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**DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE
ON DEVELOPMENT (G) DEPARTMENTS
2025-2026**

**FIFTEENTH
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**Report on Demands for the Grant No. 50
For the year 2025-2026**

**DEPARTMENT : BORDER PROTECTION AND
DEVELOPMENT**

FIRST REPORT

Presented to the House on 21st March, 2025

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

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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED
STANDING COMMITTEE ON
DEVELOPMENT (G) DEPARTMENTS,
2025-26**

CHAIRMAN:

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| 1. | Shri Rupak Sarmah, | MLA |
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MEMBERS:

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| 2. | Shri Terash Gowalla, | MLA |
| 3. | Shri Phanidhar Talukdar, | MLA |
| 4. | Shri Hemanga Thakuria, | MLA |
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| 9. | Shri Bhaskar Jyoti Baruah, | MLA |
| 10. | Shri Khalil Uddin Mazumder, | MLA |
| 11. | Shri Abdul Aziz, | MLA |
| 12. | Shri Zakir Hussain Laskar, | MLA |
| 13. | Shri Akhil Gogoi, | MLA |

SECRETARIAT

1. Shri Dulal Pegu, Secretary,
2. Smti. Bhashwatie Borah Rajguru, Deputy Secretary,
3. Smti. Susmita Das , OSD (Under Secretary),
4. Dr. Kanun Basumatary, Under Secretary,
5. Shri Achyut Sarma, Committee Officer,
6. Shri Pankaj Kumar Sarma, OSD to MLA Hostel.

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INTRODUCTION

1. I, the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (G) Departments having been authorized by the Committee to present the **First Report** on their behalf on the demands for **Grant no. 50** relating to **Border Protection & Development Department** for the financial year 2025-2026.
2. The committee took evidence of the Government representatives on **13th March, 2025**.
3. The Committee wishes to place its thanks to the representatives of concerned Department who appeared before the Committee and placed their considered views and notes. The Committee also like to thanks the Department for furnishing the replies on the points raised by the Committee.
4. The report was considered and adopted by the Committee at their sitting held on **17th March, 2025**.
5. The Committee also expresses its thanks to the officers and staff of the Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat, who devoted their time and energy in processing and compilation of the report within a very short span of time for their Secretarial assistance & co-operation.

Dispur :

The 17th March, 2025

RUPAK SARMAH

Chairman,

Departmentally Related Standing
Committee on Development (G) Departments,
Assam Legislative Assembly.

CHAPTER - I

GRANT NO.50 (Border Protection & Development)

1. The total allocation of fund in respect of the Grant No. 50 for administration of Home (Border Protection & Development) during the Financial Year 2025-26 is as follows:

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In Lakhs)
VOTED	410.05	2549.55	2959.60
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

•	2575	Other Special Area Programmes	410.05
•	4575	Capital outlay on Special Areas Programmes	2549.55
•		Grand Total	2959.60

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

Brief Note of Grant No. - 50

Border Areas Department was created in 1988 and Grant No. 50 is towards development of backward border areas of Assam. It was renamed as Border Protection and Development Department in 2017. There is a Directorate under the administrative control of Border Protection and Development Department. The main objective of Border Protection and Development Department is to provide minimum basic amenities like construction of Roads/Bridges. Drinking water, school building, market shed, community halls etc. to the people residing in the Interstate and International Border areas of Assam.

1. The total length of Interstate border areas of Assam is 2743.1 Km shares with Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura and West Bengal. For development of Inter-state border areas, schemes are taken up in 24 districts having inter-state boundary. Border Development Activities are taken up in the interstate border areas for upliftment of the socio-economic status of the bordering population. Fund is also provided to the existing BOPs for better security. New BOPs are also constructed to save the life and property of the bordering population as well as to protect the territorial boundary.
2. The International Border Areas of Assam cover total nine (9) districts. The length of Indo-Bhutan Border is 265.80KM and districts are Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa, Tamulpur and Udalguri. The length of Indo-Bangladesh Border is 267.30 KM and the name of the districts are Dhubri, South Salmara-Mankachar, Cachar and Karimganj for development of International Border Areas. Govt. of India, MHA implements BADP (Border Areas Development Programme) and funding pattern is 90:10. Under this programme, infrastructural development schemes have been taken in the border areas within 0-10 km from the international boundary.
3. New schemes launched by the Government Schemes have been taken in 24 district sharing inter-state borders and 9 districts of international Indo-

Bangladesh and Indo Bhutan borders of the state.

The new scheme for providing Grants-in-Aid to the existing BOPS along the inter-state border was taken up during the FY 2022-23 for infrastructure upgrades and maintenance of the BOPS. During the FY 2022-23 and 2023-24, Grants-in-Aid was provided for Rs. 3.70 Cr. to 74 BOPS and Rs. 2.85 Cr. to 57 BOPS @ Rs. 5.00 lakhs each respectively. During the current FY, an amount of Rs. 2.00 Cr. was provided to 40 BOPS @ Rs. 5.00 lacs each.

Fiscal Target achieved during the last three years:

The schematic expenditures of the last three years is mentioned below.(Rs. In lakh)

FY	Name of the Scheme	Budget Provision	Budget Utilised	Remarks
2022-23	BADP	4106.43	NIL	Fund not received from Gol.
	Border Development Activities	1125.00	1105.03	
	Border Out Posts	686.50	686.50	
	BOP Management Committee	370.01	370.00	
2023-24	BADP	2825.10	NIL	Fund not received from Gol
	Border Development Activities	989..99	989..99	
	Border Out Posts	180.00	180.00	
	BOP Management Committee	333.00	333.00	
2024-25	BADP	2842.00	Nil	Fund not received from Gol
	Border Development Activities	658.00	578.74	
	Border Out Posts	410.00	169.37	
	BOP Management Committee	240.00	200.00	

ACTION TAKEN REPORT GRANT NO. 50 (BORDER PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT)

S/N O.	Particulars	Action
1	Action Taken Report on the recommendations made by Committee in Its last report No.21 (Grant No. 50) of 2024-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Govt. in Border Protection and Development Department has taken necessary steps in coordination with the district administration, Special DGP Border and PWD (B) for construction of 50 new Border Out Posts (BOPs) along the inter-state boundary considering the seriousness of its necessities at the strategic locations to save the property and life of the bordering populations as well as the territorial boundary.• It is to be stated here that these BOPs will be constructed under Global Head of Account against Grant No. 17 of PWD (B) instead of the Grant No. 50 of Border Protection and Development Department due to inadequate budget provision of the Deptt.• Out of the 50 sanctioned BOPs, the sites of construction of 26 BOP fall inside Reserved Forests of Border Areas in the districts of Tinsukia, Udalguri, Jorhat, Charaideu, Lakhimpur, Biswanath, Kamrup(M), Sribhumi (Karimganj) and Cachar. It is to be stated that the BOPs to be

		<p>Constructed in Reserved Forest areas are to be developed as Border Forest Protection Out Posts(BFPOP)as per approval of the competent authority. Matter has been taken up with the Environment and Forest Department, Assam for finalization of the sites in close coordination with the jurisdictional District Commissioner and Superintendent of Police and works will be executed by Environment and Forest Department with the support of Public Works Department (Building)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of construction 24 nos of BOPs:- The following is the status :- i. For 6 nos of BOPs, Administrative Approval is already issued by P.W.D (Building). ii. Regarding remaining 18 nos of BOPs, PWD (B) sought site based estimatedue to the fund being short for some BOPs. This being a policy matter and therefore will need intervention at the highest level iii. 1(one) BOP at Dukurdisa, Karbi Anglong District is already nearing completion (80% completed) and likely to be completed and hand over by March, 2025. iv. 2 nos of BOPs at Sonapur and Nivang in Dima Hasao District have been re tendered as there were no bidders. v. 1 no of BOP at Boholting (near No. 2 Chutiakari),Jorhat District, work has been recently allotted to the contractor and work is likely to start. • 2 nos of BOPs i,e at Rongapahar Tila Basti, Dhansiri, Karbi Anglong
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		<p>District and Ougurijan under Sivasagar District , land had been allotted to PWD but works could not be started due to land disputes with Nagaland. Substitute sites for these BOPs are being explored. Further, a meeting has also been proposed for a Chief Secretary level meeting with Nagaland Counterpart at Guwahati where border issues will be discussed border issues including these two BOP issues for a suitable resolution, Govt. of Nagaland is yet to respond.</p>
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ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
NOTIFICATION

No. LA.DRSC.(G) 1/2025/01

Date Dispur the 1st February, 2025.

In pursuance of the Rule 260-I (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly has been pleased to nominate the following Members to constitute the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (G) Departments.

1. Shri Rupak Sarmah,	MLA & Chairman
2. Shri Terash Gowalla,	MLA & Member
3. Shri Phanidhar Talukdar,	MLA & Member
4. Shri Hemanga Thakuria,	MLA & Member
5. Smt. Suman Haripriya,	MLA & Member
6. Shri Dharmeswar Konwar,	MLA & Member
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12. Shri Zakir Hussain Laskar,	MLA & Member
13. Shri Akhil Gogoi,	MLA & Member

And in pursuance of Sub-Rule (3) of the Rule 260-I(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly has been pleased to appoint Shri Rupak Sarmah, MLA & Member of the Committee as the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (G) Departments.

The term of office of the Members of the Committee shall not exceed 1(one) year from the date constitution.

Sd/- D. Pegu
Secretary,

Assam Legislative Assembly.

Dated Dispur the 1st February, 2025.

Memo No. LA.DRSC. (G) 1/2025/ 02-14

Copy forwarded to:-

1. Shri Rupak Sarmah, MLA & Chairman, Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (G) Departments for favour of his kind information.
2. All Members of Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (G) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly for kind information.
3. The Private Secretary to the Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for placing the same before the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for favour of his kind information.
4. The O.S.D. to Deputy Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for placing the same before the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker for his kind information.
5. The Private Secretary to Leader of the Opposition, Assam Legislative Assembly for placing the same before the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition, Assam Legislative Assembly for favour of kind information.
6. The Private Secretary to Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly for his kind information.

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7. The Director, Assam Govt. Press, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21 for favour of publication of the above notification in the next issue of the Assam Gazette in Part-I. Five Spare copies of the same may be pleased supplied to this Secretariat for records.
8. The Principal Accountant General, Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati-29.
9. The Chief Reporter Cum Editor of Debates & 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.
11. The Accounts Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur for information.
12. All Officer In-charge of different Legislature Committees, Assam Legislative Assembly for information.
13. The Officer-in Charge Website branch, Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur for information.



**Deputy Secretary
Assam Legislative Assembly.**

OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATION

Border Protection & Development

Grant No. 50

After presentation of the Budget in the House for the Financial Year 2025-26 and after having a riveting discussion on Preliminary status paper, Action Taken Report, the Committee made the following observations and Recommendations.

1. The PWD requested for allowing site specific estimates for implementation of BOPs instead of Model Estimate which was approved for Rs. 3 Cr. Therefore, the Committee recommends that site specific estimates can be prepared within the Administrative Approval amount as far as practicable, where it is not possible to implement within the Administrative Apporval amount, the site specific estimates may be prepared limiting the maximum investment within Rs. 4 Cr. in special cases.

The Committee recommends that the Budget allocation under Grant No. 50 for the Financial Year 2025-26 be for the Border Protection and Development Department be approved by the august House.

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