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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. 54  
For the year 2025-2026**

**DEPARTMENT : FISHERY**

**TWENTY SEVENTH REPORT**

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

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

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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 **Twenty Seventh Report** on their behalf on the demands for **Grant no. 54** relating to **Fishery Department** for the financial year 2025-2026.
2. The committee took evidence of the Government representatives on **13<sup>th</sup> 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 **17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

**RUPAK SARMAH**

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

## **CHAPTER -I**

The total allocation of fund under Grant No.54 for both Revenue and Capital sector for administration of Fishery Department during the financial year 2025-26 is Rs. 16316.94 lakhs which is presented before the House for approval . The total amount so allocated is proposed to be spent in the Revenue Expenditure.

The detailed Budget allocation under Grant No. 54 as under.

Estimate of the amount required for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 to defray the expenses in connection with the Administration of "FISHERIES"

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In lakhs)
<b>VOTED</b>	10994.94	5322.00	16316.94
<b>CHARGED</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

HEAD OF ACCOUNTS		
<b>2405</b>	<b>Fisheries</b>	<b>10786.01</b>
<b>2415</b>	<b>Agriculture Research &amp; Education</b>	<b>208.93</b>
<b>4405</b>	<b>Capital Outlay on Fisheries</b>	<b>5322.00</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>16316.94</b>

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

While discussing the Budget provision for the year 2025-26 , the Committee found the Budget so allocated comparatively less than the previous financial and there is no clear indication as to why as to why the Budget allocation has been reduced , however the Committee feels that the Department should communicate with finance Department , Government of Assam for necessary Budget provision in order to restrict the hindrances that may arise while performing function the Department.

The Committee examined Grant No. 54 both major heads and minor heads and took evidence of the Departmental official.

The DRSC in its sitting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 examined the papers & documents received from the Department and took evidence of the departmental representatives. At the same time, the Committee considered the Action Taken Report on the Recommendations made in its 27<sup>th</sup> Report presented to the House on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025.



### **A BRIEF NOTE IN RESPECT OF GRANT No. 54**

Fisheries Sector in India as well as in the state of Assam has been providing livelihood and employment opportunities, ensuring nutrition and food security and contributing to the economy through domestic and international trade. Hon'ble Prime Minister has truly remarked that "Our Government will keep working towards a vibrant fisheries sector, with a strong emphasis on improving lives of fish farmers be it through access to more credit, better markets etc." Accordingly, investment in the fisheries sector has been increasing through various schemes and initiatives of Central and State Government. Vast fishery resources for enhancing fish production in the State offers scope for scientific approach on development and management of the resources. Development thrust on the sector and encouraging livelihood opportunities invites more and more people to get involved with fisheries and aquaculture and calls for the need to address the critical gaps in the prevailing system and to adopt scientifically driven farming practices vis-a-vis sustainable ecosystem and climate-resilient technologies. Central Government has supported this approach through PMMSY with the vision to bring about 'ecologically healthy, economically viable, and socially inclusive development' of the fisheries sector in the country and thrust has been given on holistic and robust development of the sector in the state of Assam.

Development approaches are aligned with Sustainable Development Goals, especially to contribute mitigating hunger and poverty through fish and fish based activities. Increasing production fish and fishery products along with support for fisheries infrastructure development is expected to boost the state's economy. The Department has been emphasizing on implementation of schemes for development of the potential water resources, supporting infrastructures and market chain development to address the demand-production gap. Development of this sector and sensitization of people also paved the avenues for self-employment and livelihood generation.

### **PRELIMINARY STATUS PAPER - GRANT No. 54**

Assam's fisheries sector holds immense potential for growth and development with abundant untapped water resources and diverse fish species contributing to its biodiversity. The sector plays a significant role in the state's economy and food & nutritional security. States fish production has reached a total of 4.99 lakh MT during 2023-24. In addition to the captured fishes from the natural resources, aquaculture in ponds and tanks is increasingly gaining popularity contributing significantly to the total fish production basket. Diversifying aquaculture by introducing new and commercially valuable fish species can increase income and cater to market demands. Adopting scientific aquaculture practices, including improved breeding techniques, feed management, and disease control, can significantly enhance fish production. Improving transportation infrastructure can facilitate the movement of fish from production centers to markets, reducing spoilage and ensuring timely delivery. Post-harvest management and handling, processing and preservation of fishes can also reduce losses and improve the quality of fish products.

Growth and development potential of Assam's fisheries sector is driven by its abundant resources and high demand for fish ensuring a strong and consistent market for fish. Fish is a staple food in Assam and fish production during 2023-24 has reached a total of 4.99 lakh MT with increase in per capita consumption rate. The state's growing population further fuels the demand for fish, creating a need for increased production. By addressing the challenges and capitalizing on these opportunities and addressing the challenges, Assam can unlock the full potential of this sector, ensuring food security, economic growth, and livelihood improvement for its people. Presently, the State occupies 4<sup>th</sup> place in fish production among the inland states and 12<sup>th</sup> among all the states with inland and marine resources in India.

To promote growth of the sector through sustainable fisheries development, Government has been implementing various schemes and programs focusing on initiatives for increasing fish production, improved management practices, imparting training and support to fish farmers, developing infrastructure and resource conservation and providing self-employment opportunities. Issues like climate change scenario and disaster risk reduction are also addressed in the development approaches. Department of Fisheries, Assam has been implementing several schemes with financial assistance from both Central and the State Government for increasing fish production and productivity in the state. Major schemes being implemented are Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), World Bank funded APART project, NABARD assisted Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) and schemes under SOPD in addition to schemes supported by National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad, Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and Group Accidental Insurance Scheme (GAIS) for Fisheries Sector.

With a view to bring about robust fisheries development in the state, two EAP namely 'Assam Fisheries Development and Rural Livelihood Project' (renamed as ASAPALI - 'Assam State Aquaculture Promotion and Livelihood Improvement Project') with funding support from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Sustainable Wetland and Integrated Fisheries Transformation Project (SWIFT) with funding support from Asian Development Bank (ADB) are being grounded in the year 2025-26. Basic objectives of the ASAPALI are to ensure holistic development of the fishery sector and thereby creation of rural livelihood and employment generation through different fisheries infrastructure development interventions including post-harvest and value addition. The SWIFT project is aiming to rejuvenate and restore 4000 ha of Beel fisheries so that the resource can sustain higher fish yield with additional fish production of 1200 kg/ ha/ year besides increasing the water storage capacity including creation of rural livelihood among the fishing community. By implementing of these projects, the people of the state will relish on locally produced fish in the coming years.

### Recognition:

Continuing the trends of national level recognition for last few years, Assam bags the following 2 prestigious National Level Awards at the Global Fisheries Conference 2024 held on the occasion of World Fisheries Day in New Delhi on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 in Hilly and NEH category from the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India for the year 2023 – 24; Best District (Darrang) in the North Eastern and Hilly State category and Best Fisheries Cooperative Society (Srijoni Min Unnayan Samabai Samity Ltd., Rangia) in the country.

### Fish and fish seed production and development interventions:

Fish seed and Fish Production during last five years are as follows:

Year	Fish Seed (Million Nos)	Fish (Lakh MT)
2019-20	9519	3.73
2020-21	9886	3.93
2021-22	18219	4.17
2022-23	20483	4.43
2023-24	20180	4.99

For overall development of the sector Department's major functions are:

- To increase fish and quality fish seed production in the state with optimum utilization of resources,
- To implementation of Fishery related schemes of the Government of Assam and Government of India,
- To identify and promote research and studies on fisheries and fishery related areas so that benefit can be disseminated to the grass root level users,
- To collect, compile, analyze and make available adequate/ relevant statistical and other information for proper planning to promote fish farming and related industries/activities,
- To prepare/ support in preparation/ vet project reports and proposals related to Fisheries and fishery related industries,
- To provide extension services to Fish farmers/ fishermen and fishery entrepreneurs.

Considering the per capita consumption of 15 kg per annum, total requirement of fish in the state is estimated at about 5.25 Lakh MT, against which production is 4.99 lakh MT during 2023-24, making Assam the fourth-largest inland fish producing state and twelfth overall in India. However, with ever increasing demand for fish in the state, a gap between the demand & production always exists and accordingly it is targeted to achieve availability and consumption in higher rate and thereby to enhance fish production. During 2023-24, fish consumption rate in Assam has been recorded at 14.45 kg per capita per annum and it is targeted to make fish available at 15 kg/capita/annum by 2026 and upto 20 kg/capita/annum by 2030. This approach will result in availability of locally produced fishes in the state and creating export potentiality form the sector.



In addition to emphasis on fish production, fisheries infrastructure development, thrust has been given on strengthening of the entire value chain right from production to marketing to consumption. Two of the most vital and critical inputs for increasing fish production and productivity are fish seed and fish feed. The State has also made notable progress in fish seed production, achieving 20180 million numbers in 2023-24, ranking second in the country after West Bengal. A lion's share of the seed produced are being supplied to meet partial requirement of the neighboring states. To address the gap of fish feed production in the state,

Government envisages to setup a series of fish feed mills across the state under PMMSY and RIDF. Efforts and strategies are on to provide self-employment opportunity through this endeavor.

Fisheries as an important agrarian activity, creation of rural livelihood and income generation opportunities has been emphasized with diversified activities and for effective & sustainable utilization of the potential resources in the state. Development activities are horizontally expanded through construction of new ponds in the form of village community tanks and individual homestead/backyard pond, development of low-lying water bodies etc. Vertical expansion is targeted through support for input-oriented productivity enhancement, introduction of high yielding varieties of fish, feed-based aquaculture, re-circulatory aquaculture system and modern technologies. Thrust is also laid on promotion and production of small indigenous fishes and conservation of natural resources. Other areas of importance in the development of the sector are integrated fish farming in potential areas, management interventions in river fisheries like conservation and ranching, development of ornamental fisheries, beel fisheries and marketing of fishes. Through the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), a flagship scheme of GoI is being implemented in the state to bring about ecologically healthy, economically viable, and socially inclusive development of the fisheries sector. In Assam, the scheme is being implemented with 36 sub-components and most of the activities approved prior to 2023-24 have been completed. The Department is committed for completion of all the pending works before closing of project targeted by 2025-26. Four non-beneficiary-oriented projects such as Establishment of Brood bank, Modern Integrated Fish landing Centre, Integrated Aqua Park and State-of-the Art Modern Wholesale Fish Market has been approved.

Emphasis has also been laid on development and rejuvenation of selected existing Government fish farms under Fishery Department through RIDF. Some other important activities like production and revenue generation from beel fisheries is being taken up by the sister organizations under fishery Department viz Assam Fisheries Development Corporation Limited (AFDC) and FISHFED. Assam Fisheries Development Corporation Limited (AFDC) and FISHFED mainly concentrate on beel fisheries and fish marketing respectively, are actively involved in this endeavor with partial/ proposed funding support from the Government.

#### **PERFORMANCE BUDGET / ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF 2024-25**

Total budget, including the supplementary demand grant, approved for Grant No-54 during 2024-25 was Rs 16636.81 lakh consisting of Rs 12336.81 lakh under Revenue and Rs 4300.00 lakh under Capital outlay.

An amount of Rs. 6749.93 lakh was allocated under Establishment Expenditure (including salary and wages), out of which more than 71% (Rs. 4806.71 lakh) has been utilized till 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Total amount allocated under SFPD is Rs. 9886.88 lakh, summary of sanction and FOC (which is being updated) etc is mentioned below:

As on 10-02-2025 (being updated for 2024-25) Rs in lakh

Particular	Allocation	Financial Sanction	Ceiling demand	FOC issued	Remarks
SOPD (G)	786.84	151.11	108.34	108.34	Details below
Blue Revolution/ PMMSY (CS & SS)	5300.04	3653.94	3653.94	3653.94	-do-
RIDF (LS & SS)	3000.00	151.45	144.86	138.75	-do-
EAP (including SS)	800.00	-	-	-	-do-
<b>TOTAL SFPD</b>	<b>11290.65</b>	<b>3956.50</b>	<b>3907.14</b>	<b>3901.03</b>	

**Present status of the scheme-wise activities implemented during 2024-25 is as follows:**

Amount approved in the budget 2024-25 under SFPD accounts for Rs 11290.65 lakh including an amount of Rs 786.84 lakh for SOPD-GS, Rs. 4300.01 lakh as central share of CSS, Rs. 600.03 lakh as state share of CSS, Rs. 2850.00 lakh for Loan share of RIDF, Rs. 150.00 lakh for state share of RIDF and Rs. 800.00 lakh for EAP with Rs. 160.00 lakh as EAP state share. Unlike previous years, an amount of Rs. 260.00 lakh has been approved for Grants-in-aid salary for FFDA and FISHFED staff under Establishment Expenditure instead on SOPD. Following activities are taken up for implementation against the budget allocation -

- A. Fish and Fish Seed Farming – (General):** Amount approved during 2024-25 under the scheme is Rs 145.83 lakh with the following activities:

**Continuation of Gene Bank - Scientific Conservation Programme for indigenous Fishes (SCoPIF):** The project being implemented by College of Fisheries, Raha as per the approved DPR and the validity of the AA expired on March 2023. Till the FY 2022-23 Rs. 395.00 lakh was released out of the AA amount of Rs. 936.99 lakh. Presently the project is at halt and hence during 2024-25 only a token provision of Rs 0.01 lakh was allocated.

**State-level Aquarium House:** For the proposed State-of-the art Aquarium House to be constructed at Srimanta Shankardev Kalakshetra, Guwahati the DPR amount accounts for around Rs. 50 Crore which is beyond sectoral allocation and hence an amount of Rs 0.01 lakh was allocated as token budget provision in FY 2024-25 till a final decision is approved.

**Inputs and material for fish and fish seed production in departmental farm:** For production of fish and fish seed in the departmental farms under and amount of Rs 30.00 lakh was approved. Based on the estimate and proposals received for 12 departmental farms from 8 districts budget was distributed for increase in fish and fish seed production, enhanced revenue receipt and supply of standard sized fish seed. FS and FOC proposals are in pipeline amounting to Rs 22.35 lakh and expected for the remaining amount.

**Procurement of Formalin Testing Kit and Fridge for storage:** For regular monitoring of presence of formalin in fish Formalin Testing Kits have been procured amounting to Rs. 3.198

lakh and distributed to the districts. For storage of the kits fridge were also procured and installed in the district offices amounting to Rs 5.97 lakh. Thus, out of the budgeted amount of Rs 10.60 lakh, FOC demand is in pipeline amounting to Rs 9.17 lakh.

**Fish Culture input in existing ponds:** An amount of Rs. 29.21 lakh was approved during 2024-25 for conversion of potential unutilized areas for fish production and for demonstration effect in addition to enhancing fish production through scientific approach in the top three fish producing districts and accordingly budget distributed to Morigaon (Rs. 9.60 lakh), Nagaon (Rs. 10.01 lakh) and Cachar (Rs. 9.60 lakh). FS from Nagaon for Rs. 7.37918 lakh and from Cachar for Rs. 9.57887 lakh received and submitted. However, Morigaon has yet to initiate the FS proposals due to technical issues related to GeM.

**Fisheries Development in GorukhutiBohumukhi Krishi Prakaalpa, Darrang:** AA for which was approved for Rs 76.00 lakh during 2022-23 for need based infrastructure development in GorukhutiBohumukhi Krishi Prakaalpa, Darrang submitted by the DFDO, Darrang. The approved estimate includes the following activities: Construction of Eco- Hatchery – 1 No.; Construction of stocking tank – 2 No (2 ha); Construction of Nursery tank -12 No (2 ha). Accordingly, an amount of Rs 76.00 lakh was approved in the budget 2024-25. MoU between the society and The Department is being signed and FS proposal initiated for transfer of the fund for implementation of the scheme by the society.

**B. Grants-in-aid to Assam Fisheries Development Corporation Ltd. for Creation of Capital Assets:** Assam Fisheries Development Corporation Ltd under the Department of Fisheries, Assam is involved with development and management of beel fisheries in the state. AFDC Ltd proposed for development of 17 beel fisheries and accordingly administrative approval was accorded for Rs 999.704 lakh during 2019-20 under the HoA 2405-00-101-2519-000-35-99 SOPD-ODS. As no progress report/ FS proposal was received, FS proposals was not initiated till now. However, based on the progress of work as intimated from AFDC Ltd, the amount of Rs 374.62 lakh was proposed and approved in the budget during 2024-25. A revised AA proposal in pipeline due to change of Head of Account. Subject to revision and revalidation of the AA, the fund will be transferred to AFDC Ltd.

**C. Fishery Extension Service:** An amount of Rs 105.00 lakh was approved in the budget 2024-25 for this scheme comprising of the following activities:

**Observation of need based National/ International Important days:** Rs. 5.00 lakh was proposed in the year 2024-25 for this activity and World Fisheries Day has been celebrated in a state level programme on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 with participation of invited guests and resource persons and farmers and entrepreneurs. As per GeM bid approved amount, Rs 4.19 lakh is being drawn.

**Matsya Mitras:** Rs 73.00 was earmarked for 2024-25 for 73 Matsya Mitras including 2 for Hajo Mandir Tank maintenance as support extension workers @ Rs 10000/- per person per month for 10 months. The engagement period of the Matsya Mitras has been reduced to 3 and half months only due to late approval and accordingly an amount of Rs. 25.55 lakh is being drawn.

**Training and awareness programme:** For dissemination of scientific information and transfer of technologies through training and awareness programme including KCC and GAIS scheme Rs 20.00 lakh was proposed and approved during 2024-25. Training and awareness programmes are being conducted in some districts and completed in some districts, based on which FS proposal amounting to Rs 12.16 lakh is in pipeline.

**Advertising and publicity expenses:** For printing of IEC materials including Annual Report and need based advertisement and publicity expenses an amount of Rs 7.00 lakh was approved during 2024-25 and based on the GeM approved rate FS proposal for Rs. 2.80 lakh has been issued.

- D. Head Quarter Establishment:** Under this scheme a total of Rs 87.38 lakh was approved in the budget 2024-25 for the following activities:

**Re-electrification and Transformer up gradation etc in Meen Bhawan, Guwahati:** Transformer has been upgraded and installed in Meen Bhawan complex through APDCL and bill for Rs. 14.72 lakh is being drawn. However, due to insufficient tender and other technical issues, the remaining works has not yet been completed and the process for finalization of tender is in pipeline.

**Engagement of professional organization for preparation of SWIFT project DPR:** For DPR preparation through outsourcing, for the project 'Sustainable wetland and Fisheries Transformation (SWIFT)' Projects with funding under ADB an consultancy fees Rs 45.00 lakh was approved and the installment amounting to Rs 22.05 lakh has been paid as per TOR. Last installment of Rs 22.05 lakh will be initiated based on satisfactory completion and acceptance of the final DPR.

**Resilient Budget for the State HQ:** As per government direction it was envisaged to propose 3% of the budgetary allocation as resilient budget for Disaster Risk Reduction. Accordingly new HoA has been created, but due to insufficient allocation, a token budget provision of Rs 0.01 lakh was proposed and approved during 2024-25.

- E. District Administration:**

**Resilient Budget for the Districts:** As per government direction it was envisaged to propose 3% of the budgetary allocation as resilient budget for Disaster Risk Reduction. Accordingly new HoA has been created, but due to insufficient allocation, a token budget provision of Rs 0.01 lakh was proposed and approved during 2024-25.

- F. Marketing and Transport of fish:** Amount approved during 2024-25 under the scheme Marketing and Transport of fish is Rs 54.00 lakh for the following activities in the budget 2024-25:

**State share against NFDB funded Wholesale Fish market:** Construction of hygienic fish markets taken up in the last few years with funding support from National Fisheries Development Board has been completed including those at Barpeta and Goalapara. Based on the FOC issued Rs 24.50 lakh has been paid and remaining amount are in the process of drawal.

**Grants-in-aid (non-salary) for FISHFED office repairing:** In respect of the pending liability for completed work of FISHFED office repairing, FOC issued for Rs 0.94 lakh against the budget provision of Rs 1.00 lakh, which is in the process of drawal during 2024-25.

- G. State share for 'Group Accidental Insurance Scheme':** The Group Accidental Insurance Scheme (GAIS) was introduced by Ministry of Fisheries, Government of India under the flagship programme PMMSY. An amount of Rs 20.00 lakh was approved as State Share during 2024-25 for the scheme. More than 1.90 lakh farmers and fishers have been covered with insurance coverage for 1 year for the scheme is implemented by National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad. Central Share of 90% of the premium is provided to NFDB directly. Against State Matching share of 10% based on the premium, Rs 16.23 lakh has been utilized.

- H. CSS – Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana:** As per GoI allocation an amount of Rs. 4700.00 lakh as central share with corresponding state matching share of Rs 600.00 lakh, totaling

to Rs 5300.00 lakh was approved for CSS PMMSY for the year 2024-25. As per Govt. of India guideline, the scheme has been shifted to SNA-SPARSH module of Expenditure from January 2025, for which SLS-wise HoA were created with CF advance of Rs 0.04 lakh. Thus, total amount in the budget 2024-25 approved accounts for Rs 5300.04 lakh.

Under different categories, an amount of Rs 3283.10 lakh as Central share and Rs. 415.83 lakh as state share, totaling to Rs 3698.93 lakh were drawn prior to SNA-SPARSH and distributed to the district for expenditure against work progress. Additionally, Rs 153.62 lakh was spend from the SNA SPARSH module till 10-2-2025 which is being updated on daily basis based on the bill submission directly to the assigned Single Treasury (Dispur).

The scheme with 36 sub-components is being implemented in the districts.

- I. **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF):** An amount of Rs 3000.00 lakh including Rs 2850.00 lakh as loan share and Rs 150.00 lakh as state share was allocated under RIDF. Under different tranches, an amount of Rs. 138.75 lakh released to the vendors till 15.02.2025 against Rs. 151.45 lakh which was accorded as Financial sanction against Loan share for different tranches of RIDF projects. Due to non-accordance of Technical sanction against different projects related to development of existing departmental farms under RIDF-XXVIII & XXIX, the projects are not grounded. It is expected that about 30 projects under both the tranches (XXVIII & XXIX), will be grounded by 31st March, 2025.
- J. **Assam Fisheries Development & Livelihood Project (AFDLP) for funding by JICA:** The EAP project 'Assam Fisheries and Rural Livelihood Project (AFDLP)' proposed for funding under JICA has been renamed as Assam State Aquaculture Promotion and Livelihood Project (ASAPAL) with the approval of competent authority. During the current year 2024-25 budget, an amount of Rs. 300.00 lakh (Rs. 240.00 lakh as EAP Share and Rs. 60.00 lakh as state share) was proposed and approved.

For the project, loan negotiation & signing is expected in March 2025. However, based on the AA, FS proposal for Rs 15.00 lakh has been initiated for the current FY 2024-25.

- K. **Sustainable wetland and Fisheries Transformation (SWIFT' Project for funding by ADB:** With the basic aim to rejuvenate and restore the wetlands fisheries for increasing fish production and livelihood generation of the Beel users, SWIFT project has been formulated for which amount of Rs. 500.00 lakh (Rs. 400.00 lakh as EAP Share and Rs. 100.00 lakh as state share) was proposed and approved in the budget 2024-25.

For the project, loan negotiation & signing is expected in May 2025. For 2024-25, FS proposal for Rs 98.46 lakh has been initiated based on the AA.

- L. **Grants-in-aid salary:** Till last year Grants-in-aid salary had been booked and provided under SOPD. But as per the budget preparation guideline for 2024-25, the following Grants-in-aid salary with total amount of Rs 260.00 lakh as per allocation has been proposed and approved under Establishment Expenditure

**Salary for FFDA staff:** Salary as Grants-in-Aid for FFDA staff is proposed with an amount of Rs 160.00 lakh for 28 staff under different FFDA's and the proposal for FS concurrence is in the pipeline.

Salary for FISHFED staff: Salary as Grants-in-Aid against the budgeted amount of Rs 100.00 lakh, proposal for financial concurrence amounting to Rs 72.06 lakh covering 11 staff, 10 casual employees under FISHFED including honorarium of Chairman and Vice Chairman is in pipeline.

**Physical achievement during 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 and proposed target for 2025-26**

#	Name of Schemes/Particulars	Unit	Physical achievement			Proposed Target
			2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 (Anticipated)	2025-26
1	Fish production	Lakh MT	4.43	4.99	5.30	5.59
2	Seed production	Million nos	20843	20180	21703	22354
3	<b>Fish Seed Farming (SOPD)</b>					

**PERFORMANCE BUDGET**

**Grant No-54**

	a) Gene Bank-Scientific Conservation Programme for Indigenous Fishes	Ongoing project				
	b) Fish culture input in existing pond	Ha	-	-	10	100
	c) Inputs and materials for fish and fish seed production in Departmental farm	No. of farms	8	6	10	11
	d) Procurement of Formalin Testing Kit	Nos.			840 kits& 35 Fridges for storage	800 kits
	e) Up gradation and Renovation of Deptt. Farm	No. of farms	2	-	-	-
	f) Fish culture inputs support for GorukhutiBohumukhi Krishi Prakalpa, Darrang	Ha	9.5	-	-	-
	g) Fisheries Development in GorukhutiBohumukhi Krishi Prakalpa, Darrang					
	i) construction of hatchery	No.			1	-
	ii) Stocking tank construction	Ha			2.00	-
	iii) Nursery tank construction	Ha			0.60	-
	h) Grants in Aid to AFDC (creation of capital assets under SOPD-ODS)	No. of beel	-	-	17	-
	i) Establishment of Mini GIS cell/file record room	No	-	1	-	-
	<b>4 Fishery Extension Service</b>					
	a) Honorarium to Matsya Mitra as support extension worker	Nos.	75	73	73	73
	b) Celebration of fish farmers day / observation of national / international days etc. (State/District/Zonal level)	Lump sum	-	-	1	3



	c) Awareness programme and implementation of Fishery Acts and Rules etc. and need based farmers training	Lump sum	-	-	105	150
5	<b>District Administration</b>					
	Provision for Disaster Risk Reduction (fire extinguisher)	Nos.	-	-	-	22
6	<b>Marketing &amp; Transport of Fish</b>					
	NFDB wholesale fish market (State share) – completed	Nos.	3	2	-	-
7	Salary of FFDA staff	Nos.	39	32	30	26
8	<b>Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)</b>					
	Construction of new individual pond	ha	Approximately 945.80 ha			-
	Construction of new village community tank	ha	Approximately 425 ha covering 379 nos of community			-
	4-wheeler refrigerated van	No	70	-	-	
	3-wheeler van with ice box	No	351	-	50	40
	Medium Feed Mill	No	-	-	5	-
	Small Feed Mill	No	-	10	15	10
	Development of departmental Farm, RIDF XXVIII& XXIX	Nos.			19& 16	
	Entrepreneurship development through pond aquaculture	Ha.			190	
9	<b>CSS-PMMSY/ Blue Revolution - Integrated Development &amp; Management of Fisheries</b>					
	Construction of New Pond	Ha	383.75	466.75	186.95	137.55
	Construction of new seed rearing area	Ha	226.74	294.54	122.56	306.16
	Construction of fish seed hatcheries	No.	47	26	10	23
	Fingerling stocking in wetland/ Beels	Ha.	491	116	1194.5	748.50
	Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS)-	Unit	8	9	7	15
	Biofloc culture system	Unit	77	68	28	42
	Installation of Cage	No.			5	145
	Pen culture	Ha	72.9	49	108.6	29.5
	Cold Storage (10 ton)	No.	-	2	1	1
	Ice Plant (10 ton)	No.	-	-	1	4
	Refrigerated Vehicles	No.	2	2	5	1
	Insulated Vehicles	No.	-	-	4	1

	Motor cycle with Ice box	No.	55	60	84	1
	Cycle with Ice Boxes	No.	250	300	261	126
	E-rickshaw with Ice box	No.	100	100	40	25
	Live fish vending center	No.	-	2	5	5
	Mini Fish Feed Mills	No.	33	20	1	50
	Medium Fish Feed Mills	No.	1	0	0	2
	Fish Feed Plants	No.	-	-	1	3
	Fish KIOSK	No.	18	22	7	42
	Boats and Nets for Fishermen	No.	48	64	55	9
	Livelihood support for Fishers	No.	20314	18045	39464	26177
	Input for Integrated Farming	Ha	194.55	-	280.68	149.77
	Integrated Ornamental Unit	Unit	3	-	2	3
	Recreational Fishery	No.	2	1	3	8
	Backyard Ornamental Unit	No.	35	45	35	25
	Medium Ornamental Fish Unit	No.	5	4	9	2
	Inputs for FW Aquaculture	Ha	277.25	-	265.25	632.5
	Matsya Seva Kendra	No.	1	-	0	3
	Value added enterprise	No	-	-	-	1
10	Fishermen Insurance (GAIS)	Nos.	155000	180378	193265	238000
11	Kisan Credit Card (KCC)	Nos.	7601	9668	9684	10000

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENTS ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN ITS 26TH REPORT ON DEMANDS FOR GRANT NO. 54 OF THE FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2024-25**

Pt. No.	OBSERVATIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
1.	The committee observed Department has selected 430 number of community group out of this 250 number community group has been provided fund and remaining 180 number of community groups are yet to allocate funds under the Fishery Mission Society (FMS) under Chief Minister SamagraGrammyaUnnayanYojona (FMS-CMSGUY)	The committee recommended that the Department should take necessary initiatives to allocate requisite funds to the remaining 180 Community groups as early as possible under the Fishery Mission Society (FMS) under Chief Minister SamagraGrammyaUnnayan Yojona (FMS-CMSGUY).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Mission Society (FMS) under Chief Minister SamagraGrammyaUnnayanYojona (FMS-CMSGUY) received an amount of Rs.700 lakh from MMS-CMSGUY to provide inputs to the RIDF-XXIII beneficiaries (1<sup>st</sup>&amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> installment) covering a water area of 933.33 ha.</li> <li>• Accordingly, FMS-CMSGUY provided 1<sup>st</sup> installment of funds for inputs (Fish Seed and Feed) @Rs.53522/ha to 5282 nos. of individual farmers covering a water area of 763.49 ha and 258 nos of Community Groups covering a water area of 325.20 ha through DBT for a total amount of Rs. 582.68 Lakh.</li> <li>• FMS-CMSGUY will release the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of fund for inputs to the RIDF-XIII beneficiaries upon receipt of progress report/ UC/ bill/ vouchers against the released 1<sup>st</sup> installment fund from Beneficiaries.</li> <li>• FMS-CMSGUY required an amount of Rs.6.58 Crore to complete the supply of inputs to all the RIDF-XXIII beneficiaries. In this regard, FMS-CMSGUY submitted fund demand proposal for an amount of Rs.6.58 Crores to the MMS-CMSGUY vide letter NO. CMSGUY/FMS/08/2019-20/Pt-I/2708, dated 20/05/2024 and response are awaited. Once received the funds, same will be utilized for inputs supply to the beneficiaries of GGP-GGM.</li> </ul>
2.	The committee observed that the Department could not	The committee recommended that the Fisheries Department should	State Level Committee has already been constituted as follows as per SOP No.RDD.62/2022/32 dated 10-06-2022.

	<p>properly implement Amrit Sarovar Schemes in co-ordination with the Panchayat and Rural Development Department (P &amp; RD) for effectively utilization of Fish Cultures, production of Fish in the State.</p>	<p>take provisions to constitute a convergence committee in co-ordination with Panchayat and Rural Development Department (P &amp; RD) to expedite and monitor for timely execution of Amrit Sarovar Schemes in the concerned District and State level.</p>	<p>The State level committee comprises of the following officers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chief Secretary-Chairman</li> <li>2. Principal Secretary, Panchayat and Rural Development Department-Member Secretary</li> <li>3. Senior most Secretary of the Department of Agriculture – Member</li> <li>4. Senior most Secretary of the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management- Member</li> <li>5. Senior most Secretary of the Department of Fishery-Member</li> <li>6. Senior most Secretary of the Department of Forest-Member</li> <li>7. CEO, Chief Minister SamagraGramyaUnnayan Yojana-Member.</li> </ol> <p>Additionally, participation of DFDO as a member of the District level and SDFDO as a member of the Block level committee for the Mission Amrit Sarovar ensures involvement and coordination with the Panchayat and Rural Development Department (P&amp;RD) for timely execution of the Amrit Sarovar project.</p> <p>Regarding capacity building programme of the members of Cluster Level Federation (CLF) who will manage the Amrit Sarovar projects will be conducted by ASRLM as informed by the P&amp;RD Department. The District Fisheries Development officers of 17districts conducted 45 capacity building programme of members of Cluster level Federation covering more than 1300 trainees.</p> <p>Regarding supply of fish seed and fish feed, the Fishery Mission Society will provide fund to the project after receipt of fund from MMS- CMSGUY as per letter no. e-331719 I/ 380909/ 2023 dated 22-12-2023. The Fishery Mission Society has not received any fund for supply of inputs from MMS-CMSGUY till date.</p>
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3.	The committee observed that the Department has not initiated to demarcate all the Natural Beels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee strongly recommended that the Department should take proper provision to demarcate all the natural Beels in close co-ordination with the Revenue &amp; Disaster Management Department.</li> <li>• The committee also recommended that the Departments should take effective measures to control the illegal encroachment on the water bodies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Administrative Department has already communicated to the concerned District Commissioner and DFDOs to demarcate the existing Govt. Fisheries on urgent basis.</li> <li>• The AFDC limited already requested the concerned District Commissioner to demarcate the remaining Beels and necessary instruction issued to the concerning Lessee's and Beel Manager. It is pertinent to mention here that most of the beels under AFDC is well demarcated.</li> <li>• FISHFED has communicated that there are three beels (Natural Water bodies) under FISHFED which are properly demarcated and no encroachment has taken place till date.</li> <li>• Almost all the DFDOs already communicated to the concerned District Commissioner for demarcation of Govt Fisheries and beels.</li> <li>• In Dibrugarh district and in Sonitpur District, demarcation of Beel i.e. natural water bodies completed in coordination with Revenue &amp; Disaster Management Department</li> </ul>
4.	The committee observed that the Department has not taken initiatives for training and capacity building programmes for the Fish Farmers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee recommended that the Department should take appropriate measures for modern scientific training and capacity building programmes.</li> <li>• The committee also recommends that the successful trainees should be accommodated with government schemes or bank loan along with subsidy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most of the DFDOs conducted training programme where more than 13000 trainees participated in 276 programmes so far</li> <li>• The DFDOs also organized Outreach programme under PMMSY where more than 10000 participants recorded in 287 programmes.</li> <li>• Some of the DFDOs also conducted training programme on advanced aquaculture practices (RAS/ Biofloc) in 22 different locations covering 10 districts. Even a group of 11 entrepreneurs and 9 Departmental officers have completed 5 days Biofloc training in ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar during 2024. These trainees interacted with the leading Biofloc farmers of Odisha during the technical training programme.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is to be mentioned here that the technical officers of the Department has been performing as Resource person in different fishery training programme organized by the different organizations. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials are distributed to the interested fish farmers.</li> <li>• In addition, trainees which show interest in fish farming are generally brought to the notice of the financial institutions for bank loan specially KCC to carry out farm activities and they are also given preference in awarding departmental schemes whenever available.</li> </ul>
5.	The committee observed that the Department has not focused on production of varieties of Indigenous fish for conservation and the Department has yet to check the quality of all the imported Fish.	The committee recommended that the Department should take necessary steps to increase the production of varieties of Indigenous Fish for conservation and also to check the quality of all the imported Fish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main mandate of the Department of Fisheries is to extend the technology which is developed by the research Institute deals with fisheries science. As of now, there is no standard breeding technology for locally available indigenous fishes for field level demonstration for farming. It is to be mentioned here that based on the request of the Department of Fisheries, the College of Fisheries, Raha has been standardizing the breeding protocols of some of the indigenous fish species, so that conservation of some of the species can be taken place.</li> <li>• For conservation of local indigenous fishes in proclaimed water bodies of the state, the Department has been implementing Assam Fishery Rules, 1953, 2005(Amended) from 1st April to 15th July every year.</li> <li>• The Department has already notified the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for checking the quality of fish (mainly to check the presence of Formalin). Task Force has been notified at State Level and District Level to check the presence of Formalin. So far, all the DFDOs conducted formalin testing in about</li> </ul>



			400 fish markets of the state under the supervision of the DFDO and Nodal Officers as engaged for this purpose.
6.	The committee observed that the Department has been using Urea Super Phosphate etc. and other Chemical to increase the production of Fishes which may not be good for human consumption.	The Committee strongly recommended that the Department should control in using such Chemical substances which is not good for Human Health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is to be mentioned here that the Department has always recommended using of Urea and Phosphate as per Package of Practice developed by the Assam Agricultural University in collaboration of Department of Fisheries, Assam. To control the imprudent use of inorganic fertilizers (Urea &amp; Super Phosphates), almost all DFDOs organized awareness programme. As per report from DFDOs, more than 11000 farmers were aware about the judicious use of Urea &amp; Super phosphate in fish farming practices through more than 350 programmes. It is also to be mentioned here that in most of the training programme conducted and participated by the DFDO, the trainees are always aware of the problem raised due to excess use of urea &amp; super phosphates.</li> <li>• Fishery Information Wings has already highlighted with caption lines such as Avoid imprudent use of Chemicals, Fertilizers and Antibiotics in farming of fish. This is harmful for both fish and human health. It has been incorporated in almost all publication of IEC materials such as banners, hoarding, booklets, leaflets etc. To create awareness and consciousness among the Fish Farmers, programmes through Akashbani as well as Krishi Darshan are also being aired and telecasted so that farmers will be careful for imprudent uses of inorganic chemicals, fertilizers etc.</li> <li>• FISHFED is taking measures to aware its empanelled Co-operative Societies &amp; other adopted farmers against the injudicious uses of chemicals.</li> </ul>
7.	The committee observed that there	The committee therefore, strongly recommended the	The AFDC Ltd. has already communicated with the Divisional

	<p>are two huge area covering wet land at Tongia GP and DakhinparThaisupar GP area, measuring 332 Bighas and 465 Bighas of land respectively.</p>	<p>concerned Department to use these huge wet lands to use for Pisciculture which would be very beneficial for economic growth</p>	<p>Forest Officer, South Division, Hojai vide letter No. AFDC.927/2021/1097 Dated: 20/5/23 for taking necessary steps for handing over the possession of proposed area of land cover pond at Tongia GP of Lumding LAC. Accordingly, Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon South Division Hojai has communicated with the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Guwahati vide letter No. FNSI/A/FISHERY/ TONGIA GP/Kaki RF/2024/251 Dated: 30/1/2024 after proper survey for handing over of said land covered pond area to AFDC Ltd. after necessary communication from AFDC Ltd. Moreover, a reminder letter has also been communicated again to DFO, Nagaon South Division, Hojai to take necessary initiatives in this regards vide letter cited under ref. nos. AFDC.927/2021/1347 dated 02.08.2024 and AFDC.927/ 2021/ 3172 dated 30.12.24 to expedite the process of handing over the possession of the said land with necessary official notification to AFDC Ltd. Another reminder letter was communicated again vide letter no. AFDC. 927/ 2021/ 3744 dated 15.02.2025. Further communication is yet to be received from their end.</p> <p>For development of wetland at Dakhinpar Thaisupar GP measuring 465 Bighas of Land as per recommendation of the Hon'ble Committee, a spot verification report from the Asstt. Executive Engineer, AFDC Ltd. has been forwarded to the Government vide letter no. AFDC.927/ 2021/ 778 dated 21.06.2024 for taking necessary steps including provisions of fund from Government for development.</p>
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8.	<p>The committee observed that the Department has not taken necessary steps for proper development, conservation, tourism&amp; pisciculture etc. of Son Beel which is the second largest wetland in Asia for revenue and employment generation.</p>	<p>The committee recommended for proper action from the Department with ample budgetary provisions which have the scope of substantial revenue and employment generation.</p>	<p>Regarding development of Son Beel of Sribhumi district, a letter was communicated to the Administrative Department vide letter no. AFDC.927/2021/ 3172 dated 30.12.2024. Moreover, at present AFDC Ltd is not in a position to develop such a huge water bodies with its limited financial capacity. So, the administrative Department may take necessary steps to provide budgetary support as per the recommendation of Hon'ble Committee.</p> <p>Moreover, the AFDC has requested Director of Fisheries for inclusion of Son Beel of Sribhumi district and Dakhinpar Thaisupar GP of Erakapili Beel of Hojai district for development in any Externally Aided Project (EAP) or any other Govt. Project for taking development activities as per recommendation of the Committee. At the same time, the Asstt. Engineer, Barak Valley has submitted a Detailed Project Report for development of Son Beel and will be forwarded after proper technical verification. In this regard, it is requested to include of Son Beel of Sribhumi district and DakhinparThaisupar GP of Erakapili Beel of Hojai district for development in any Externally Aided Project (EAP) or any other Govt. Project accordingly.</p> <p>Further, in compliance to the instruction of the Director of Fisheries, Assam, a technical team consisting of four officers from Directorate and AFDC Ltd visited Son Beel on 23rd Jan, 2025 to explore development of the beel that can bring sustainable livelihoods to the common resource users through enhanced fish production and submitted a comprehensive report.</p> <p>Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam has also requested Union Minister of Panchayati Raj and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry &amp; Dairying seeking assistance amounting</p>
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			to Rs 100 Crore under PMMSY funding for integrated, scientific and sustainable development of Son Beel, one of the largest beel in Southeast Asia spanning 900 ha and supporting over 1 lakh fishermen families.
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**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**  
**NOTIFICATION**

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

Date Dispur the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Smti. Suman Haripriya,	MLA & Member
6. Shri Dharmeswar Konwar,	MLA & Member
7. Shri Nihar Ranjan Das,	MLA & Member
8. Shri Abdus Sobahan Ali Sarkar,	MLA & Member
9. Shri Bhaskar Jyoti Baruah,	MLA & Member
10. Shri Khalil Uddin Mazumder,	MLA & Member
11. Shri Abdul Aziz,	MLA & Member
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. Pega**  
**Secretary,**

**Assam Legislative Assembly.**

Dated Dispur the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

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## OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### Fishery

#### GRANT No. 54

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

1. The Committee strongly recommends that the Department should monitor "Amrit Sarovar" schemes in all the concerned districts for supply of fish seed and fish feed.
2. The Committee recommends that the department should take appropriate measures for modern scientific training and capacity building programmes for the pisciculturist.
3. The Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary steps to increase the production of varieties of indigenous fish.
4. The Committee recommends that the Department should control the use of inorganic fertilization such as Urea, Super phosphates etc. and create awareness among people especially in the minority areas. The Committee also directed the Department to take legal action against those who use inorganic fertilizers.
5. The Committee recommends that the wet lands should be allocated to the recognized Self Help Groups (SHG) of SC Community for their economic growth.
6. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation that the Department should take affective measures to control the illegal encroachment on the water bodies of Fishery Department.
7. The Committee recommends that the Department should appoint sufficient number of Civil Engineers/Executive Engineers in the districts to take up major schemes to the Department.
8. The Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary steps to bring all the Fisheries of Barak Valley under the Fishery Department.
9. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendations that the Department should take proper provision to demarcate all natural *Beels* in close co-ordination with the Revenue & Disaster Management Department and also to take effective measures to control illegal encroachment on the water bodies.
10. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendations that the Department should use the huge wet lands of Tongia GP and Dakhinpar Thaisupar GP areas measuring 332 Bighas and 465 Bighas, for Pesciculture which would be very beneficial for economic growth.

11. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation and strongly directed the Department to take necessary steps for proper development, conservation, tourism and pisciculture etc. of Son Beel (the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest wetland in Asia) and also to take proper action for ample budgetary provision for Son Beel as it has the scope of substantial revenue and employment generation.

**The Committee recommends that the Budget allocation under Grant No. 54 for the Financial Year 2025-26 be for the Fishery 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.**

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