



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

FIFTEENTH ASSEMBLY

FIRST REPORT

ON

GRANT NO. 4

**DEPARTMENT :
ELECTION**

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 (H)
DEPARTMENTS, 2025-26**

CHAIRMAN :Shri Sanjoy Kishan, -- MLA& Chairman

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| 12.Shri Kamalakhya Dey Purkayastha, | -- | MLA & Member |

SECRETARIAT

1. Shri Dulal Pegu, Secretary
2. Smti. Deepali Pegu, Deputy Secretary
3. Shri Nibash Chakraborty, Under Secretary
4. Smti Menaka Kutum, Under Secretary
5. Shri Ganiruddin Ahmed, Superintendent
6. Smti. Jahnvi Gogoi, Assistant Language Officer

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INTRODUCTION

1. I, the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (H) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on its behalf present this **First Report on Grant No. 4 relating to Election Department** on the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year **2025-26**, Govt. of Assam.
2. The present Committee, in pursuance of Rule 260 I(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly has been constituted on 1st February 2025 by the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for a term of one year.
3. The committee has considered the Demand for **Grant No. 4** on the Budget Estimates for the Year **2025-26** in its meeting held on **13th March, 2025**.
4. The Committee has considered the Draft Reports on **16th March, 2025** and approved it on the same date.
5. The committee express its thanks to the Officials of the **Election Department** for placing before them the requisite materials and their considered views in connection with the subjects under consideration and also thanks to officials of Finance and Transformation & Development Departments for their kind co- operation.
6. The Committee would also like to place on record their deep sense of appreciation for the invaluable assistance rendered to them by the Officials of Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat attached to the Committee.

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Dated 16th March, 2025

Shri Sanjoy Kishan
Chairman
Departmentally Related Standing
Committee on Development (H)
Departments
Assam Legislative Assembly.

CHAPTER-I

Grant No.4

Election Department

The total sum of Rs.42420.73 lakhs are required for approval of the House during the Financial year 2025-26.

After presentation of the Budget in the house for the Financial Year 2025-26 the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (H) Departments in its meeting held on 13th March, 2025 discussed on **Grant No.4 (Election Department)**.

1.1 The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (H) Departments in its meeting held on 13th March, 2025 examined the papers and documents received from the concerned department and took evidence of the Departmental representative.

1.2 The detailed Budget Estimates under the Grant No.4 for the Financial year 2025-26 are as below :-

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs.In lakhs)
VOTED	42117.98	302.75	42420.73
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

General Areas			
	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rs. In Lakhs)
VOTED	37559.18	95.06	37654.24
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council			
	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rs. In Lakhs)
VOTED	1049.20	11.42	1060.62
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council			
	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rs. In Lakhs)
VOTED	280.46	2.40	282.86
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Bodoland Territorial Council			
	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rs. In Lakhs)
VOTED	3229.14	193.87	3423.01
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

1.3 The detailed Budget Estimates under the Grant No.4 of the Financial Year, 2025-26 are as below :-

General Areas

Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates 2025-26.
2015	Elections	37559.18
4059	Capital Outlay on Public works	95.00
4075	Capital Outlay on Miscellaneous General Services	0.06

Grand total = 37654.24

Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council

Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates 2025-26.
2015	Elections	1049.20
4059	Capital Outlay on Public works	11.40
4075	Capital Outlay on Miscellaneous General Services	0.02

Grand total = 1060.62

North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council

Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates 2025-26.
2015	Elections	280.46
4059	Capital Outlay on Public works	2.39
4075	Capital Outlay on Miscellaneous General Services	0.01

Grand total = 282.86

Bodoland Territorial Council

Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates 2025-26.
2015	Elections	3229.14
4059	Capital Outlay on Public works	193.84
4075	Capital Outlay on Miscellaneous General Services	0.03

Grand total = 3423.01

1.4 The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (H) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly has scrutinised the Grant No.4 (Election Department) and took the evidence from the Departmental representatives present in the meeting and observes the Budget grant.

Chapter-II

The Election Department has furnished the status paper relating to Grant No.4 which are focused as follows :-

1. Status paper relating to Grant No.4

The Budget & the utilization for the years 2022-23, 2023-24 has been shown in the report. However, for the year 2024-25, the Budget is shown but the expenditure is shown only to 3rd Quarter as there are concurrences yet to be received from Finance Department for showing the full utilization of the Budget.

Major Activities under Minor Head is given below :

S/no	Minor Head	Purpose
1	102-Electoral Officers	HyQ/Distt Estt cost, Data Entry Operator remuneration etc
2	103-Preparation and Printing of Electoral rolls	It covers all activities under SSR (Special Summary Revision) like printing of electoral rolls etc and ensures successful completion of the same as per ECI guidelines
3	105-Charges for conduct of Elections to Parliament	Expenditures are incurred in connection to conduct of parliamentary elections mainly under Detailed Head '01-Honorarium', '02-Wages', '03-T.E.', '04-O.E.' in both HyQ & Distt Estt
4	106-Charges for conduct of Elections to State Legislature	Expenditures are incurred in connection to conduct of Assembly Elections & Bye-Elections mainly under Detailed Head '01-Honorarium', '02-Wages', '03-T.E.', '04-O.E.' in both HyQ & Distt Estt
5	108-Issue on Photo Identity-Cards to voters	All activities in connection to EPIC like postage, printing etc.

2. Annual Report of the Department

Head of Account	Budget Estimates (In Lakhs)	Revised Estimates(In Lakhs)	DDO-wise audited Figure / Expenditure
	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23
102 Electoral Officers	1911.26	1911.26	1587.44248
103 Preparation and Printing of Electoral rolls	4019.48	4019.48	2939.60091
104 Charges for conduct of Elections for Lok Sabha & State Legislative Assemblies when held simultaneously	0.19	0.19	0
105 Charges for conduct of Elections to Parliament	214.02	214.02	0
106 Charges for conduct of Elections to State Legislature	11959.71	11959.71	9975.97085
108 Issue on Photo Identity-Cards to-voters	216.4	216.4	118.78296
2015 Elections (Total)	18321.06	18321.06	14621.7972
4059 Capital Outlay on Public Works	1252.39	1252.39	1086.71804
4075 Capital Outlay on Miscellaneous General Services	0	0	0

Head of Account	Budget Estimates (in Lakhs)	Revised Estimates(in Lakhs)	AG Figure / Expenditure
	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
102 Electoral Officers	2552.91	3600.05	2774.45254
103 Preparation and Printing of Electoral rolls	3998.39	5091.29	4279.84378
104 Charges for conduct of Elections for Lok Sabha & State Legislative Assemblies when held simultaneously	0.19	0.19	0
105 Charges for conduct of Elections to Parliament	9225.77	37574.77	29887.42195
106 Charges for conduct of Elections to State Legislature	4285.54	8682.52	6106.47989
108 Issue on Photo Identity-Cards to voters	2273.92	2273.92	336.38147
2015 Elections (Total)	22336.72	57222.74	43384.57963
4059 Capital Outlay on Public Works	1215	1215	1055.23174
4075 Capital Outlay on Miscellaneous General Services	74.65	74.65	0

Head of Account	Budget Estimates (in Lakhs)	Revised Estimates(In Lakhs)	AG Figure / Expenditure upto 3rd Qtr
	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25
102 Electoral Officers	2183.3	3694.64	1390.33822
103 Preparation and Printing of Electoral rolls	6094.97	6094.97	0
104 Charges for conduct of Elections for Lok Sabha & State Legislative Assemblies when held simultaneously	0.19	0.19	0
105 Charges for conduct of Elections to Parliament	29975.6	30050.6	3525.28408
106 Charges for conduct of Elections to State Legislature	0.65	4695.26	1251.56
108 Issue on Photo Identity-Cards to voters	2501.32	2501.32	234.32998
2015 Elections (Total)	40756.03	47036.98	6401.51228
4059 Capital Outlay on Public Works	74.65	534.13	0
4075 Capital Outlay on Miscellaneous General Services	82.08	82.08	0

3. There are no schemes taken up by the Department. However, EVM warehouses in all the Election Districts have been constructed and only the warehouse in the Tamulpur District is yet to be started as it is a new Election District created in 2024. The expenditure incurred in the construction of EVM warehouse is debited under the Head of Account "4059 - 60 - 051 - 2286 - 000 - 13 - 01 - SOPD-G- GA/BN/KN/NN -V".

4. The expenditure incurred under various minor heads of **Grant No.4** is shared between Govt. of India and Govt. of Assam as follows :

Slno	Minor Head	Govt. of India's share	Govt. of Assam's share
1	102-Electoral Officers	50	50
2	103-Preparation and Printing of Electoral rolls	50	50
3	105-Charges for conduct of Elections to Parliament	100	0
4	106-Charges for conduct of Elections to State Legislature	0	100
5	108-Issue on Photo Identity-Cards to voters	50	50

It may be mentioned that the state will get an amount of **Rs.224,47,98,839.50 (Rupees Two Hundred & Twenty Four Crore Forty Seven Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Eight Hundred & Thirty Nine and Fifty paise)** only as Govt. of Assam's share from the FY 2019-2020 to FY 2022-23 which was not disbursed till date and already the amount has been approved by Ministry of Law & Justice , Govt. of India.

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT NOTIFICATION

No. LADRSC.(H)1/2025/1,

Dated Dispur, the 1st February, 2025.

In pursuance of the Rule 260-I 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 (H) Departments.

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| 1. Shri Sanjoy Kishan, | -- | MLA & Chairman |
| 2. Shri Promod Borthakur, | -- | MLA & Member |
| 3. Shri Rama Kanta Dewri, | -- | MLA & Member |
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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 Sanjoy Kishan, MLA & Member of the Committee as the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (H) Departments.

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

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

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

Dated Dispur, the 1st February, 2025.

1. Shri Sanjoy Kishan, Hon'ble Chairman, Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (H) Departments for favour of his kind information.
2. All Members of Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (H) Departments for kind information.
3. The Director, Assam Government 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 please be supplied to this Secretariat for records.
4. The Principal Accountant General, Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati-29
5. The Secretary to the Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for placing the same before the Hon'ble Speaker for favour of his kind information.
6. The O.S.D to Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for placing the same before the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker for favour of his kind information.
7. The Private Secretary to Leader of the Opposition, Assam Legislative Assembly for placing the same before the Leader of the Opposition for favour of his kind information.
8. The Private Secretary to Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly for favour of his kind information.
9. The Senior Financial Adviser, In-Charge Accounts Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly for information.
10. The Chief Reporter Cum-Editor of Debate & Ex-officio Joint Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly for information & necessary action.
11. The Officer In-Charge, Website Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur for information.
12. The OSD (Joint Secretary) In-Charge Nazarat Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly for information.
13. All Officers In-Charge of different Legislature Committees, Assam Legislative Assembly for information.

Deputy Secretary,
Assam Legislative Assembly.

**OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
ON GRANT NO. 4
ELECTION DEPARTMENT**

The Committee after holding threadbare discussions and on close scrutinization of the related documents to Grant No.4 of the Election Department and on the evidences tendered by the Departmental representatives has made the following Observations and Recommendations.

1. The Committee has observed that EVM warehouses in all Election District have been constructed but only in Tamulpur District it is yet to be constructed.

Therefore, the Committee recommends the Department to take a step to construct the EVM warehouses in the Tamulpur District as early as possible.

2. The Committee recommends the Department to take a step to consider construction of Sub Divisional Offices of the Election Department in all newly created sub districts in the State of Assam.

The Action taken Report on the recommendation may be submitted to the Committee within 90 days from the date of presentation of the report in the August House.

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