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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED
STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (B)
DEPARTMENTS, 2021-2022**

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INTRODUCTION

1. I, as Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this **TWENTY FOURTH REPORT** on Demands for Grant Nos. 52 & 53 of the **Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department** for the financial year, **2022-23**.
2. Demands for Grant have been examined by the Committee under Rule 260 J (1) (a) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.
3. The Committee took evidence of the representatives of the **Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department** on **24th March, 2022**.
4. The Draft Report was considered and adopted by the Committee at their sitting held on **26th March, 2022**.
5. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Officials of the **Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department** for placing before them the requisite materials and their considered views in connection with the subjects under consideration.
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.

Dispur :
Dated 26th March, 2022

Shri Ramendra Narayan Kalita,
Chairman,
Departmentally Related Standing
Committee on Development (B) Departments,
Assam Legislative Assembly.



CHAPTER – I
R E P O R T
Grant No – 52

1.1 Animal Husbandry is potentially one of the most important sectors of rapid socio-economic development of the country. Rapid growth in this sector is essential to achieve higher productivity levels in livestock production as well as increase in rural household economy.

Among the primary objectives of the department is to build a strong rural economy by encouraging scientific rearing of livestock and the control and prevention of infectious disease in livestock and poultry. Thus, the State aims to achieve self-sufficiency in milk, meat and egg production as well as to create profitable employment opportunities for unemployed youth and the underprivileged of the State.

The per capita availability and consumption rates of animal protein by the people is needed to be boosted up through successful implementation of different schemes.

Considering the above facts, the department embarks upon a renewed strategic shift in its functioning style and delivery of veterinary services. This renewed strategic shift and functioning style is designed to improve the productivity of indigenous cattle and pig population through upgradation with superior germplasm. This shift also emphasizes upon imparting training on livestock management, skill upgradation, building/rejuvenation of infrastructure, technical guidance, use of departmental infrastructure, functioning of demonstration farms of the department, backward and forward linkage and creation marketing avenues.

To carry forward the above activities, the department has five mandates, namely 1) Disease treatment, prevention and control 2) Breed up gradation 3) Skill Development and training 4) Infrastructure Development and 5) Credit linkage for economic upliftment. These mandates are supported by 11 Strategy Papers and 4 Policies. The policies are 1) Goat breeding policy 3) Pig breeding policy and 4) Private Investment Promotion Policy.

THRUST AREAS OF THE DEPARTMENT

1. Cattle Development for self sufficiency in milk production
2. Poultry, Goat & Piggery Development for self sufficiency in Egg and Meat production.
3. Self employment Generation and Livelihood support through livestock and poultry activities.

1.2 Vision

The main vision of the Department is - Sustainable growth and increased productivity of livestock and poultry (milk, meat and egg) for enhancing living standards of living of farmers and ensuring nutritional security and economic prosperity.

1.3 Mission

1. Disease treatment, prevention and control.
2. Breed up-gradation
3. Skill Development & Training
4. Infrastructure Development
5. Credit linkage for economic upliftment.

Some of the key priorities of the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department.

- 1) Prioritizing the need for increasing livestock production in a sustainable manner.
- 2) Doubling farm income in line with the vision of the State.
- 3) Ensuring food security through promoting locally sourced meat, fish and other animal bi-products.
- 4) Improving nutrition in the State by ensuring access to nutritious food especially in high poverty pockets and low income families (targeting areas with high maternal / infant deaths, anaemia and other low health indicators).
- 5) Mitigating risks to climate change by reducing green house gases emitted by livestock sector.
- 6) Using our natural resources efficiently for rearing and livestock production.
- 7) Improved veterinary services.
- 8) Increased training, linkages to value chain and capacity building of farmers, animal rearers on updated techniques, use of organic / bio pesticides for improved health, financial management and small scale loans, efficient use of land and resources.

1.4 Objectives

1. To cover all breedable livestock population through artificial insemination (AI).
2. To facilitate poultry farmers/ rearers in inducting genetically improved varieties of poultry for increased production capacity.
3. To provide health care facilities for prevention and control of animal diseases.
4. To produce requisite quantity of feed and fodder.
5. To Build capacity of farmers in management of livestock and poultry.
6. To create adequate collection, processing and marketing infrastructure
7. To make producers and consumers aware of the benefits of clean and hygienic animal products.
8. To make available insurance and credit facilities to support livestock and poultry activities.
9. To build capacity of Veterinary professionals for providing better extension facilities to the farmers.
10. Improving internal efficiency/responsiveness/service delivery of the department.
11. Ensuring compliance to financial accountability frame work.

1.5 Functions

The department is responsible for all matters relating to improved livestock, poultry including availability and better management of extension services like Veterinary Hospitals, Dispensaries, Sub-Centre, livestock processing infrastructure, departmental farms, Semen production centres, Training Institutes, Vaccine Production Centre, Disease Diagnostics Laboratories etc.

Some Key Points :

- i. Policies.
- ii. Strategy Paper.
- iii. Standard Operational Procedure (SOP).
- iv. UNDP As Development Partner.

ORGANIZATIONAL SET UP OF THE DEPARTMENT

In broad terms, the departmental set up is divided into the following three leaves.

- 1) The Secretariat.
- 2) The Directorate
- 3) The District Level and Other Field Offices.

Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department has its three wings.

Wings are namely :-

1. Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary.
2. Assam Livestock Development Agency (ALDA).
3. Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation (ALPCO) Ltd.

ON-GOING SCHEMES UNDER CSS:

- I) Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH & DC) Programme.
- II) National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP).
- III) Rastriya Gukul Mission.
- IV) Livestock census and Integrated Sample Survey (ISS).
- V) National Livestock Mission (NLM).

OTHER SCHEME :

1. Rastriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY)
2. Assam Milk, Meat & Egg Mission – Sub Component of CMSGUY:
3. Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)
4. Externally Aided Project.

NEW SCHEMES

1. Animal Ambulatory Clinic.
2. Special innovative programme for enhancement of milk production in Assam.
3. Special innovative programme for enhancement of egg production in Assam.
4. Special innovative programme for enhancement of meat production in Assam.
5. Pet Animal Critical Care Unit.

Budget Estimate Submitted for the Year, 2022-23

Particular	Revenue	Capital
SOPD-G	1975.52	770.00
CM's Special Intervention projects	1350.00	1000.00
CSS	800.02	-
SOPD-SS	900.19	-
RIDF-LS	-	4003.64
RIDF-SS	-	210.97
Total	5025.73	5984.61

CHAPTER – II

GRANT NO 52

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee in its sitting held on 24th March, 2022 examined the papers and documents received from the departments and took evidence of the departmental representatives. At the same time, the Committee considered the Action Taken report on the recommendations made in its Twenty Third Report in the 2020-21 and in addition to the scrutinization of the budget provision

Budget provisions under Grant no 52 relating to the Animal Husbandry Department, 2022-23 are as follows:

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	44817.01	5896.11	50713.12
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

• 2403	Animal Husbandry	44817. 01
• 4403	Capital Outlay on Animal Husbandry	5896. 11
	Grand Total	50713.12

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

While discussion the Budget provision for the year, 2022-23, the Committee found 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 Finance Department, Assam for necessary Budget provision in order to restrict the hindrances that may arise while performing the function of the Department.

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT
ON THE OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED 23RD
REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING
COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENTS ON GRANT NO.52**

1. The Committee while discussing the Grant No.52 observed that there is need of State level Multi Speciality Veterinary Hospital with all modern facilities like human which is need of the hour.

The Committee recommended to prepare a proposal to establish a State level Multi Speciality Veterinary Hospital at a centre place (preferably at Guwahati) and take all necessary steps to establish the State level Multi Speciality Veterinary Hospital.

Action Taken

Process for establishment of State Level Multi Specialty Referral Veterinary Hospital at Khanapara has been already initiated and it is proposed to be implemented under RIDF (Rural Infrastructure Development Fund). A DPR was submitted by the selected vendor in July, 2021, but it was found to be not feasible by the Scrutiny Committee hence, the project could not be submitted under RIDF XXVII tranche. Also, an amount of Rs. 3.67 Cr. Was sanctioned under RKVY to carry out the works for site preparation and other preliminary activities at Khanapara during FY 21-22. Further, preparation of a new DPR is under process and a team of officers from A.H. & Vety. Deptt are preparing to go for an exposure visit to Madras Veterinary College & Hospital to acquire all the necessary inputs. The DPR is expected to be submitted under RIDF XXVIII tranche in FY 2022-23.

2. During the course of discussion the Committee observed that there is immediate need of officers along with staff for smooth service delivery system for the farmers in newly created Districts and Sub-Divisions along with infrastructures.

The Committee recommended to take necessary steps immediately to create / fill up all required posts and establish infrastructures for newly created Districts and Sub-Divisions.

Action Taken

For service delivery to the farmers in the newly created Districts and Sub-Divisions along with infrastructure, creation of new posts in respect of different offices / hospital / dispensaries etc. is necessary. Keeping in view the above, proposal for creation of new posts alongwith its financial implications was submitted to the Govt. vide letter No. DVP/153/Pt-I/SDVO/DVO/Post Creation/2017-18/112 dated 30th June, 2021, wherein the post for 7 Nos. DVO and 40 Nos. of SDVO is included. Likewise, the requirement of VO in newly created Districts and Sub-Division and already existing but non-sanctioned veterinary dispensaries has also been proposed to the Govt.

3. The Committee observed that there is need of skill development of scientific rearing of Livestock and Poultry rearing for the educated youths / farmers of upliftment of rural economy.;

The Committee recommended to strengthen the Training Institutes along with Vocational Training Centres of the State and to initiate the training process after overcome the situation of Covid-19.

Action Taken

For upgradatin and rejuvenation of the Training Institutes, civil construction at various locations is being carried out. Construction of boundary wall at Regional Institute of Livestock Entrepreneurship and Management (RILEM). Rani has been completed and work for upgradation of lecture hall, conference hall, library and lobby will begin in phases. At Training Centre, Demow, Sivsagar construction of boundary wall with iron gate & box culvert has been completed and construction of Training Hospital is under progress. Construction of brick boundary wall at Vocational Training Centre, Dalgaon is almost complete. Silchar construction of RCC (G.Floor) Training Centre will be started in a few days. Further, a proposal to form a society named LIVESTOCK including 4 Nos. of Training Centres and 6 Nos. of Vocational Centre has been submitted to the Govt. with an aim to achieve self-reliant status of RILEM.

4. The Committee during the course of discussion observed that most of the Para Veterinary Staff of the State are rendering their services from the same place for more than 20 to 25 years without transfer of place of posting which leads to reluctance in service delivery to the farmers.

The Committee recommended the department to take necessary action to proceed transfer of place of posting of Para Veterinary Staff who has rendering their service in same place for more than 10 years.

Action Taken

Mass transfer of Para Veterinary staff / Veterinary Field Assistant (VFA) has not been done throughout the State. Since there is a huge shortage of VFA in the filed. It is proposed to carry out the process of mass transfer after the appointment of a new batch of VFA which is expected within a period of one year.

5. The Committee observed that the Veterinary Hospital / Dispensary Management Committee are not yet functioning though it was discussed in last DRSC.

The Committee recommended to make functioning of the Veterinary Hospital / Dispensary Management Committee involving local MLA at the earliest.

Action Taken

All the District A.H. & Vety. Officers have been informed to constitute the Vety. Hospital / Dispensary Management Committee following the last DRSC meeting vide letter No. DVP/315/DRSC-Assembly/2019/676-711. Dated 26th August, 2021. Keeping in view, the Vety. Hospital / Dispensary Management Committee (VMC) has been constituted in 24 Nos. of Districts viz. Nalbari, Hailakandi, Udalguri, Biswanath, Dhemaji, Sonitpur, Darrang, Golaghat, South Salmara (Mankachar), Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Bongaigaon, Charaideo, Jorhat, Nagaon, Hojai, Karimganj, Morigaon, Baska, Barpeta, Chirang, Goalpara, Kokrajhar and Dhubri. However, construction in respect of the remaining 10 districts viz. Sivasagar, Lakhimpur, Majuli, Karbi Anglong, West Karbi Anglong, Dima Dasao, Cachar, Kamrup (M), Kamrup (R) and Bajali is under process.

6. The Committee observed that most of the Hospital / Dispensaries / Sub-Centres of the State are still in dilapidated condition and without boundary wall for which service personnel are not available in their service place resulting the poor service delivery and also increases the encroachment problems.

The Committee recommended to reconstruct the dilapidated Hospitals / Dispensaries/ Sub-Centres with boundary wall from the budget as well as any other available source of funding.

Action Taken

Reconstruction of veterinary hospital / dispensary / sub-centre is being carried out with the fund under RIDF-9 (nine) Nos. of sub-centre building and brick boundary walls are being reconstructed under RIDF XXV. Moreover, rejuvenation of 69 Nos. of sub-centres and 10 Nos. of dispensaries has been sanctioned by NABARD under RIDF XXVII and the same is approved for AA during 5th DFC meeting held on 09-02-2022. Hence, the works will be started very soon.

7. The Committee observed that some of the Veterinary Hospitals / Dispensaries are lying half done conditions and gradually damaging which neither fulfilled the importance of the infrastructure nor benefited the animal rearer.

The Committee recommended to listed out the incomplete infrastructure and take appropriate action to complete those infrastructure so that day to day activities of the Veterinary Hospitals / Dispensaries can be run smoothly.

Action Taken

As on date, civil construction at 21 Nos. of Veterinary Hospital is lying incomplete / half done and an amount of Rs. 1007.49 (L) will be required to complete the work as estimated by the Engineering Cell. Therefore, the incomplete work at these 21 Nos. of institutes can be completed and Finance Department is being moved for arranging the fund for this.

8. During course of discussion the Committee found that there is no any allotted land for proper disposal of dead animals. Dead animals are haphazardly found in and around pond, beel, road side etc. which leads to unhygienic environment of that area.

The Committee recommended to prepare a guideline for scientific disposal of dead animals and birds and find out suitable land for proper disposal of dead animals and birds at least one in each constituency.

Action Taken

The proposal for proper disposal of animal and bird carcasses in every Legislative Assembly Constituency is a first of its kind in Assam. The guidelines for this proposal is under process of preparation. However, for waste disposal and carcass disposal at all veterinary field institutions, district diagnostic laboratories and frozen semen stations, is under process for obtaining 'Consent to operate Certificate' from the State Pollution Control Board, Assam depending on the quantity of waste generated from these institutions and the disposal method used.

9. The Committee observed that the allotted fund in the budget for A.H. & Veterinary Department seems to be less. Moreover, Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation (ALPCO), a sister concern corporation of A.H. & Veterinary Department has also proposed to implement a good nos. of beneficiary related project.

The Committee recommended the Department to move SD proposal for the same.

Action Taken

The SD proposal was submitted to the Government however, the fund was not allotted.

10. The Committee observed that some of the Departmental Livestock, Poultry and Fodder Farms are running in a poor condition. Farmers are not getting actual benefit from these farms although they are Demonstrative farms.

The Committee recommended to rejuvenate all the departmental farms so that all the farms can be made functional both for general and financial management with proper incubation facility for the farmers and interested entrepreneurs.

Action Taken

16 Nos. of Govt. Poultry farms have been rejuvenated during FY 2021-22 with introduction of 15,000 birds and engagement of additional manpower as 'Farm Hands' A total of 166 Nos. of Farm hands were engaged in various departmental farms during the FY 2021-22 with the allotted fund of Rs. 100.00 (L) resulting in significant improvement in the functioning of these farms. Moreover proposal for procurement of machineries and equipment for all Govt. Farms has been submitted to the Govt. against an allotted fund of Rs. 50.00 lakh during FY 2021-22 under SOPD. Further, it is to be mentioned that for operational management of departmental demonstration farms, OEFSOP (Operational Efficiency Financial Standard Operating Procedures) was approved by the Cabinet and an amount of Rs. 80.00 (L) was allocated in the Budget of FY 22-23.

11. The Committee observed that due less nos. of Veterinary Hospital / Dispensaries in the State the farmers are deprived of getting good medical treatment of animals and birds.

The Committee therefore recommended to establish New Veterinary Hospitals / Dispensaries along with requisite post creation in phase manner in State. The Committee also recommended a new Veterinary Hospital should be established in Adimgiri, under West Guwahati Legislative Assembly Constituency at the earliest.

Action Taken

Department A.H. & Vety. Has not yet decided to establish new State Vety. Dispensary / Hospital / Sub-Centre etc. Rather, proposal is submitted for creation of 79 Nos. of posts for Veterinary Officers along with other subordinate staff against the 79 Nos. of non-sanctioned Veterinary Dispensary in Assam. It is to be mentioned that these 79 Nos. of dispensaries were established without any sanctioned post. Regarding establishment of Veterinary Hospital at Adingiri in West Guwahati Legislative Constituency it is reported by the DVO, Kamrup that there is no provision of land at Adingiri to establish a new Veterinary Hospital.

GRANT NO.52

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION, 2022-23

1. The Committee observed that the Veterinary Hospital / Dispensary Management Committee are not yet functioning through it was discussed in last DRSC meeting.

The Committee recommended to constitute veterinary Hospital / Dispensary Management Committee for every hospital/dispensary of the State considering the respective MLA as the Chairman of the Committee for the welfare of the farmers.

2. The Committee observed that there is immediate need of officers and other staff for smooth service delivery system in the newly created Districts and sub-divisions alongwith infrastructure.

The Committee strongly recommended to take necessary steps immediately to create / fill up all required posts and establish veterinary related infrastructure for newly created districts and sub-divisions.

3. The Committee observed that the allotted fund in the budget for A.H. & Veterinary Department seems to be less. Moreover, Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation (APLCO), a sister concern corporation of AH & Veterinary Deptt. Has also proposed to implement a good nos. Of beneficiary related projects.

The Committee recommended the department to move SD proposal if required.

4. The Committee observed that some of the Departmental Livestock, Poultry and Fodder farms which running in poor condition have been rejuvenated and improved its performance during the last financial year.

The Committee recommended to continue the service of Farmhands (daily wage labour) for better performance of the farms. Moreover, the Committee also recommended to make functioning of the OEFSOP (Operational Efficiency Financial Standard Operating Procedures) as approved in the Cabinet for smooth running of all Govt. Farms

5. The Committee observed that the monitoring and service delivery system in filed conditions is hampered due to non-availability of full-fledged District AH & Vety. Officer (DVO) in most of the districts of the State.

The Committee recommended to relax the service length in the rank of Assistant Director to avail the promotional avenues to Deputy Director/District A.H. & Vety. Officer (DVO) as per service rule so as to fulfil the vacancy of DVO of the district of the State.

6. The Committee observed that due to non-pyramidal structure of the Service Veterinary Cadre as well as to utilize the service of the Veterinarian from different schemes, review of the Cadre within the existing strength is essential.

The Committee recommended to carry out effective review of Cadre within the existing strength of officers in the interest of public service. The Committee also recommended one year Elementary Knowledge of Veterinary Science Course converted/promoted to a Diploma Course.

7. The Committee observed that due to less Nos. Of Veterinary/Dispensaries in the State the farmers are deprived of getting good treatment of Animals and Birds which was already recommended by the Committee in its earlier 23rd Report of the Committee.

The Committee recommended that the Department should take necessary provision to establish new Veterinary Hospital through out the State wherever necessary including establishment of a Hospital in Adingiri under West Guwahati LAC at the earliest

The Committee also recommended that considering the dilapidated conditioned of the Veterinary Hospital at Lumding the Department should subsequently construct boundary wall, staff quarter and provide sanitation facilities including water facility. The Department should also take initiative to engaged more Doctors and Grade-IV staff in this Veterinary Hospital at the earliest.

8. The Committee observed that some of the Hospital/Dispensary/Sub-centres of the State are still in dilapidated condition viz. Dakhinpat and Borkola Sub-Centre in Nagaon district, Chakardeo Sub-Centre in Kamrup district resulting in poor service delivery.

The Committee recommended to reconstruct the dilapidate Hospital / Dispensary / Sub-centres from the available sources of funding.

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total amount of Rs. 50713.12 lakhs as sought for, under Grant No. 52 Animal Husbandry & Veterinary for the financial year, 2022-23 be approved by the august House.

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 House.

CHAPTER – III

R E P O R T

Grant No – 53

(Dairy Development Department, Assam)

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee in its sitting held 24th March, 2022 examined the papers and documents received from the departments and took evidence of the departmentally representatives. At the same time, the Committee considered the Action Taken report on the recommendation made in its **Twenty Third Report** in the 2021-22 and in addition to the scrutinization of the budget provision.

Budget provision under Grant No.53 relating to the Dairy Development Department, 2022-23 are as follows :

	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rs. In lakh)
Voted	7377.65	858.84	8236.49
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

• 2404	Dairy Development	7377.65
• 4404	Capital Outlay on Dairy Dev.	858.84
	Grand Total	8236.49

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

While discussion the Budget provision for the year, 2022-23, the Committee found 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 Finance Department, Assam for necessary Budget provision in order to restrict the hindrances that may arise while performing the function of the Department.

2.1 The Directorate of Dairy Development, Assam created during the year, 1982 vide Notification No. VFV.324/78, dated 16-01-82 without creating district and sub-division wise manpower and other related infrastructure and in the year, 2004. Government has notified it as it permanent department.

2.2 Basic Objective:

- Procurement, processing and distribution of milk aiming at economic upliftment of rural milk producers and to help urban consumers to get quality milk at a reasonable price.
- Developing adequate infrastructure to ensure procurement and processing of Milk produced in the State.
- Organising dispersed milk producers in to Dairy Co-Operative Societies (DCSs) and Milk Producers Institution (MPIs) for efficient procurement, processing and marketing.
- Assamese among milk producers, traders and consumers regarding clean milk production and consumption.

2.2, ORGANIZATION SETUP

Directorate at Khanapara, Guwahati-22.

Subordinate Establishment:

1. Office of the Zonal Deputy Director - 4(Four) Zonal Offices at Silchar, Jorhat, Tezpur and Nalbari.
2. Office of Dairy Development Officer - 2 (Two) at Nalbari & Goalpara.
3. Office of Town Milk Supply Scheme - 8(Eight) at Lahowal, Jorhat, Guwahati, Tezpur, Lakhimpur, Silchar, Manja and Garampani.

Review of 2020-21

The total approved amount for the SOPD 2020-21 was Rs. 5572.68 lakh, out of which only Rs.71.71 lakh was utilized. Due to COVID situation fund utilization is not satisfactory.

The Major Financial and Physical Targets are:-

Component	Allocation	Anticipated Expenditure
SOPD-G	Rs.1172.31 lakh	Rs. 1172.31 lakh
SOPD-ODS	Rs.4000.00 lakh	Nil
SOPD-TSP	Rs.19.60 lakh	Rs. 0.00 lakh
RIDF	Rs. 400.37 lakh	Rs. 27.30 lakh
Total	Rs.5572.48 lakh	Rs.1191.61 lakh

Physical Targets:-

1. Completed of District Dairy Development office at Golaghat & Majuli.
2. Completed Milk parlour building at Bokakhat.
3. Completed 1st Phase of installation of machinery and equipments at Milk Processing Plant at Dhemaji.
4. Organized 10 Nos. of Dairy Co-operative Societies at Sadiya Sub-Division.

Proposal for SOPD 2022-23.

An amount of Rs. 5443.15 lakh is proposed under SFPD for the Financial Year, 2022-23, which includes SOPD-G for Rs. 1531.63 lakh, SOPD-ODS for Rs. 3445.00 lakh and Rs. 466.51 lakh for RIDF. The schematic breakup of the amount and physical target

Proposed under each scheme are shown below :

Sl.	Name of the scheme	AA/SSFC/SFC/DFC approval received	Amount proposed during, 2022-23
A	ONGOING / CONTINUOUS SCHEME	Rupees in lakh	
1.	Governor initiative on Integrated support services for creation of milk surplus district – Sadiya Sub-Div.	782.49	220.34

2.	Establishment of Cottage Dairy Unit	152.00	152.00
3.	Establishment of 5000 LPD Milk Processing Plant at Dhemaji under CMs special package in Dhemaji district	195.95	195.95
4.	Umbrella scheme for enhancement of Milk production	7998.40	3445.00
5.	Advertisement & Publicity	28.53	44.00
6.	Machinery and equipment for Milk Processing Plant, Jorhat	169.64	175.00
7.	Pending payment to PWD for establishment of Milk Processing Plant Bongaigaon.	35.93	44.91
8.	Dairy Co-operative Societies	-	240.00
9.	Establishment of District Office	-	89.23
	Sub Total-A	9362.94	4606.43
B	RIDF		
1.	Establishment of Milk Processing Plant at Dibrugarh under RIDF-XXV	265.52	466.51
2.	Establishment of Multi Brand Mill Parlour with Computerization of CD, Khanapara under RIDF-XXV	134.03	
	Sub Total- B	399.55	466.51
C	NEW SCHEME		
1.	Budget Announcement Scheme -Para No.227 of 2021-22 Milk Processing Plant Tezpur, Lakhimpur and Silchar	-	144.20
2.	Training to Dairy Farmers		24.00
3.	Success Story of DCSs / Dairy Entrepreneur		12.00
4.	Operational Cost of Milk Processing Plant, Khanapara & Bongaigaon		44.00
5.	Machinery & Equipment for Milk Processing, Bokakhat		50.00
6.	Contractual professional staff for H.Q & Subordinate Offices		96.00
	Sub Total- C		370.20
	Grand Total (A+B+C)	9762.49	5443.14

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT
ON THE OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED 23RD
REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING
COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENTS ON GRANT NO.53**

1. The Committee is informed by the Department that as per the last recommendation of the Committee, rejuvenation of Town Milk Supply Scheme (TMSS), Khanapra (along with facelift of the old building, future product diversification of many more value added dairy products and to accommodate milk processing demos to the dairy farmers, milk traders, sweet makers and dairy entrepreneurs of the state) has already been completed and it was ceremonially inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister, A.H & Veterinary Department, Assam on 19-02-2021.

However, the Committee also learnt that due to non receipt of working capital to run the plant through the budget provision under SOPD during 2021-22 as well as non amendment of Clause 3 (c)(iii) of Operational Efficiency Financial Standard Operation Procedure (O.E.F.S.O.P), 2019 the plant is not in a position to start its regular business.

The Committee after threadbare discussions recommended the Department to make sufficient fund provision through supplementary demand (SD) during 2021-22 to accommodate the working capital for sustainable operation of the plant as well as to accommodate milk processing skill/demos to the dairy farmers, milk traders, sweet makers and dairy entrepreneurs of the State.

The Committee further recommends the Department to complete the process of amendment of Clause 3 (c) (iii) of Operational Efficiency Financial Standard Operating Procedure (OEFSOP), 2019 as soon as possible.

Action Taken:

Though department could not make sufficient fund provision through supplementary demand (SD) during 2021-22 to accommodate the working capital for sustainable operation of the Milk Processing Plant Khanapara and Bogaigaon, budget provision of Rs.100.00 lakh has been proposed during, 2022-23.

Process for amendment of Clause 3 (c) (iii) of Operational Efficiency Financial Standard Operating Procedure (O.E.F.S.O.P), 2019 is under process at Govt. Level.

2. The Committee is informed by the Department that as per the last recommendation of the Committee, necessary Administrative approved for rejuvenation of Milk Processing Plant at Lahowal under RIDF-XXV amounting to Rs. 265.52 lakh was received on 19-01-2021 & the civil works against the activity is expected to be completed within January, 2022.

The Committee also learnt that as regards to the rejuvenation of Milk Processing Plant at Silchar, civil works have already been completed during 2020-21 from the fund received under Establishment Expenditure (EE) and budget provision for replacement old machineries are proposed under Annual Budget 2021-22.

The Committee was also informed that, for rejuvenation of Milk Processing Plants at Tezpur & Lakhimpur though necessary budget provision was proposed under SOPD 2021-22, but no allocation was received and needs to be considered and given priority under rejuvenation of TMSSs which has already been announced by the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam in his budget speech, 2020-21.

The Committee after threadbare discussions expressed its satisfaction of the approval of activities such as rejuvenation of Milk Processing Plant at Lahowal & Establishment of Multi Brand Milk Mall at Khanapara under RIDF-XXV.

But the Committee as sceptical on the issue of the insufficient coverage of milk processing and value addition facilities for entire state and the Committee recommends the Department and the Finance Department to allocate more fund for the rejuvenation of the Milk processing plant under the rest TMSSs and other prospective dairy clusters of the state under next trenches of RIDF, NIDA and RIAs etc.

Action Taken:

The Milk Processing Plant at Lahowal & Establishment of Multi Brand Milk Mall at Khanapara under RIDF-XXV are under progress and expected to complete the civil works within June, 2022. The tender for required machinery and equipments will be floated during April, 2022.

As per the last recommendation of the Committee, Rs. 12.00 Crore is allocated for rejuvenation of the Milk Processing Plants at Silchar, Lakhimpur and Tezpur under NABARD Infrastructure Development Assistance (NIDA).

DPR had already been admitted to the concerned authority AIFA. However, Rs. Sought by AIFA a revised DPR voted by PWD is being submitted again once it is finalized by the recently empanelled consultant groups.

3. The Committee again reiterate its earlier recommendation in the Twenty Second Reports in the year, 2020-21 that all the Deputy Commissioners to check the quality of milk and milk products specially festivals and Dairy Development should take a leading role in curving the menance of the rampant adulteration of milk and milk products in co-ordination with the JCMC & FSSAI authority.

Action Taken:

The Directorate is trying hard to contest against the Writ Petition taking the necessary help of professional legal aids so that the Notification of the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. Of Assam can be upheld and given effect as early as possible.

However, so far private professional legal aids could not be engaged.

Once the Writ Petition is contested and won the Veterinary Officials working under the Department of A.H. & Veterinary can also be notified to work as Food Safety Officers (FSO) in regards to Meat & Meat Products.

4. The Committee learnt from the Department that necessary budget provision amounting to Rs. 40.00 lakhs has been made under SOPD 2021-22 for mass awareness campaign among the dairy farmers, traders and consumers, exposure visit to dairy advanced states for both the entire milk value chain actors as weel as the departmental officials etc.

The Committee recommends that more thrusts should be given by the Department for skill upgradation of the entire milk value chain actors, consumers and the Departmental officers.

The Committee further recommends that the department to take the help of State Skill Mission for dairy skill upgradation & to make provisions for skill building in every future schemes and projects to be undertaken by the department.

Action Taken:

Though concurrence for an amount of Rs.28.53 lakh was received during February, 2022, mass awareness campaign among the dairy farmers, traders and consumers, exposure visit to dairy advance states for both the entire milk value chain actors as well as the departmental officials etc. Could not be initiated during 2021-22 due to the late receipt of the concurrence. However, necessary budget provision is made during 2022-23 again to take up the activities as a continuous programme.

The Directorate is trying to get collaborated with the Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) and Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI) for scaling up of skills to entire value chain actors of the state.

Under APART also the initiatives of training is going on.

5. The Committee observed that most of the senior level posts of the Directorates under the Department are lying vacant since long and it has hampered the regular developmental works of the Department.

The Committee after threadbare discussion on the reasons of such stalemate on promotion at senior level and the relevant Service Rules provisions etc. Recommends that the Department should move single mass relaxation proposal for amending the Service Rules provisions as a special case for promotion of the senior level posts under the Department and again to restore the original provisions of the Service Rules after the special thrust for promotion of senior level is given effect at mass.

Action Taken:

Proposal for mass relaxation as a special case for promotion of the senior level posts under the Department is under process of submission to the Government.

6. The Committee observed that due to the huge vacancies lying in the Department, the public services have been badly affected.

The Committee recommends that the Directorates under the Department should explore the contractual engagements of technical experts till the regular existing posts are filled up as per the recruitment norms or by way of promotions.

The initiative will revamp the Directorates in terms of fresh manpower infusion with all round latest and modern skills and expertise.

Action Taken:

After a gap of 20 years the Directorate could appoint 9 fresh Dairy Technology through APSC. Another, 11 fresh Dairy Technologists are proposed to be appointed through APSC. By this way the critical manpower shortage under the Directorate can be sorted out partially. Govt. Is in the process of filling up of the existing vacant posts under the Grade-III and Grade-IV posts. Proposal for budget provision for contractual staff has been proposed during 2022-23.

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The Committee after threadbare discussion recommends that department should move single mass relaxation proposal for amending the Service Rule provision as a special case for promotion of Senior Level Posts under the Department and again to restore the original provisions of the Service Rules after the special thrust for promotion at senior level is given effect at mass.

2. The Committee stressed upon for mass awareness campaign among the Dairy Farmers, Traders and Consumers, Exposure visit to Dairy advanced States for both entire milk value chain factors as well as the department officials etc.

The Committee recommends that the department to take the help of State Skill Mission, Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) and Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI) for dairy skill upgradation & to made provisions for skill building in every future schemes and projects to be undertaken by the Department.

3. The Committee observe that due to the huge vacancies lying in the Department, the public services have been badly affected.

The Committee recommends that the Directorates under the Department should explore the contractual engagements of technical experts till the regular existing posts are filled up as per the recruitment norms or by way of promotions. The Committee also recommends for completion of the post creation proposal submitted by the Directorate and to fill up the existing vacancies of Gr-III and Gr.-IV posts.

The initiative will revamp the Directorates in terms of fresh manpower infusion with all round latest and modern skills and expertise.

4. The Committee observed that the Directorate has been provided with the working capital to run the recently rejuvenated Milk Processing Plant at Khanapara and newly established Bongaigaon Milk plant through the budget provision under SOPD during 2022-23.

However, the Committee observed that the already recommended amendment of Clause 3 (c) (iii) of Operational Efficiency Financial Standard Operating Procedure (GEFSOP), 2019 is yet to be notified.

The Committee again recommends the Department to complete the process of amendment of Clause 3 (c) (iii) of Operation Efficiency Financial Standard Operating Procedure (O E F S O P), 2019 as soon as possible.

5. The Committee was informed that for rejuvenation of Milk Processing Plants at Silchar, Tezpur and Lakhimpure necessary fund of Rs.12.00 corers has already been allocated under NABARD Infrastructure Development Initiative (NIDA)

The Committee express as satisfaction on the approval of activities such as rejuvenations of Milk Processing Plants under the Directorate.

The Committee recommended that Department should take necessary steps for construction the New Dairy Plan at Chayygaon under Kamrup Rural District.

The Committee also recommends the Department to take necessary action for similar allocation of Rs. 4.00 Crores for rejuvenation of the Milk Processing Plant, Birah Bebejia, Nagaon under the Directorate of Dairy Development as well as to notify an Organizational Management Committee (OMC) to look after the management of the plant under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble MLA, Nagaon.

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total amount of Rs. 8236.49 lakhs as sought for, under Grant No. 53 Dairy Development for the financial year, 2022-23 be approved by the august House.

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 House.

