



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

**FIFTEENTH
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**Report on Demands for the Grant No. 59
For the year 2025-2026**

**DEPARTMENT : HANDLOOM, TEXTILE &
SERICULTURE**

TWENTY SEVENTH 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**

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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 **Twenty Seventh Report** on their behalf on the demands for **Grant no. 59** relating to **Handloom, Textile and Sericulture 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.

REPORT

CHAPTER - I

After presentation of the Budget in the House for the financial Year 2025-2026 on 10th March, 2025 the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (G) Department held its meeting on 13-03-2025 to discuss in the respect of Grant No. 59 relating to the Handloom, Textiles & Sericulture Department.

At the same time the Committee considered the Action Taken report on the recommendations made in its Twenty sixth Report in the year 2024-25 and in addition to the scrutinizing of the Budget provision.

Budget provisions under Grant no. 59 relating to the Handloom, Textiles & Sericulture Department, 2025-26 are as below :

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In Lakh)
VOTED	30812.06	2324.36	33136.42
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Areas			
	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In Lakh)
VOTED	30598.60	2324.36	32922.96
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00
Karbi-Anglong Autonomous Council			
	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In Lakh)
VOTED	125.30	0.00	125.30
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00
North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council			
	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In Lakh)
VOTED	12.86	0.00	12.86
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bodoland Territorial Council			
	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In Lakh)
VOTED	75.30	0.00	75.30
CHARGED			

Grand Total - 33136.42 (Rs. In lakhs)

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

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

GRANT NO.59

Introduction of Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam

Weaving and Handloom has a great tradition in the State of Assam and is inextricably linked to the Socio-cultural and economic life of the people, Assam boasts of being the state directly or indirectly associated with weaving. Weaving in handloom has provided maximum number of employment in the State next to Agriculture.

The Directorate of handloom & Textiles, Assam runs 102 nos. Handloom Training Centre, 4 nos. Handloom Training institute, 98 nos. weavers Extension Service Units, 20 nos. Handloom Production Centre, 1 no Handloom research and Designing Centre, 1 Product Procurement Centre under production programme. All the centres are for the benefit of weavers outside the co-operative sector. The Assam Govt. Marketing Corporation is the State level corporation to look after these weavers. The three pronged Co-operative (organized) sectors consist of more than 1988 Primary Weavers Cooperatives Societies, 7 nos. Regional m/ District level Cooperative Societies and 1 no. Apex Co-operative Society. Assam is the home of Muga and Eri Silk. Besides, the State produces Mulberry silk also to some extent.

A BRIEF NOTE ABOUT THE DIRECTORATE OF HANDLOOM &

TEXTILES. ASSAM.

The Directorate of Handloom & Textiles has been implementing, various schemes for the promotion and development of the handloom sector and has been providing assistance to the handloom weavers, both within and outside the Cooperative fold ever since its inception in the year 1983. As a result infrastructure for both quantitative and qualitative improvement in production has been achieved considerably in the State. Some of the major works of the department are (a) Technology up-gradation with improved handloom and provision for easy access to raw material (b) Production of Handloom fabrics in the sector welfare consumer price (c) Providing Marketing Assistance (d) Social Sector Welfare schemes which also contribute to productivity , (e) Training & Education for skill Upgradation of the Weavers (f) Research & Development on textiles designing & Natural Dying and their documentation (g) Publicity of Various schemes and Development works undertaking by the department for public domain (h) Holding of Exhibition /Expos for marketing promotion of Handloom Fabrics and to provide a platform to sell the Handloom Development Project 9j) Establishment of Handloom model village for overall development of weavers in integrated manner and

village for overall development of weavers in integrated manner and (k) To make available of handloom made Gamocha into the market of the State and thereby to prevent flow of powerloom made cheaper Gamocha from outside the State, this Directorate has given priority to produce maximum nos. of Gamocha through Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies, Weavers Self Help Group, Weavers Extension Service Units and through different

schemes. (l) Enforcement of "The Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 (m) Implementation of GI of Assamese Gamocha .

1.3 ACTIVITIES IN BRIEF

- a) Training Programme
- b) Production of Handloom Fabrics
- c) Research and Development
- d) Publicity & Exhibition
- e) Setting up of Yarn Banks
- f) Handloom Cluster Development Programme
- g) Income Generation Intervention of Weavers
- h) Swanirbhaar Naari
- i) Handloom Model Village
- j) In Setting up of Integrated Handloom Park at Kaziranga
- k) Cluster Development Programme /Small Cluster Development Programme (CDP/SCDP)

SERICULTURE

INTRODUCTION

Before presenting the preliminary status under Grant No. 59 relating to Sericulture Department it is felt to write few lines on the present scenario of Sericulture in Assam. It is traditional agro-based cottage industry, practiced in Assam from time immemorial and has witnessed a drastic change over the recent years with the introduction of fresh inputs garnered from results derived from intensive bio- technological lab analysis and research.

This labour-intensive and agro based cottage industry continues to provide gainful employment to around 3.10 lakh families in rural and semi-urban areas of Assam, of whom a sizeable number belong to the economically weaker tribal section of the society and women. It has proved itself to be a sustainable farm-based economic enterprise positively favouring the rural poor in the un-organized sector because of its relatively low requirement of fixed capital and higher returns on investment.

Assam a natural home to the rearing of Silk Worm of Mugs, Tri & Mulberry Silk and Oak Tasar in Hill District as well as the plantations on which they feed upon. Assam accounts is highest production of Non-Mulberry silk viz, Muga and Eri in the country. Assam enjoys world monopoly in the production of Mugs, the "Golden Silk". In the year 2020-21, Assam has produced 4002.44 MT of raw silk in state which has been considered a remarkable achievement in the country. Sericulture Department has 336 No. of Farms & Centres covering around 3687.93 hect. of land, 3 Nos. of Cocoon Bank, 1 No. of Training Institute (Sericulture Training Institute, Titabar), 1 no. of Research Institute, 2 Nos. of Technical Information Centre, etc.

Directorate of Sericulture, Assam under the Administrative control of Handloom Textile & Sericulture Department, Government of Assam was established in the year of 1958 with a different nomenclature as Directorate of Weaving & Sericulture, Assam till July 1983

In the month of July 1983, this Directorate was separated as the Directorate of Sericulture, Assam bifurcating the Weaving as a new Directorate known as Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam. Since separation of the Directorate of Sericulture, it has been performing as a nodal Department for all activities relating to Silk & Silk production in the State The Headquarter of the Directorate of Sericulture. Assam s located at Khanapara just 5 KM away from Dispur, the Capital of Assam. This Directorate is headed by a Senior State Government Officer borne from the Assam Civil Service, Senior Grade. To control the entire Sericulture mechanism in the State, the Govt. of Assam has created many offices in General Areas and Sixth Schedule areas as well. However, the Sericulture Offices, Farms, Centres, Units, Projects etc. under Sixth Scheduled Areas viz. Karbi-Anglong District Autonomous Council covering entire Karbi Anglong & Karbi West District, Dima-Hasao District Autonomous Council covering the entire Dima Hasao District and Bodoland Territorial Council covering four districts ie. Kokrajhar, Chirang, baksa and Udalguri have now been transferred to the Council's jurisdiction, hence the activities of this Directorate is limited to General Areas except these Sixth Scheduled Council Areas.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES TAKEN UP BY SERICULTURE DEPARTMENT FOR ALL ROUND DEVELOPMENT OF SERICULTURE IN ASSAM

Department of Sericulture, Assam receives fund mainly under the Grant No. 59 for implementation of the following activities/schemes/projects for overall development of Sericulture in Assam. The Directorate of Sericulture, Assam prepares the detailed plans against the fund allocated by the Finance Department under Grant No. 59.

- * Strengthening of Govt. Sericulture Farms, Centres & VGRS by maintaining of existing plantations, technical buildings, staff quarters, boundary wall, cold storage, providing revolving funds to Silk Worm Seed Production Farms.
- * Setting up of Nursery & Extension of Plantation.
- * Development of Irrigation System by installing Deep Tube Well in Govt.
- * Support to Private Rearers & Entrepreneurs.
- * Development of Cocoon Marketing System.
- * Impart Training for Skill Development of Rearers, Spinners & Reelers
- * Organization of Workshop, Exhibition & Mela to promote Silk Industry.
- * Providing Award to Top Seri Performers.
- * Organization Awareness Programme.
- * Distribution of Quality Silk Worm Seeds to Private Rearers.

BRIEF NOTE ON SERICULTURE

The fund allocated for implementation of different schemes for overall development of Sericulture in Assam mainly comes from the Budget Grant No. 59 hence it is the major fund flowing source of Sericulture Department. The Department of Sericulture prepares plans like maintenance of Govt. Farms & Centres, providing Revolving Fund for procurement Seed Cocoon & Reeling Cocoon, support to Private Seri Farmers & Entrepreneurs, Organization of different exhibitions, Exposure Programme. Training Workshop cum Motivation Camp, special support to women Seri Farmers, divyang seri farmers etc. on the allocation made under Grant No.59

NEW SCHEMES LAUNCHED BY THE GOVT. DURING 2025-26.

Brief note about the Schemes:

A. Production of Tele Film:

To capture the essence of Assam Handloom's rich cultural heritage and showcase its beauty to a wider audience at National and International Level a feature-length film to be produced. The film will showcase the beauty and uniqueness of Assam Handloom products, highlighting the craftsmanship, tradition, and cultural heritage behind them. The story of the film will cover a journey from struggle to success, emphasizing the positive role of government support in the growth and development.

In this financial year 2025-26, a budget provision of Rs.25.00 lakhs is proposed for implementation of the said schemes.

B. Self Employment to passed out trainees of Handloom Training Centre (HTC) :

The Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam has been taken up a scheme namely "Self Employment to Passed out Trainees" of Handloom Training Centre" in general areas to provide Loom and Accessories and Working capital as Grant-in-Aid to the said passed out trainees that they may become self sustainable by doing weaving activities on the given loom and accessories with working capital. In the year 2018-19, this Directorate distributed working capital only to 799 nos. of passed out trainees as per the Govt. sanctioned and released of fund for an amount of Rs.39.95 lakhs. The Department has distributed looms and accessories to 546 nos. of passed out trainees as per the Govt. sanctioned and released of fund for an amount of Rs.97.03908 lakhs during the year 2019-20. The amount of Rs.300.00 lakhs is proposed for budget provision for implementation of the said scheme for the Financial Year 2025-26.

C. Purchase of looms and Accessories to Handloom Training Centre (HTC) and Handloom Training Institute (HTI).

The Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam has decided to implement a new scheme "Purchase of looms and Accessories to Handloom Training Centres (HTC) and Handloom Training Institutes (HTI)".

Distribution of new improved looms with new technology to the 76 Handloom Training Centres and 3 Handloom Training Institutes to make total 1721 trainees skilled and professionals. The trainees will also learn how to produce quality fabric as well as more production on Handloom. By working on Handloom the trainees will become self-sustainable, which will help to solve the unemployment problem to some extent in the state. Also more students will be eager to join the Handloom Training Centres and Handloom Training Institutes in the near future due to introduction of latest technology.

For implementation of new scheme "Purchase of looms and Accessories to Handloom Training Centre (HTC) and Handloom Training Institute (HTI)", Rs.200.00 lakhs is proposed for the budget provision for the Financial Year 2025-26.

D. **Kumar Shasaktikaran Yojana:**

The Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam has decided to implement a new scheme "Kumar Shasaktikaran Yojana" in this financial year. The Kumar Sashaktikaran Program is an initiative for empowerment of potter's community in the remotest of locations in the state. For implementation of this project, an amount of Rs. 200.00 lakhs is proposed for budget provision for the FY 2025-26.

Under this Kumar Shasaktikaran Yojana, modern pottery equipments will be distributed to empower and uplift the livelihood of traditional potters inhabited in the state of Assam.

**DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (B)
DEPARTMENTS, ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2024-25, GRANT NO. 59.**

DEPARTMENT:- HANDLOOM, TEXTILES & SERICULTURE DEPARTMENT, ASSAM

Sl. No.	Observations and Recommendations	Action taken report on the recommendation	Remarks															
01	<p>During the course of discussion the committee observes that a 'Modern Design Studio cum Testing Laboratory' is utmost necessity for preservation of traditional indigenous design of the region and creation of new innovative motifs as per buyer's choice as well as testing facility of the yarn and fabric for quality production.</p> <p>The committee recommends that the Department should set up a 'Modern Design Studio cum Testing Laboratory' in the Directorate for preservation of traditional design as well as creation of new motifs as per market demand and testing facility for yarn and fabrics to generate best quality products.</p>	<p>To set up 'Design Studio cum Digital Smart Training Centre' at this Directorate, the budget provision for an amount of Rs.13.95 lakhs was allocated during the Financial Year 2024-25 under SOPD-G. However, as the estimated cost is Rs.85.00 lakhs, as such, a proposal for re-appropriation for an amount of Rs.71.05 lakhs was submitted to the Govt. vide this office letter No.DHTP.60/2011/205 dated 30-08-2024. Accordingly, the Govt. has re-appropriated the aforesaid amount vide. Re-appropriation No.RA/HT/2024-25/0001 dated 02-01-2025. The process for establishment of Design Studio cum Digital Smart Training Centre is going on.</p> <p>The Textile Testing laboratory has been set up under this Directorate. The machineries have already been installed in the Handloom Research and Designing Centre (HRDC), Ambari, Guwahati. For this purpose, an amount of Rs.19,99,898/- has already been released to the supplier.</p>																
02	<p>During the course of discussion the committee observes that the products procured from the indigenous weavers of the State under Swanirbhar Nari Scheme (SNN) in different districts and subdivisions are presently being sold by the ARTFED, AGMC, & few selected WESU of the department.</p> <p>The Committee recommends that, the Department should take initiatives to sell the items of SNN scheme in different places of the State through Weavers Extension Service Unit (WESU), Handloom Production Centre (HPC) of the Department and out lets of ARTFED, AGMC, so that the people get the opportunity to purchase the products at Government rates. The products of Swanirbhar Naari Scheme are available in all Asstt. Director, Handloom and Textiles offices in the Districts/Subdivisions. Therefore the Committee also recommended that the department should take necessary steps to create awareness amongst people of the State and also encourage them to purchase pure Handloom products procured by the Govt. under SNN Scheme.</p>	<p>The Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam set up 78 nos. sales centre to sell the items of Swanirbhar Naari Scheme in different places of the State through 41 Weavers Extension Service Unit (WESU), 20 nos. sales centre at O/o the Assistant Director, Handloom & Textiles and 17 nos. sales centre at O/o the Superintendent, Handloom & Textiles apart from out lets of ARTFED, AGMC. As of 27/08/2024,</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Total Qty.</td><td>Total Payment</td></tr><tr><td>1. WESU</td><td>4,666</td><td>Rs.10,34,960</td></tr><tr><td>2. ADHT</td><td>5,183</td><td>Rs. 12,19,276</td></tr><tr><td>3. SHT</td><td>2,155</td><td>Rs. 6,96,874</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>12,004</td><td>Rs. 29,51,110</td></tr></table> <p>WESU, ADHT and SHT have sold the items through ARTFED.</p> <p>This Directorate has taken steps for awareness amongst the people to purchase Hand-woven products procured under Swanirbhar Naari Scheme through advertising in the print and electronic media.</p>		Total Qty.	Total Payment	1. WESU	4,666	Rs.10,34,960	2. ADHT	5,183	Rs. 12,19,276	3. SHT	2,155	Rs. 6,96,874	Total	12,004	Rs. 29,51,110	
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<p>03 The Committee observes that the slope of the embankment of different rivers in the State and some areas in the Govt. Sericulture Farm are lying vacant which can be used for plantation of food plants for Silk Worm which will surely enhance productivity.</p> <p>Therefore, the Committee recommends that the concerned department should take necessary steps to raise food plants for Silkworm on the slope of the embankment as well as vacant land of Govt. Sericulture farms in collaboration with MGNREGA and P&RD for silkworm rearing so that Seri Farmer can enhance their production and thereby uplift their economic status.</p>	<p>The matter is related to Sericulture Department.</p>
<p>04 During the course of discussion the Committee observes that despite being banned many times, power loomed gamochas still occupy a large portion of the market.</p> <p>Therefore, the committee recommends that the department should take a strict stance in this regard to ban power loomed gamochas completely so that the work of local weavers can be promoted globally.</p>	<p>In order to stop the inflow of powerloom made Gamochas from outside the state, the Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam has seized a total of 32,142 nos. of Gamochas last year i.e., 2022-23. Where as in the current year, till 19th April, 2024, a total of 4686 nos. of gamochas were seized as per Handloom (Reservation of Article for Production) Act, 1985 and G.I Act, 1999. Further the Enforcement Machinery under this Directorate have visited a total nos. of 1,718 shops/outlets to check the inflow of powerloom made Gamocha for the welfare of the Weavers fraternity.</p>
<p>05 During the course of discussion the Committee observes that a huge plot, measuring 52 Bighas under Handloom & Textiles Department at Kaki under Lumding LAC is lying vacant. The Committee was also informed that adequate infrastructure and staff is also there.</p> <p>Therefore, the Committee strongly recommends that the Department should take necessary steps on priority basis to start with an Eri Muga project and to make this project successful, requisite steps should be taken up to initiate Eri Muga plantation parallel.</p>	<p>The matter is related to Sericulture Department.</p>

Director,
Handloom & Textiles, Assam
Guwahati- 1

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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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 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 RECOMMENDATIONS

HANDLOOM, TEXTILE & SERICULTURE DEPARTMENT

GRANT NO-59

After having an in-depth discussion on Preliminary status paper, Action Taken Report and Budget already presented to the House, the Committee made the following observations and Recommendations.

1. The Committee recommends that the Department should instruct all Government Department/ Offices to use authentic Handloom products on various govt. occasions such as meetings, felicitations, summit, assembly and conference etc. to promote Handloom and Textile products.
2. The Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary steps to create awareness among the people of the State regarding Handloom and power loom products and encourage them to purchase pure Handloom products procured by the Govt. .
3. The Committee strongly recommends that the Department should take strict action before Bihu to ban or seize power loom products completely, so that local weavers can be promoted globally.
4. The Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary initiatives for supplying and using local handloom products such as towels, bedcovers in trains and medical units. Through this initiatives, local handloom production can be developed and that will also help many unemployed youths of the state.
5. The Committee observed that the slope of embankment of different rivers in the State and some areas of the Government Sericultures Farm are lying vacant which can be used for plantation of food plants and other Industries. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Department should conduct a survey and prepare a master plan of vacant lands under Sericulture Department.

The Committee recommends that the Budget allocation under Grant No. 59 for the Financial Year 2025-26 be for the Handloom, Textiles & Sericulture 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.
