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT (GRANT NO. 48)

After the presentation of the Budget in the House for financial year 2025-26 on **10<sup>th</sup> March, 2025** the Departmentally Related Standing Committee held the meeting on **13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025** to discuss on Grant No.- 48 relating to Agriculture Department. At the same time, the Committee also considered the action taken report on the recommendation made on 2024-25 in its **26<sup>th</sup>** report presented to the House on **21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024**.

The Budget provision made under Grant No.-48 relating to the Agriculture Department 2025-26 is as follows:-

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakh)	Remarks
			Budget Estimates (2025-2026)	Revised Budget Estimates (2024-2025)
<b>VOTED</b>	<b>158236.94</b>	<b>36150.97</b>	<b>194387.91</b>	<b>242843.51</b>
<b>CHARGED</b>	<b>1172.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1172.20</b>	

Out of the total budget provision of **Rs. 1, 94, 387.91** lakh made for the financial year 2025-26. **Rs. 1, 58, 236.94** lakh and **Rs. 3,6150.97** lakh have been earmarked under the Revenue and Capital Head respectively. It seems that for the financial year 2025-26 an amount of **Rs. 48, 455.60** lakh has been decreased than that of the previous year's revised Budget Estimates (2024-2025).

The Budget estimate under Grant No.48 is **Rs. 1, 94, 387.91**lakh presented before the House for approval. The total allocated money is proposed to be spent in the Revenue and Capital expenditure respectively.

## PRELIMINARY STATUS REPORT

### DEPARTMENT: HORTICULTURE (GRANT NO.67)

Horticulture sector comprising Fruits, Vegetables, Flower, Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic plants, Mushroom, Bee keeping and their value addition has become a viable option for farmers and entrepreneurs of the State to augment their income. It is a means of nutritional and health security for both urban and rural masses. It also generates employment opportunity to the unemployed educated youths. Horticulture also provides opportunity to augment State Gross Domestic Product (SGDP) through export of horticultural produce to domestic and international markets.

Govt. has allocated a schematic amount of **Rs. 25360.92 Lakh** including Non budgeted schemes of RKVY (Horticulture). Budgeted & non budgeted Schemes during 2024-25 are as follows:

SL. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount (Rs. in Lakh)
<b>A. Budgeted Scheme</b>		
1	State Owned Priority Development-G/TG	386.18
2	Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)	10435.76
3	Pradhan Mantree Krishi Sinchayee Yojana- Per Drop More Crop (PMKSY-PDMC)	9575.66
4	Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER)	3562.50
<b>B. Non Budgeted Scheme</b>		
1	Rastriya Krishi Vikash Yajona ( Hort) (RKVY)	1400.82
<b>TOTAL -</b>		<b>25360.92</b>

The schematic break up of budget allocation for the Year 2024-25 under Grant No.67 is shown below-

<b>A. Budgeted Schemes.</b>		<b>(Rs in lakh)</b>				
Sl. No.	Normal Plan Schemes	GOI Allocation		State Budget Allocation		
		Allocation	GOI Release	Central Share	State Share	Total
1	Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States(HMNEH) (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)	10435.76	6946.00	4722.69	392.86	5115.55
2	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana -Per Drop More Crop(PMKSY-PDMC) (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)	6000.00	6000.00	6984.00	4524.32	11508.32

3	Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER)	3562.50	1531.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	State Owned Priority Development-G/TG	0.00	0.00	0.00	386.18	386.18
<b>Total</b>		<b>19998.26</b>	<b>14477.00</b>	<b>11706.69</b>	<b>5303.36</b>	<b>17010.05</b>

**B. Fund sanctioned and utilization.**

Sl. No.	Normal Plan Schemes	Sanctioned by GoA			Fund utilization		
		GoI Share	State share	Total	Central Share	State Share	Total
1	Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States(HMNEH) (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)	4722.69	392.86	5115.55	2250.00	250.00	2500.00
2	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Per Drop More Crop (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)	6984.00	4524.32	11508.32	2653.20	1294.80	3948.00
3	Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER)	1531.00	0.00	1531.00	880.00	0.00	0.00
4	State Owned Priority Development-G/TG	0.00	110.00	110.00	0.00	110.00	110.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>13237.69</b>	<b>5027.18</b>	<b>18264.87</b>	<b>5783.20</b>	<b>1654.80</b>	<b>6558.00</b>

**Scheme wise proposed budget for the year 2025-26**

Sl. No.	Normal Plan Schemes	Central share (Rs in lakh)	State share (Rs in lakh)	Total (Rs in lakh)	Remarks
1	State Owned Priority Development-G/TG	-			
A	Integrated Horticulture Development	0.00	160.00	160.00	
B	Community Canning & Training on Fruit Preservation	0.00	37.69	37.69	
C	Orchid Farm at Kaziranga	0.00	800.00	800.00	
D	State Floriculture Mission	0.00	10.00	10.00	
	<b>Sub Total (A)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1007.69</b>	<b>1007.69</b>	
2	Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)	6876.00	764.00	7640.00	
3	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana -Per Drop More Crop (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)	10000.00	5862.81	15862.81	State share includes matching state share & Top up subsidy
4	Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER) (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)	7200.00	0.00	7200.00	
	<b>Sub-Total (B)</b>	<b>24076.00</b>	<b>6626.81</b>	<b>30702.81</b>	
	<b>Total (A+B)</b>	<b>24076.00</b>	<b>7634.50</b>	<b>31710.50</b>	

Therefore, the total budget requirement for the year 2025-26 will be Rs. 31710.50 Lakh. Out of which total amount for centrally sponsored scheme is Rs. 30702.81Lakh including state share and total amount against SOPD scheme is Rs. 1007.69 Lakh. However, the exact amount may be increased or decreased on the basis of actual allocation to be received from Govt. of India during the year 2024-25.

### Performance Budget/Annual Report of 2024-25

Total budget allocation for the year 2024-25 was Rs. 23961.26 Lakh including central assistance for state plan. The schematic breakup of the same is as hereunder-

Sl. No.	Normal Plan Schemes	Allocation (Rs. In lakh)		Amount Utilized (Rs in lakh)		Status
		Central share	State share	Central share	State share	
<b>I</b>	<b>SOPD-G/TG</b>					
A	Integrated Horticulture Development	0.00	101.00	0.00	10.00	Distribution of 15 no of Areca nut leaf plate making units and renovation & repairing of Farmer's Hostel at Khetri FTS.FOC for Rs.90.90 (L) uploaded
B	Community Canning & Training on Fruit Preservation	0.00	65.18	0.00	0.00	FOC for Rs.8.71 (L) uploaded. FS received for Rs.20.86(L)
C	Orchid Farm at Kaziranga	0.00	300.00	0.00	100.00	Work in progress. FOC submitted for Rs.200.00 (L)
D	State Floriculture Mission(SFM)	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	Work completed. FS received
<b>Sub-Total (A+B+C+D)-I</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>486.18</b>		<b>110.00</b>	
2	Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)(Centrally Sponsored Scheme)	9392.18	1043.58	2250.00	250.00	90% of work completed
3	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana(PMKSy). Per Drop More Crop (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)	6984.00	4524.32	2653.20	1294.80	90% of work completed
4	Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER)	1531.00	0.00	880.22	0.00	60% of work completed
<b>Sub Total (2+3+4)-II</b>		<b>17907.18</b>	<b>5567.90</b>	<b>5783.42</b>	<b>1544.80</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL (I+II)</b>		<b>17907.18</b>	<b>6054.08</b>	<b>5783.42</b>	<b>1654.80</b>	

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED & STATE SCHEMES.**

### **1. Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH):**

This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented in the State with a 90:10 (Central Share: State Share) sharing pattern since 2001-02. The main objective of the scheme is holistic support in production of high value crops, production of quality planting materials, development of project based activities & market infrastructure, farm mechanization, plant protection, skill development and post harvest management in food processing sector. The scheme provides 50% Govt. assistance for following major components:-

1. **Planting Material Production-** Establishment of Nurseries under Public (100% assistance) and Private sector (50% assistance).
2. **Area Expansion-** Under high value fruit, vegetable, spices and flowers-Dragon fruit, Strawberry, capsicum, turmeric, ginger, Orchid, Anthurium.
3. **Mushroom -** Spawn production unit & mushroom production unit
4. **Protected Cultivation-** Naturally ventilated tubular structure, bamboo structure poly house/ shade net house, plastic mulching film.
5. **Horticulture Mechanization-** Power tillers, self propelled machineries –Pole pruner, power operated sprayer, foot sprayer, garden tools.
6. **Post Harvest Management –** Farm gate pack house, cold room, cold storage, primary processing unit, food processing unit, integrated pack house, Refrigerated Vehicle.
7. **Pollination Support** through Bee Keeping
8. **Capacity Building of farmers & technical staff-** short term training & Skill training on Gardening, Green house operator, organic farming.

### **2. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana- Per Drop More Crop (PMKSY-PDMC):**

The Govt. of India has introduced the centrally sponsored scheme of PMKSY-PDMC with objective to enhance water use efficiency in the farmer's field by promoting appropriate technological intervention of Micro Irrigation like Drip and Sprinkler irrigation systems and encourage the farmers on water saving and conservation in existing water source. Under the scheme, 55% assistance is given for Small and Marginal farmers and 45% for other farmers with additional top up of 30% from state SOPD-G scheme.

Another component of PMKSY-PDMC is Other Intervention (OI) component which is implemented as a supplementary component for creation of micro water storage activities and efficiently water conveyance in rain fed areas. Subsidy pattern for the component is 50:50 between Government and farmers.

### **3. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region:**

Realizing the potential of organic farming in the North Eastern Region of the country, Govt. of India launched this special scheme during the 12<sup>th</sup> plan period. The scheme aims at development of certified organic production in a value chain mode to link with consumer and to support the development of entire value chain starting from inputs, seeds, certification to the creation of facilities for collection, aggregation, processing, marketing and brand building initiative etc. Till 2023-24, Assam has completed Phase-I, Phase-II and Phase-III in 17 districts where 22 nos of organic FPC's were formed and 20,000 ha area has been converted to organic. From

2024-25, GoI approved MOVCD Phase-IV for a period of three years where 11 no.s of Organic FPC's will be promoted and 5500 ha area will be converted to organic. The registration of the new FPC's have been completed.

#### **4. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana(RKVY), Horticulture:**

The RKVY aims at achieving 4% growth in the Agri-horticulture sector during the XI and XII plan period, by assuring a holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors. The main objectives of the scheme are to incentivize the states so as to increase public investment in agriculture and allied sector in a flexible mode so that local priorities can be emphasized. To bring about quantifiable changes in the production and productivity of various components of agriculture and allied sectors and thereby increase farmers' return. The fund under RKVY is received under Grant No. 48 from the Directorate of Agriculture, Assam.

#### **5. States Own Priority Development Schemes (SOPD):**

In horticulture sector, SOPD aims at skill development of rural and urban youths through imparting training on food preservation, maintenance of Govt assets like building, progeny orchards, production of quality planting materials, preservation of local species and taking up innovative schemes like biodegradable plat making from areca nut leaf sheath. State Floriculture Mission has also been taken up under SOPD. Work on Development of Orchid Farm is in progress and will be completed by August 2025.

## Fiscal Targets achieved during last three years

(2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25)

### A. Centrally Sponsored Scheme:

#### 1. Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl No	Name of Component	Unit	Year 2022-23				Year 2023-24				Year 2024-25			
			Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement	
			Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin
1	Quality Planting Material Production	No	14	135.00	3	45.00	20	250.00	5	37.50	15	150.00	0	0
2	Establishment of new garden (Area Expansion)	Ha	1550	959.00	1350	921.50	3100	1580.00	1000	825.00	3067.50	1357.26	3067.50	1357.00
4	Mushroom cultivation	No	44	136.00	3	37.50	46	118.00	16	70.00	26	86.00	0	0
5	Post Harvest Management	Ha	962	1800.75	903	1542.00	1147	2814.25	646	1670.00	175	1506.75	0	0
6	Market Infrastructure	No	6	45.00	0	0	5	37.50	0	0	2	15		
7	Protected cultivation	Ha	524	759.23	524	759.23	1428	957.13	1	53.77	5136.50	5354.90	220.5	650.00
8	Horticulture Mechanization	No	1735.00	701.75	225	381.25	2522	1378.50	1122	897.50	460	556.00	0	0
9	Pollination Support through Beekeeping	No	1735.00	701.75	225	381.25	2000	35.20	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Skill Development	No	1194	122.50	500	51.30	2032	168.50	600	36.00	441	50.00	441	50.00
11	Other Intervention	-	0	440.78	0	186.22	1	24.00	1	24.00	0	0	0	0
12	Promotion of FPO		0	0	0	0	20	320.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr. Maintenance		2050	292.00	1850	272.00	2600	362.50	0	0	1580	285.00	1580	285.00
14	Organic farming(HDPE Vermi bed)		1300	104.00	1300	104.00	1300	104.00	0	0	100	8.00	100	8.00
15	COE		1	303.99	0	0	2	366.58	0	0		0	0	
16	Food Processing		2	200.0	2	200.00	5	350.0	0	0	3	267.00	3	150.00
Grand Total			11117.00	6701.75	6885.00	4881.25	16228.00	8866.16	3391.00	3013.77	11006.00	9635.91	5412.00	2500.00



**2. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojna – Per Drop More Crop (PMKSY-PDMC):**

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl.	Name of Component	Unit	Year 2022-23				Year 2023-24				Year 2024-25			
			Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement	
			Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin
1	Installation of Drip Irrigation & Sprinkler Irrigation system	ha	19512.40	5333.33	7672.00	4818.74	15301.6	4888.83	7615.60	1594.45	23684.2	7660.51	5790	3982.80
2	Other Intervention-Pump set	no	0	0	0	0	8272	1302.84	772	65.24	9665	1915.13	1210	995.70

**3. Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY), Horticulture:**

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No	Name of Component	Year 2022-23				Year 2023-24				Year 2024-25			
		Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement	
		Phy (Ha)	Fin (Lakh)	Phy (Ha)	Fin (Lakh)	Phy (Ha)	Fin (Lakh)	Phy (Ha)	Fin (Lakh)	Phy (Ha)	Fin (Lakh)	Phy (Ha)	Fin (Lakh)
1	Increasing area under Hybrid Vegetable	50	30.00	50	30.00	800	200.00	800	200.00	400	100.00	400	100.00
2	Increasing area under Strawberry cultivation	700	938.00	700	938.00	193	270.20	193	270.20	0	0	0	0
3	Increasing area under commercial fruit crop-guava	1200	216.00	1200	216.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Cultivation of Dragon Fruits	0	0	0	0	50	60.00	0	0	620	372.00	620	372.00
5	Distribution of preservation unit (Low cost) like multipurpose pulverizer with stabilizer, drier etc	300	300.00	300	300.00	300	300.00	300	300.00	0	0	0	0
6	Commercial floriculture development programme-Anthurium(200 sqm each unit)	541	390.00	541	390.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Orchid(200 sqm each unit)	0	0	0	0	700	490.00	700	290.00	0	0	0	0

8	Gerbera(200 msq each unit)	300	183.00	300	183.00	49	29.89	49	29.89	0	0	0	0
9	Commercial cultivation of fruit crop- Jamun without irrigation	0	0	0	0	200	216.00	200	72.30	1505	225.75	1505	225.75
10	Guava without irrigation	0	0	0	0	167	216.00	167	150.00	334	50.10	334	50.10
11	Jack fruit without irrigation	1200	216.00	1200	116.00	0	0	0	0	1500	225.00	1500	225.00
12	Sweet orange without irrigation	0	0	0	0	1046	360.00	1046	160.00	0	0	0	
13	Horticulture mechanization-distribution of horticultural kit among woman farmers	5767	162.00	5767	162.00	2000	300.00	0	0	2000	300.00	2000	300.00
14	Organization of 7 <sup>th</sup> Assam International Agri-hort show 2023	0	0	0	0	1	500.00	1	500.00	0	0	0	0
15	Kaji Nemu seedless	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	670	100.5	670	100.5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	10058.00	2435.00	10058.00	2335.00	5506.00	2942.09	3456.00	1972.39	7029.00	1373.35	7029.00	1373.35

#### 4. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for NER :

##### Mission Organic Value Chain Development, 2024-25

Sl.	Name of Component	Unit	Year 2024-25			
			Target		Achievement	
			Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin
1	Formation and Value Chain Production	Ha.	5500	1290.65	5500	501.17
2	Value Chain Processing	-	62	2625.00	50	286.47
3	Value Chain Marketing	-	0	96.00	0	58.58
4	Value Chain Agency	-	0	50.85	0	34.00
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>4062.50</b>		<b>880.22</b>

**A. Progress Report of SOPD****(Rs. In Lakh)**

Sl	Name of Component	Unit	Year 2022-23				Year 2023-24				Year 2024-25			
			Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement	
			Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin
2	Integrated Horticulture Development	No	15	190.00	0	0.00	14	188.10	14	126.96	16	101.00	1	10.00
3	Community Canning and Training on Fruit Preservation	Sets	0	21.95	0	0.00	0	19.31	0.00	13.50	21	65.18	0.00	0.00
4	Orchid Park at Kaziranga		0	114.00	0	0.00	0	112.86	0.00	0.00	1	300.00	1	100.00
5	Strate Floriculture Mission		1	20.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.75	20.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>		16.00	345.95	0.00	0.00	14.00	320.27	14.00	140.46	84.75	486.18	2.00	110.00

### **Significant achievement under different schemes**

#### **1. Under Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)**

1. Centre of Excellence for vegetables under Indo-Israel Agricultural Project (IIAP) at Khetri, Kamrup (M) is near completion where modern Israeli agricultural technology for cultivation of vegetables will be demonstrated and subsequently, it will be transmitted to the farmers of the state by providing training in the centre itself. Already a national level training has been organized in collaboration with MASHAV-Embassy of Israel, New Delhi where officers from different states has participated and they were provided with skill training about micro irrigation and fertigation system along with soilless cultivation under protected condition. Total project cost is Rs.583.00 (L). The Centre will be inaugurated within the month of April 2025.
2. Setting up of Freeze Drying Processing unit for fruits and vegetables at Barpeta Road with project cost of Rs.400.00 (L) which will facilitate value addition of all kind of perishable fruits and vegetables reducing post harvest losses in greater extent. 80% of work has been completed.
3. Initiative has been taken for cultivation of off season vegetables under protected condition using low cost Bamboo Poly House on pilot basis in 8 districts namely Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Sivsagar, Golaghat, Sonitpur, Kamrup, Dima Hasao, Karbi Anglong and West Karbi Anglong. Total beneficiary to be covered is 460 nos with an area of 92 ha.
4. Setting up of 5 no of Mushroom spawn laboratory in public sector (DII&FP, HRS, Kahikuchi, KVK Tinsukia, KVK Jorhat, Horticulture college Nalbari) and 3 no in private sector (Dr Aparna Rabha Boko, Mr Basanta Chiring Pkookan, Titabar and one at Udalguri) to make mushroom spawn available locally.
5. Setting up of Assam Lemon processing unit at Tihu with project cost of Rs.300.00(L). 70% of work has been completed.
6. Setting up of Food processing unit at Jamuguri Hat with project cost of Rs.269.00 (L) .80% of work is completed.
7. Setting up of 27 no of primary processing units for processing of perishable fruits and vegetables.
8. Construction of 3000 MT cold storage at Pamohi under Kamrup (M), 7 no of pre-cooling house in Darrang & Udalguri districts and 5 no of Cold rooms in Darrang, Udalguri & Kamrup (M) districts.
9. 100 no of mushroom production units set up for employment of rural & urban youths
10. 700 farmers are trained on scientific cultivation of fruits and vegetable crops, food processing, Bakery & Confectionery, Mushroom cultivation and its value addition.
11. 5000 farmers are trained on scientific rearing bee and honey processing in all 35 districts of Assam under National Bee Keeping

#### **2. Under Mission Organic Value Chain Development for NER:**

- a) 20,000 ha area already converted to organic crop cultivation involving 19,703 no of farmers by formation of 22 no.s of organic farmer producer companies.

b) 20,000 no.s of on-farm input production units have been set up at farm gate.

c) 38 no.s of Custom Hiring Centre (CHC) have been set up at FPC level.

d) 18 no.s of Small Processing Unit have been set up at FPC level.

e) International Export:

1. Exported 24 MT of Pineapple to Dubai and 1.2 MT of Assam Lemon to London in 2022
2. 6,000 pieces of organic Assam lemon were exported to London between 2022 and 2023.
3. 10 metric tons of organic ginger were exported to Dubai from 2023 to 2024.
4. 10 metric tons of organic ginger from Karbi Anglong were exported to Qatar and Oman between 2024 and 2025.

### **3. Under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojna – Per Drop More Crop (PMKSY-PDMC):**

1. 5790 no of farmers are benefitted covering an area of 5799 ha. In the field of 5790 farmers, 2273 no of Drip Irrigation system and 3517 no of Sprinkler Irrigation System have been installed. 1210 no of pump set are installed in 1210 no of farmers field who have opted for MI system but have no water conveyance system. Percentage of Drip Irrigation system is around 27% which indicates that farmers in Assam is gradually switching over to high value fruit crops from traditional field crops.
2. 97 no of awareness programme are conducted in different districts for popularization of Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation Systems among the farmers..

### **4. Under State Owned Priority Development Scheme (SOPD)**

1. 15 nos of Areca nut leaf sheath plate making unit distributed and DOCC & TC renovated and repaired in different districts
2. Development of Orchid Park is likely to be completed by August, 2025

### **A Brief Note on Grant No.67**

Assam is traditionally rich in horticulture sector and the socio – economic fabric of its people is largely constituted by horticultural components. The horticultural beauty lies in its history, culture, traditions and in the mindset of the people- which has imbibed a lot from this science of fruits, flowers, vegetables, spices, plantation crops, root & tuber crops, nut crops, medicinal, aromatics, mushroom, bee keeping. The climatic condition of Assam is conducive for growing these wide range of horticultural crops. Horticultural crops occupy about 17% of the gross cultivated area of Assam and annually produce more than 90 lakh MT of various horticultural produces- contributing significantly towards food and nutritional security of the State. But there are two other factors that make horticulture in Assam a very important sector viz. (i) inherent capacity for employment generation and (ii) income generation at farmers' level. No other sector can claim to be in better position in this regard for a state like Assam. Foreseeing this potentiality, Govt. of Assam took a timely decision in the year-2004 to create a separate Directorate of Horticulture and Food Processing in Assam to give focused attention on inherent potentiality of commercialization of various sectors of horticulture. This new directorate has started supporting farmers and horticultural entrepreneurs in their endeavor towards commercialization which is the need of the hour.

Assam being encompassed under one of the 14 global bio-diversity hot spots, the State is endowed with favorable agro climatic conditions that offer wide range of options for farming as well as investment in horticulture sector.

In order to reap the benefits of the above mentioned factors and to sustain the growth rate that has been achieved during last decade, the Department has sorted out the under mentioned strategies which remains as a big challenge for the Department.

#### **Aim and objectives-**

- Strengthening production base through area expansion of various horticultural crops and raising their productivity is the greatest challenge before the Directorate and a good beginning has been made in this direction.
- In order to achieve this, the most important aspect is availability of quality planting materials of fruits, vegetables and flowers etc. within easy reach of farmers.
- Encourage nurseries to produce quality planting materials from genuine mother plants using latest technology.
- Import quality planting materials from ICAR farms for propagation at departmental and private nurseries
- Rejuvenation of senile orchards for enhancing productivity of fruit crops.
- High density planting for more return per unit area
- Special emphasis on protected and off season cultivation.
- Thrust on horticulture mechanization and use of modern tools to enhance efficiency of labour and minimize cost of production.

- Thrust on micro irrigation for judicious use of available irrigation water through sprinkler and drip system.
- Precision farming
- Popularization of High Value Crops like Capsicum, Orchid, Anthurium, Strawberry, Apple Ber, Dragon fruit, Rambutan etc.

**Major initiatives taken up by the Directorate -**

- ❖ Massive area expansion programme of thrust crops like Orange, Pineapple, Banana, Apple-ber, Ginger, Turmeric, Dragon fruit, Strawberry and flower crops etc.
- ❖ Farmers training to infuse commercial concept amongst traditional horticultural growers in India or abroad.
- ❖ Maximum focus on raising productivity of various commercially potential crops of Assam through use of better technology, management practices, bee keeping and planting materials is being given
- ❖ Establishment of Model Horticulture Nursery at Byrnihat, Guwahati where Root Stock Block and Mother Block of various new varieties fruit crops has been established.
- ❖ Up-gradation of private nurseries with Govt. subsidy under specific guidelines to generate adequate quality planting materials of horticultural crops
- ❖ Formation of FPOs and FPCs has been encouraged for doing the Agri-Business among the small holders.
- ❖ Post-harvest aspects like pre-harvest treatment, scientific harvest, setting up of pack houses, collection centres with grading facilities and transport facilities are given due importance.
- ❖ The concept of organic farming is induced in the mindset of farmers and cultivation is started in ten clusters covering nine districts. The districts are-Sonitpur, Dhemaji, Golaghat, Majuli, Kamrup, kamrup(M), Chirang, Cachar, Nalbari, Kokrajhar, Udalguri, Lakhimpur, Morigaon
- ❖ Pack houses are constructed in production pockets.
- ❖ Bee keeping is given due importance and training conducted at various level
- ❖ Mushroom cultivation is getting due importance
- ❖ Green houses provided to farmers for off season production of vegetables and raising of seedling
- ❖ Introduction of new and high remunerative crops like Strawberry, Apple Ber and Musk melon, dragon fruit, etc.
- ❖ Installation of Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation Systems for increasing water use efficiency in the farmers field which enhances water saving and conservation in the existing water source.

### **NEW SCHEME LAUNCHED BY THE DIRECTORATE**

**No new scheme is taken up in the financial year 2024-25**

## BUDGET PROVISION

### HORTICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING DEPARTMENT (GRANT NO.:67)

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Department discussed the Budget provision made under the Grant No.- 67 relating to the Horticulture and Food Processing Department for the financial year 2025-26. At the same time the Committee also considered the action taken report on the recommendations made for 2024-25 in its 26<sup>th</sup> report presented to the House on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024.

The Budget provision made under Grant No.- 67 for the financial year 2025-26 is as below: ----

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)	Remarks
			Budget Estimates (2025-2026)	Revised Budget Estimates (2024-2025)
<b>VOTED</b>	<b>20946.74</b>	<b>772.06</b>	<b>21718.80</b>	<b>19586.79</b>
<b>CHARGED</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Out of the total budget provision of **Rs. 21,718.80** lakh made for the financial year 2025-26, **Rs. 20, 946.74** lakh and **Rs. 772.06** lakh have been earmarked under the Revenue and Capital Head respectively. It seems that for the financial year 2025-26 an amount of **Rs. 2, 132.01** lakh has been increased than that of the previous year's revised Budget Estimates (2024-2025).

The budget estimates under the Grant No.-67 is **Rs. 21,718.80** presented before the House for approval. The total allocated money is proposed to be spent in the Revenue and Capital expenditure respectively.



## **CHAPTER-II**

### **OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee thoroughly discussed all the paras under the grant nos 48 & 67 (Horticulture) and observed the action taken report on the recommendations of the DRSC on Development (B) Departments for the year 2024-25. After threadbear discussion the Committee admitted recommendations made as under.

#### **GRANT NO. 48**

1. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendatin no. 2 to incorporate the APART project (Assam Millet and Assam Fodder Mission Schemes) in the State Budget for the FY 2025-26.

Further, the Committee recommended that the concerned department should take initiatives to complete the construction of ADO offices and Knowledge Centers in the State under the APART Project.

2. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation no. 3 regarding relaxation of moisture content limit in Assam from 8% to 12% for procurement Mustard seed at MSP by the Govt. of Assam.
3. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation no. 7 regarding Crop Insurance in the State which needs to be settled within a specific time.
4. During the course of discussion, the Committee observed that the distribution of fertilizers in Kharupetia is not adequately maintained by the Department.

Therefore, the Committee recommended that the Department should undertake an enquiry about it and take steps for equal distribution of fertilizers among the farmers.

5. The Committee observed that there are not sufficient numbers of cold storage in the State as a result; farmers lost their capitals during the peak season of crop and vegetable cultivation.

Therefore, the Committee recommended that the Department should establish small cold rooms in each and every development block of the state.

6. During the meeting, the Committee observed that the level of commercialisation of agricultural products among the small farmers in the State is very low.

Therefore, the Committee recommended that the Department should initiate necessary awareness programmes among the farmers to popularise multiple cropping and business oriented farming across the State.

7. During the course of discussion, the Committee observed that the hybrid seeds supplied by the Department are not properly germinated subject to loss of the farmers during cultivation.

Therefore, the Committee recommended that Department should supply good quality seeds to the farmers for more production. The committee also recommended for the preservation of local breeds to boost the yields and ensuring healthy crops.

8. The Committee observed that the state is still lacking behind in application of Agricultural machineries and tools in the field of Agriculture.

Therefore, the Committee recommended for establishment of a separate Engineering Directorate for massive application of Agricultural machineries, improvement of irrigation process and the products.

9. The Committee observed that farmers often burn haystack after harvesting of crops to clear their fields for the next crop causing air pollution and causes health hazards.

Therefore the Committee recommended that the Department should execute some new scheme to convert the haystack in-to "waste to wealth" promoting alternative uses of the haystack for fodder, bio-fuel or bio-compost to control pollution and for healthy environment.

With these observations, the Committee recommended that the total amount of Rs. 1,94,387.91 lakh as sought for, under Grant No. 48 ( Agriculture) for the Financial Year 2025-26 be approved by the August House.

The Action Taken Report on the recommendation may be submitted to the Committee within 90 (Ninety) days from the date of presentation of the Report in the House.

## **OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **GRANT No. 67 (HORTICULTURE)**

1. During the course of discussion, the Committee observed that there is a vast potential of horticulture and floriculture opportunities in upper Assam districts like Sivsagar and Tinsukia.

Therefore, the Committee recommended that the Agriculture Department should take initiatives for cultivation of flowers and exotic foods in these Districts and provide necessary transport facilities and subsidies to the farmers for transportation of flowers, exotic foods to other places.

2. The Committee observed that there is a huge potential of Pineapple, Bananas, Jackfruit, Ginger, Citrus Lemon, Corn, Sugarcane and Turmeric in different parts of Assam.

Therefore, the Committee recommended the Department to take all possible steps to increase the promotion, production and exportation of these to other the States and abroad.

3. During the course of discussion, the Committee observed that marginal and small farmers cannot afford the transport cost for carrying their products to the market.

Therefore, the Committee recommended that the transport cost subsidy should be granted to the marginal farmers to reduce wastage of vegetables.

With these observations, the Committee recommended that the total amount of Rs. 21,718.80 lakh as sought for, under Grant No. 67 (Horticulture & Food Processing) for the Financial Year 2025-26 be approved by the August House.

The Action Taken Report on the recommendation may be submitted to the Committee within 90 (Ninety) days from the date of presentation of the Report in the House.

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## ANNEXURE -I

# **ACTION TAKEN REPORT FURNISHED ON THE OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN TWENTY SIXTH REPORT OF THE DRSC ON DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENTS FOR 2024-25**

DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURE, ASSAM

GRANT NO. 48

Sl.No	Observation and recommendations	Action Taken Report
1	<p>During the course of discussion the committee observes that the cadre of Agriculture Development Officer (ADO) and Agriculture Extension worker at district level are lying vacant as there are the most vital extension functionaries at field level.</p> <p>Therefore the committee recommended that these vacant posts should be fulfilled immediately.</p>	<p>For filling up the vacancies of Agriculture Development Officer (ADO) posts APSC has already been communicated vide letter No. E-494230/1 dated 21/05/2021. The vacancies which are likely to arise in due course will also be informed for inclusion in APSC Calendar accordingly. APSC has not declared any schedule for conduct of examination for selection of candidate to the post of ADO.</p> <p>A total of 1880 numbers of vacancy of Agriculture Development Assistant (AEA) has been placed at SLRC vide letter no. E-494230/1-A dated 21/05/2024.</p> <p>SLRC has already completed the written examination for the post of Grade-III cadre (including AEA), but till date selection of candidate is yet to be declared.</p>
2.	<p>The Committee observes that APART project is scheduled to be closed in September.</p> <p>Therefore, the committee recommended that the Assam Millet and Assam Fodder Mission Schemes should be included in the State Budget for the FY 2024-25. The committee also recommends that an amount of Rs. 20.75 Crore under SOPD and 6.92 Crore from Govt. of India under Millet Mission and Rs. 7.00 Crore under SOPD and Rs. 10.25 Crore from Govt. of India under Assam Fodder Mission should be incorporated in the State Budget for the FY 2024-25.</p>	<p>Under SOPD Head creation for both the Mission i.e. Special State Mission for Millet and Pulses (2401-01-108-6018-000-19-99-SOPD-G-V-GA) &amp; Assam Fodder Mission (2401-01-108-6019-000-19-99-SOPD-G-V-GA) has been done.</p> <p>Supplementary budget demand for SOPD share has been placed for budget allocation for an amount of Rs. 2074.77 lakh for Special State Mission for Millet and Pulses and for an amount of Rs. 699.96 lakh for Assam Fodder Mission. SD proposal for the above mentioned amounts of Rs. 2074.77 lakh and Rs. 699.96 lakh have been submitted to the Govt. but not retained. CF proposal also submitted for State Mission for Millet and pulses for an amount of Rs. 2074.77 lakh but not received. An amount of Rs. 6.92 Crore has already been included in the Annual Action Plan (AAP) of RKVY, 2024-25 under Millets and Rs. 10.25 Crore has also been included in the AAP of RKVY, 2024-25 under Fodder.</p> <p>Under RKVY, 2024-25, an area of 11,668 Ha has been covered by different millets viz. finger millets (2917 ha), foxtail millets (2917 ha), pearl millets (2917 ha) and sorghum (2917 ha). District wise break up is given at Annexure-I. Fodder Maize has been implemented in 26 districts covering 21926 ha area on the basis of availability of crossbreed female cows in the districts. The district wise break up is given at Annexure -II.</p>

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3	<p>During the course of discussion, the Committee observed that as per the guidelines of Govt. of India, maximum moisture content for procurement of Mustard at MSP is being fixed at 8%. But due to the climatic condition of the State moisture content, saleable Mustard seed cannot be brought below 12%.</p> <p>Therefore, the committee recommended that Govt. of India may be intimated by the Govt. of Assam for allowing a relaxation in moisture content limit from 8% to 12% in case of Mustard seed considering the climatic condition of Assam.</p>	<p>The procurement of Rapeseed &amp; Mustard throughout the country is carried out as per the Price Support Scheme (PSS) guidelines of 2018, circulated by Govt. of India to the States/UTs. As per the above PSS guidelines, the maximum quantity of 25% of its total production could be procured by a State/UT on behalf of the Central Nodal Agency (NAFED).</p> <p>The acceptable moisture is 8% only for all the procuring State/UT as per PSS guidelines. The Govt. of Assam during the RMS 2022-23 along with a detail report from Assam Agricultural University (AAU) requested the Govt. of India for relaxation of moisture content, but Govt. of India denied permission vide letter F No. L-15016/41/2023-MSP (e-125794), dated 10.07.2023.</p> <p>The matter has also been raised in the meeting of Commission for Agricultural Cost and Prices (CACP) for Rabi crops held in the Conference Hall of old CM Block on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma, Chairman, CACP.</p>
4.	<p>During the course of discussion the Committee observes that while promoting FPO/FPCs in Agriculture Sector by various agencies of Govt. of India and Govt. of Assam, there is every chance of duplicity over the clusters.</p> <p>Therefore, the Committee recommends that a Central Agency is to be notified by the Govt. of Assam to monitor promotion of FPO/FPCs by different agencies of Central and State Govt.</p>	<p>FPO management Unit already notified at Directorate of Agriculture, Assam and approved by Commissioner and to the Secretary to the Government of Assam, Agriculture Department &amp; APC vide Order No. Agri/APART/MISC/114/2023-24/13 dated 21/10/2024 placed at Annexure-III.</p>
5.	<p>The Committee observes that latest hybrid cold rooms are essential in Agriculture sector.</p> <p>Therefore, the Committee recommends that a massive awareness programme should be launched among the farmers/entrepreneurs.</p>	<p>In the Annual Action Plan (AAP) of Horticulture Mission for North East &amp; Himalayan States (HMNEH) 2024-25, there is a provision for construction of 2 nos of Cold Storage having 500 &amp; 1000 MT Capacity, 15 no of cold room having 30 MT capacity &amp; 8 no of Pre-cooling unit having 6MT at 50% Govt. subsidy. At present construction of Cold storage of 3000MT is going on near Pamohi under Kamrup (M). In this year, 17 LAC can be covered depending upon demand of interested farmers/agri-entrepreneurs of concerned LAC and rest of the LAC will be covered in phase manner. In the current financial year 2024-25, construction of 7 nos of Pre-cooling house in the districts of Darrang &amp; Udalguri and 5 nos of cold rooms in the Districts of Darrang, Udalguri &amp; Kamrup (M) have been completed under HMNEH scheme. Financial sanctions are accorded for constructions of Cold storage having capacity of 2000 MT at Jorhat and 3000 MT at Sonitpur.</p>

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6	<p>During the course of discussion the Committee observes that Agriculture Knowledge Center in Lumding and Tamulpur are not functional even after completion of construction works.</p> <p>Therefore, the Committee recommends that the concerned department should take initiative to make functional Agriculture Knowledge Center in Lumding and Tamulpur.</p>	<p>1. The Knowledge Centre at Kaki, Hojai district has been completed and furniture's has been supplied on 06/10/2024 and handed over to DAO. The site has also been inspected by Dri Dadul Kakoti, Under Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Department.</p> <p>2. The Knowledge Centre at Kumarikata, Baksa District has been completed and furniture's has been supplied on 21/10/2024 and handed over to DAO. The Knowledge Centre with Training Hall serves as an ADO office and also as a Training Centre for farmers where Training on latest farming methods/technplogy are imparted to the farmers.ADO, Kumarikata has been using the office for day to day works and some training programmes have already been organized in the training hall of the Knowledge Centre.</p>
7	<p>During the course of discussion the Committee observes that the farmers did not get Crops Insurance within specific time.</p> <p>Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Crops Insurance should be settled within specific time.</p>	<p>PMFBY is executed and implemented on the basis of Operational Guidelines issued by Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Farmer Welfare, Govt. of India. Crop Insurance is time bound scheme and enrolment of farmers cannot be done after cutoff date. For Rabi 24-25 crop season the cutoff date for notified crop is-</p> <p>Summer Paddy: -15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025  Sugarcane: -15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025  Maize: -31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2024  Potato: -31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2024 and  Mustard: -31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2024</p> <p>Therefore, strict timeline is followed for farmers' enrolment under the scheme and prior consultation is taken from Districts regarding crop sown area for notified for notified crops and other inputs before releasing Notification.Claim till Kharif 2023 has already been disbursed through Digi Claim module on <a href="http://pmfby.gov.in">pmfby.gov.in</a> portal directly to the bank account of all eligible farmers.The Claim settlement for Rabi 23 season will be completed by March 2025.</p>
8	<p>During the course of discussion the Committee observes that large scale of paddy crops has been damaged by infestation of pests/ insects destroying the plant.</p> <p>Therefore, the Committee recommends that a research work should be taken up by the Assam Agriculture University to prevent the infestation of pests/insects in paddy crops.</p>	<p>Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat has conducted extensive research for effective management of rice insect pests and diseases in last decade and some of the significant findings towards Development of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies to reduce reliance on chemical pesticides includes-</p> <p><b>A.MONITORING AND DECISION MAKING:</b>Management practices has to be adopted when the insect pests and disease incidence parameters reaches the Economic Threshold Level (ETLs) at different cropping stages viz. main field after transplantation and active tillering stage, boot leaf to heading stages mentioned in Package of Practice (PoP), Kharif 2023.</p>

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8		<p>Moreover, IPM module for pest management (Page No. 139): Integrated Rodent Management practices for Rice Hispa Management (Page No. 31) etc. developed and recommended based on extensive research in Package of Practice (PoP), Kharif 2023 could also be adopted.</p> <p><b>B. VARIETAL RESISTANCE:</b></p> <p>Research achievements in development the resilience</p> <p>Of rice crops against major insect pests and diseases includes-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed and recommended a rice variety AAU-200 (JRASM 200-3-19-6), which is an early maturing and leaf folder (<i>Cnaphlocrosismedinalis</i>) resistant variety with yield at par with parent Ranjit Sub 1.</li> <li>AAU-TTB-Dhan 42 (Patkai) has been develop to confer resistance to bacterial blight of rice.</li> <li>Moreover, AAU had developed a climate resilient Drought tolerant Rice variety AAU-TTB Dhan-45 recommended for all the zones of Assam.</li> </ul> <p><b>C. CULTURAL PRACTICES INCLUDING NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT:</b></p> <p>Following integrated nutrient management practices are to be adopted for the effective management of rice pests-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply compost (@ 1 ton/ha) along with <i>Azospirillum</i> and PSB as root-dip treatment in rice under organic agriculture</li> <li>Apply 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of recommended N with full dose of PK as basal and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of N at active tillering stage followed by foliar application of Nano Urea @ 4ml/liter at maximum tillering and PI stage in <i>kharif rice</i></li> <li>Apply 50% Basal DAP (100% recommended NPK) with Root Dip Treatment (RDT) of Nano DAP @ 5ml/lit followed by Foliar Spray Nano DAP @ 4ml/lit at 30DAT in <i>kharif rice</i></li> <li>Fertilizer prescription equations are proposed for recommendation along with Ready Reckoners for 50q/ha target under chemical fertilizers alone and chemical + FYM/vermicompost/enriched compost etc.</li> <li>Other practices to confer resistance against pests of rice includes application of Silicon (Orthosilicic acid granule) @ 20kg/ha each at maximum tillering and at early flowering stages of rice.</li> </ul>


		<p><b>D. BIOLOGICAL CONTROL PRACTICES:</b></p> <p>Sustainable protection practices to protect the environment and ensure food safety includes-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Bio control based IPM against foliar (Leaf folder, Rice hispa, Case worm), borers (Rice stem borer) and sucking pests (Green leaf hopper, Rice bug, Melay bug, Thrips) pests has been developed and the following measures are to be followed.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Two sprays of NSKE-5% (4ml/l) at 30 and 55 DAT against foliar and sucking pest</li> <li>ii) Erection of T-perches (bird perches) @ 50 Nos/ha (7Nos/bigha). T-perches should be placed 2ft (60cm) above crop canopy as resting site for insectivore birds, which are to be removed before flowering in order to prevent activities of grainivorous birds.</li> <li>iii) Six releases of <i>Trichogrammajaponicum</i> and <i>T. Chilonis</i> @50,000 Nos/ha (6700 Nos/bigha at 10 days interval starting from 25 DAT against rice stem borer and leaf folder, respectfully.</li> </ol> </li> <li>* Apply <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (<math>1 \times 10^8</math> cfu/g) @ 10 kg/ha before sowing to control rice root knot nematode (<i>Meloidogynegraminicola</i>). The bioagent should be enriched in well decomposed FYM (10kg in 200kg FYM) before application.</li> </ul> <p><b>E. CHEMICAL CONTRL PRACTICES:</b> New generation pesticides recommended recently are-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Two sprays of Chlorantraniliprole 18.5 SC @ 150 ml in 500 lit of water for 1ha (20ml in 67 lit of water for 1 bigha) at E.T.I. and 20 days after first spraying is effective in managing rice stem borer and rice leaf folder population.</li> <li>* Two sprays of Cartap Hydrochloride 50 Sc@ 2 ml/lit at 30 and 50 days after transplanting can be applied against stem borer and leaf folder.</li> <li>* Based on the toxicity profile, the insecticide Chlorantraniliprole 18.5 SC may also be advised to apply against ear cutting caterpillar.</li> <li>* Application of neem oil 1.5 ml/kg gives effective protection of stored paddy seed against storage insect pests for up to 9 months without affecting germination.</li> </ul> <p>For rodent pest management in rice, baiting with bromadiolone (0.005%) at panicle initiation stage followed by local bamboo traps (<i>Endurchitap</i>) @ 30 traps/ha (4 traps/bigha) at milky stage should be used which gives up to 65-70% reduction in rodent population.</p>
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**Annexure-I**

District wise allotment of Millets area and seeds under RKVY during 2024-25


Sl No	District	Finger Millet		Foxtail Millet		Pearl Millet		Sorghum	
		Area (ha)	Seed (Qtl)	Area(ha)	Seed (Qtl)	Area(ha)	Seed (Qtl)	Area(ha)	Seed (Qtl)
1	Barpeta	300	36	300	36.00	300	15.00	300	36.00
2	Biswanath	200	24	200	24.00	200	10.00	200	24.00
3	Chirang	100	12	100	12.00	100	5.00	100	12.00
4	Cachar	30	3.6	30	3.60	30	1.50	30	3.60
5	Charaideo	30	3.6	30	3.60	30	1.50	30	3.60
6	Darrang	50	6	50	6.00	50	2.50	50	6.00
7	Dhemaji	50	6	50	6.00	50	2.50	50	6.00
8	Dhubri	250	30	250	30.00	250	12.50	250	30.00
9	Dibrugarh	15	1.8	15	1.80	15	0.75	15	1.80
10	Goalpara	220	26.4	220	26.40	220	11.00	220	26.40
11	Golaghat	217	26.04	217	26.04	217	10.85	217	26.04
12	Hailakandi	50	6	50	6.00	50	2.50	50	6.00
13	Hojai	20	2.4	20	2.40	20	1.00	20	2.40
14	Jorhat	100	12	100	12.00	100	5.00	100	12.00
15	Kamrup (M)	10	1.2	10	1.20	10	0.50	10	1.20
16	Kamrup (R)	200	24	200	24.00	200	10.00	200	24.00
17	Karimganj	15	1.8	15	1.80	15	0.75	15	1.80
18	Lakhimpur	50	6	50	6.00	50	2.50	50	6.00
19	Majuli	50	6	50	6.00	50	2.50	50	6.00
20	Morigaon	100	12	100	12.00	100	5.00	100	12.00
21	Nagaon	150	18	150	18.00	150	7.50	150	18.00
22	Nalbari	50	6	50	6.00	50	2.50	50	6.00
23	Sivsagar	10	1.2	10	1.20	10	0.50	10	1.20
24	Sonitpur	100	12	100	12.00	100	5.00	100	12.00
25	Tinsukia	100	12	100	12.00	100	5.00	100	12.00
26	Baksa	100	12	100	12.00	100	5.00	100	12.00
27	Kokrajhar	100	12	100	12.00	100	5.00	100	12.00
28	Udalguri	100	12	100	12.00	100	5.00	100	12.00
29	Karbi Anglong	150	18	150	18.00	150	7.50	150	18.00
	Total	2917	350.04	2917	350.04	2917	145.85	2917	350.04

  
 Deputy Director of Agriculture (Seeds)  
 & Nodal Officer, RKVY/KY  
 Directorate of Agriculture, Assam

Annexure-II

District wise allotment of Fodder Maize areas and seeds under RKVY, 2024-25:

Sl No	District	Area(ha)	Seed (Qtl)
1	Barpeta	1000	600
2	Biswanath Chariali	846	507.6
3	Bongaigaon	846	507.6
4	Cachar	846	507.6
5	Charaideo	700	420
6	Darrang	925	555
7	Dhemaji	900	540
8	Dhubri	900	540
9	Goalpara	846	507.6
10	Golaghat	915	549
11	Hailakandi	846	507.6
12	Hojai	846	507.6
13	Jorhat	846	507.6
14	Kamrup (M)	846	507.6
15	Kamrup (R)	870	522
16	Lakhimpur	846	507.6
17	Majuli	200	120
18	Morigaon	845	507
19	Nagaon	1200	720
20	Nalbari	800	480
21	Sivsagar	827	496.2
22	Sonitpur	846	507.6
23	South Salmara	846	507.6
24	Karbi Anglong E	846	507.6
25	Karbi Anglong W	846	507.6
26	Kokrajhar	846	507.6
	Total	21926	13155.6

  
 Deputy Director of Agriculture (Seeds)  
 & Nodal Officer, RKVY/KY  
 Directorate of Agriculture, Assam

Annexure - III

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Cmptd. Gauhati 781006 (Assam, India)

Dated 21/10/2023

## Office Order: FPO Management Unit

For and on behalf of the Government of Assam, for and be responsible for the hand-hold and conduct the activities of the FPC's in Assam

S.N.	Designation	Assign As
1.	Director of Agriculture	Chairperson
2.	Director of Horticulture & F.P.	Co-chairperson
3.	Officer not below the rank of ADG, Department of Agriculture	Nodal Officer
4.	Officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer, Agriculture	Member (technical): Finance
5.	Officer not below the rank of SDAO, Department of Agriculture	Member (technical): Mechanization
6.	Officer not below the rank of SDAO, Department of Horticulture & F.P.	Alt. Nodal Officer
7.	Officer not below the rank of SDAO, Department of Horticulture & F.P.	Member (technical): Horticulture Crops
8.	Officer not below the rank of SDAO, Department of Horticulture & F.P.	Member (technical): Agri inputs
9.	Officer not below the rank of SDAO, Department of Horticulture & F.P.	Member (technical): Marketing
10.	Officer not below the rank of SDAO, Department of Horticulture & F.P.	Member (technical): Procurement

For and on behalf of the Government of Assam, for and be responsible for the hand-hold and conduct the activities of the FPC's in Assam

## Terms of Reference of FPO Management Unit:

1. Monitoring and handholding the FPC through District officers
2. Advising and guiding the operations of FPCs and District Agricultural Offices to FPCs in the district
3. To provide technical assistance in aggregation, primary processing etc.
4. To provide technical assistance in marketing enabling them to avail warehouse facilities
5. To provide technical linkages for the production of FPCs
6. To provide technical assistance in developing various schemes
7. To provide technical linkages of FPCs with banks and financial institutions for credit linkages.
8. Training and capacity building of FPCs on compliances, accounts & book keeping, governance, crop production, farm mechanization, post harvest management and marketing etc.
9. To provide technical assistance of various other agencies if any as applicable
10. To provide technical assistance in various schemes of Govt. of India Govt. of Assam.
11. To provide technical assistance in promoting institutions for smooth implementation of FPCs program in the district
12. To provide technical assistance in holding meetings with the FPC BODs, promoting institutions and other agencies for the progress and suggesting ways & means for further improvement

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,  
Agri. Deptt. and APC

For and on behalf of the Government of Assam, for and be responsible for the hand-hold and conduct the activities of the FPC's in Assam

## ANNEXURE-II

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT IN RESPECT OF AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup>  
OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE OF DEVELOPMENT (B)  
DEPARTMENT, ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, FOR THE YEAR 2024-25.**

**GRANT NO.67**

Point No	Observation	Recommendation	Action Taken Report
1	During the course of discussion, the Committee observed that the growers are not getting actual price of the product due to lack of storage facilities although the production of horticultural crops are going up day by day.	Therefore, the Committee recommended that there should be at least one Hybrid cold storage of capacity 10-12 tons storing the agricultural products in each LAC	<p>In the Annual Action Plan (AAP) of Horticulture Mission for North East &amp; Himalayan States (HMNEH) 2024-25, there is a provision for construction of 2 no of Cold storage having 5000 &amp; 1000 MT Capacity, 15 no of cold room having 30 MT capacity &amp; 8 no of Pre-cooling unit having 6MT at 50% govt subsidy. At present, construction of Cold storage of 3000MT is going on near Pamohi under Kamrup (M). In this year, 17 LACs can be covered depending upon demand of interested farmers/agri-entrepreneurs of concerned LAC and rest of the LACs will be covered in phase manner.</p> <p>In the current financial year 2024-25, construction of 7 no of Pre-cooling house in the districts of Darrang &amp; Udalguri and 5 no cold rooms in the districts of Darrang, Udalguri &amp; Kamrup(M) have been completed under HMNEH scheme. Financial sanctions are accorded for construction of Cold storages having capacity of 2000 MT at Jorhat and 3000 MT at Sonitpur.</p>
2	The Committee observed that Kaji Nemu (Citrus lemon) , a variety of seedless lemon has been declared officially as the State Fruit of Assam on 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 and being the GI tagged in 2019. So, anticipating the possible opportunity for business and export and to popularize and grow interest among tourists.	Therefore, the Committee recommended that the Department should take necessary steps for displaying /showcasing Kaji Nemu in lobby of each and every 3,4 & 5 star hotels and to serve Kaji Nemu in different cuisines of other restaurants having food-and-lodging facilities of Assam.	<p>The Directorate of Horticulture &amp; FP, Assam communicated the Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Deptt of Agriculture to circulate a notification for displaying/showcasing Kaji Nemu in the lobby of each and every 3,4 &amp; 5 star hotels in the state and serving Kaji nemu with different cuisines served in different hotels and restaurants of the state.</p> <p>Department of Agriculture, Assam has circulated a notification among all 3,4 &amp; 5 Star Hotels in Assam to display/showcasing kaji Nemu in their lobbies and Restaurants to serve Kaji Nemu with different cuisines as promotional programme vide letter no.AGRI-18016/32/2024/35 Dated-08/07/2024 (Notification enclosed at Annexure-I)</p>

			<p><b><u>Steps taken by DH&amp;FP for promotion of value added products of Assam Lemon-</u></b></p> <p>i) Subsidy provided under HMNEH to M/s Bhogali Jalpan, Industrial Park, Chaygaon for preparation of Assam Lemon juice and M/s Pustikar Beverages Ltd. Tihu for preparation of Assam Lemon juice &amp; Powdered Lemon Zest for using in bakery products, cosmetic etc.</p> <p>ii) Subsidy provided under MOVCD-NER to M/s IORA Agro. Kaziranga for preparation of Assam Lemon juice and powdered lemon zest in collaboration with Bokakhat Agro Organic Producer Company Ltd.</p>
3	During the course of discussion, the Committee observed that due to the fragmented land holdings in most of the parts of Assam, double cropping has not been possible like some other states of India. So in Assam particularly in Upper Assam where only one crop is done, double or multiple cropping may be adopted by land reconciliation	Therefore, the Committee recommended that a joint meeting may be convened among the respective departments with the Revenue and Disaster Management Department along with other concerned departments for land reconciliation to adopt double cropping or multiple cropping.	At the present scenario, land reconciliation may not be possible for adopting double or multiple cropping. Alternately, to overcome the issue of fragmented land holding in the state, Farmers Producer Companies (FPC)/Co-operative Societies may be formed involving at least 300-1000 fragmented land holders to undertake double or multiple cropping. While FPC formation, emphasis will be given to the upper Assam where vast cultivable areas remain fallow after harvesting of Sali paddy. At present, there are 556 no of registered FPCs working in Agriculture and Allied sectors. Some of them are already practicing double or multiple cropping in different districts of Assam by bring fragmented landholders under the umbrella of FPC/Co-operative Society. Directorate of Agriculture has targeted to cover approx 1,00,000 ha of Rice Fallow area for pulse & oil seed crops cultivation under NFSM & NSFM-Oil Seed in the FY 2024-25.
4	During the course of discussion, the Committee observed that marginal and small farmers cannot afford the transport cost for carrying their products to the market.	Therefore the Committee recommended that the committee recommended that transport cost subsidy should be granted to the marginal farmers to reduce wastage of vegetables.	<p>Earlier transport subsidy was provided to the farmers to sale their process in nearby markets by the marketing wing of Agriculture Department but the same has been discontinued. The Deputy Director of Agriculture (Marketing) is communicated vide Letter no. Hort.FP /DRSC/135/2018-19/13 dtd.22/04/2024</p> <p>(Letter enclosed at Annexure-II) to take up the matter with higher authority to re-introduce transport subsidy to the farmers for greater interest of the farming community of the state.</p>



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Annexure-I

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ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

17 JUL 2024

Dated 8 July 2024

No: AGRI-18016/32/2024/35 Whereas, the Cabinet Decision, dated 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, followed by the formal declaration in the Assam Legislative Assembly on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, the Governor of Assam declared "Kaji Nemu" (Scientific name Citrus limon), popularly known as 'Assam Lemon' and recipient of "GI Tag" (Geographical Indication Tag) as "Jatiya Phal" (State fruit of Assam),

-AND-

Whereas, the 26<sup>th</sup> Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) in its meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 recommended for displaying /showcasing Kaji Nemu in lobby of each and every 3, 4 & 5-Star Hotels & serve with different cuisines in Restaurants in Assam.

Therefore, the Governor of Assam is pleased to direct all 3, 4 and 5-Star Hotels operating in Assam to display /showcase Kaji Nemu in their lobbies and Restaurants to serve Kaji Nemu with different cuisines as a promotional programme which will create business opportunity and grow interest among tourists towards the Jatiya Phal, i.e Kaji Nemu.

By order of the Governor of Assam,

Signed by

Tej Prasad Bhusal

Date: 08-07-2024 12:29:38

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Agriculture Department

Memo No: AGRI-18016/32/2024/35-A

Dated 8 July 2024

Copy to:

1. All Administrative Departments, Govt. of Assam for information and necessary action.
2. The Principal Secretary, Tourism Department, Assam for information and necessary action.
3. PPS to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam for information.
4. The Director of Agriculture, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati – 22 for information.
5. The Director of Horticulture and Food Processing Assam, Guwahati – 22 for information.
6. The Director of Information and Public Relations, Assam for wide publicity of this notification.
7. The District Commissioner, All Districts for information and necessary action.
8. The Commissioner of Food Safety, Assam for necessary action.
9. The Commissioner, Guwahati Municipal Corporation.
10. P.S to Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture etc. for kind appraisal of Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture.
11. P.S to Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Department kind appraisal of Secretary.
12. The General Manager, all 3, 4 and 5-Star Hotels and restaurants functioning in Assam, they are requested to strictly follow the above order.
13. The Deputy Director, Assam Govt. Press, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21. He is requested to publish the above notification in the next issue of Assam Gazette.

(e-signed)

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Agriculture Department

Annexure-II

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
DIRECTORATE OF HORTICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING  
ASSAM:KHANAPARA:GUWAHATI-22

No: Hort.FP/DRSC/135/2018-19/13

Dated 22/04/2024

To

The Deputy Director of Agriculture (Marketing)  
Department of Agriculture  
Khanapara, Guwahati-22

Sub: Transport Cost Subsidy for marginal and small farmers –regarding

Sir,

With reference to the above subject, I would like to inform you that, in the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> Departmentally Related Standing Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024, it is recommended that Transport Cost subsidy should be granted to the marginal and small farmers who cannot afford transport cost, to reduce wastage of vegetables.

I, therefore, request you kindly to take up the matter with the competent authority and submit the action taken report to the undersigned to place the same in the next DRSC meeting.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully



Director of Horticulture & FP  
Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22  
Dated 25/04/2026

Memo No: Hort.FP/DRSC/135/2018-19/13-A

Copy to:

The Director of Agriculture, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information.



Director of Horticulture & FP  
Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22

## ANNEXURE: III

### ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

#### NOTIFICATION

The 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2025

NO. LADRSC (B).1/2025/1 : In pursuance of the Rule 260 (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 (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.

1. Shri Ramendra Narayan Kalita, M.L.A	Chairman
2. Shri Atul Bora, M.L.A	Member
3. Shri Siddhartha Bhattacharya, M.L.A	Member
4. Shri Bhabesh Kalita, M.L.A	Member
5. Shri Sushanta Borgohain, M.L.A	Member
6. Shri Manab Deka, M.L.A	Member
7. Shri Debabrata Saikia, M.L.A	Member
8. Shri Wazed Ali Choudhury, M.L.A	Member
9. Shri Abdur Rashid Mandal, M.L.A	Member
10. Shri Aminul Islam (Sr.), M.L.A	Member
11. Shri Mazibur Rahman, M.L.A	Member
12. Shri Durga Das Boro, M.L.A	Member
13. Shri Jolen Daimary, M.L.A	Member

And in pursuance of Rule 260 (3) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Speaker has been pleased to appoint **Shri Ramendra Narayan Kalita, M.L.A** and Member of the Committee as the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) 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.

Dated Dispur, the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2025

Memo No. LADRSC (B) 1/2025 2-14

Copy forwarded for favour of information and necessary action to :

1. The Ramendra Narayan Kalita, M.L.A & Chairman, Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Department, Assam Legislative Assembly for favour of his kind information.
2. All Members of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly for favour of kind information.
3. The Director, Assam Government Press, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati -21 for favour of publication of the Notification in the next issue of the Assam Gazette in Part -I. 5 (five) spare copies of the same may please be supplied to this Secretariat for record.
4. The Principal Accountant General, Assam, etc., Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati-28 for information.
5. The Secretary to Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for placing it before the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for favour of his kind information.
6. The OSD to Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for placing it before the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker for favour of his kind information.
7. The Private Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition, Assam Legislative Assembly for placing the same before the Leader of the Opposition for favour of his kind information.
8. The Private Secretary to Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly for information of the Secretary.
9. The Chief Reporter Cum- Editor of debate & Ex- Officio Joint secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly for information and necessary action.
10. The OSD (Joint Secretary) In- Charge Nazarat Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly for information and necessary action.
11. The Senior Financial Adviser, In-Charge Accounts Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly for information and necessary action.
12. The In-Charge, Website Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat for Information.
13. The Officers in-Charge of all Legislature Committees, Assam Legislative Assembly for favour of information.

Additional Secretary,  
Assam Legislative Assembly.