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

**FIFTEENTH
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**Report on Demands for the Grant Nos. 22 & 23
For the year 2025-26**

**DEPARTMENT : ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS,
TRAINING, PENSION AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES
DEPARTMENT**

FIRST REPORT

Presented to the House on 21st March, 2025

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

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INTRODUCTION

1. I, as Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this **FIRST REPORT** on Demands for **Grant Nos. 22 & 23** of the **Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department** for the financial year, **2025-2026**.
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 **Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department** on **13th March, 2025**.
4. The Draft Report was considered and approved by the Committee at their meeting held on **16th March, 2025**.
5. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Officials of the **Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievances 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.

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Dated: 16th March, 2025

Dr. Paramananda Rajbongshi
Chairman
Departmentally Related Standing
Committee on Development (D) Departments
Assam Legislative Assembly

Chapter – I

Grant No.22

(Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department)

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments took Grant No. 22 incorporated in the Budget which was presented to the House on 10th March, 2025 for the Financial Year, 2025-26 for consideration.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments has made this Report incorporating all the facts and data given in the Budget and Preliminary Status Paper including Action Taken Report furnished by the Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department which are briefly focused as follows-

1.1. While examining the papers and documents, as received from the concerned Department in respect of Grant No. 22 and the budget provision made thereto, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments held the said meeting on 13th March, 2025 and took oral evidence from the Departmental representatives for discussing all the points raised by the Hon'ble Members of the Committee.

This will be the First Report for the Grant No.22 for the Department concerned.

The Budget provision made under Grant No.22 relating to Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department for the financial year 2025-26 is as given under:

	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Voted	2093.80	948.71	3042.51
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

Under the following Heads, an estimated Budget Allocation has been fixed as shown below:

HEAD OF ACCOUNTS		
2059	Public Works	113.50
2070	Other Administrative Services	1916.28
4059	Capital Outlay on Public Works	247.01
4070	Other Administrative Service	604.60
Grand Total		2881.39

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

The Committee examined the Major Head of Grant No. 22 and took oral evidence from the Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Departmental representatives. The Soil Conservation Department under Grant No.22 comprises/incorporates various schemes taken by the Departments for the financial year 2025-26.

CHAPTER II
Administrative Reforms & Training,
Pension and Public Grievances Department

The Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department has furnished the Preliminary Status and other relevant information relating to Grant No. 22, which are briefly presented below:

1. PRELIMINARY STATUS PAPER:

The Administrative Reforms and Training Department and the Pension and Public Grievances Department were merged to form a new Department namely the Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department. The Department looks after the Administrative Reforms of the State Government, training matters of Officers and Staff of the Government of Assam, matters related to pension and matters of public grievances.

2. BRIEF NOTE IN RESPECT OF GRANT NO. 22

Administrative Reforms Training Pension and Public Grievances Department under Grant No. 22 have three HoDs namely :-

- a) Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara
- b) Assam Information Commission
- c) Assam State Commission for Right to Public Services

- (a) **ASSAM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE:** It is a premier training institute in the north-eastern region of India. It was established in March 1960 in Shillong (then known as the Administrative Training School) to provide institutional training facilities to State Civil Service officers. It was shifted to Guwahati in 1962 and was renamed as Assam Administrative Staff College in 1981. Since then (from 14th November, 1981), it has been functioning out of its current location at Jawaharnagar, Khanapara. Ever since its inception, it has been acting as a pioneer institute under the overall administrative control of ARTPPG Department, Government of Assam for capacity building of Government functionaries, civil society organizations etc. The Assam Administrative Staff College was also the only Regional Training Centre for imparting training techniques and Training of Trainers (ToT) programmes for the whole of the North-East before other State Institutes grew.

STATUS OF THE INSTITUTE:

- Apex Civil Services training institution of Government of Assam, ARTPPG Department.
- The Regional Training Institute of the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India for imparting training of trainers courses for North-Eastern and Eastern States.
- Secretariat Training School for imparting training to the staff of Assam Secretariat.

VISION:

Be a centre of excellence in the realm of capacity building and training for good governance.

MISSION:

To foster excellence in governance and pursuit of administrative reforms through:

- (1) Developing capacity for Government functionaries at various levels.
- (2) Infusion of Sustained and Systematic Training Interventions for the civil-servants and Non-Government functionaries.
- (3) Developing quality trainers and appropriate infrastructure.
- (4) Providing consultancy to various organizations on capacity building.
- (5) Documentation of innovative ideas and best practices and their repository.

(b) ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION

The Assam Information Commission constituting of one State Chief Information Commissioner and two State Information Commissioners was established by Govt. Notification No. AR.77/2005/38 dated 06-10-2005 and started functioning w.e.f. 02-03-2006. The office of the Assam Information Commission from the inception till inauguration of the new permanent building was accommodated temporarily in the office buildings of old Janata Bhawan from 02-03-2006 to 09-09-2008, old Chief Secretary's block (20-09-2008 to 19-10- 2009), Housefed Complex (20-10-2009 to January, 2015) and Jonakee Complex, Shilpgram Road, Panjabari (January, 2015 to 2022) respectively and now new office building of Assam Information Commission is constructed at Juripar, Panjabari and it is inaugurated on 26/01/2023.

The Assam Information Commission was established under the provisions of RTI Act,2005 with aim and objective to promote transparency and accountability in the working of the Government and helps in containing corruption in the government and work for the people in a better way.

(c) ASSAM STATE COMMISSION FOR RIGHT TO PUBLIC SERVICES

This office namely "Assam State Commission for Right to Public Services" has been set up by the Govt. recently, inaugurated on 30/11/2024 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Currently the Commission is headed by the Chief Commissioner, ASCRTPS appointed in the month of March, 2024 and two Commissioners appointed subsequently in the month of September, 2024. The Commission is now functioning from Officers' Training Institute Building, College of Veterinary Sciences, AAU, Khanapara.

3. PERFORMANCE BUDGET / ANNUAL REPORT (2024-25)

- The Annual Administrative Report for the Financial Year 2024-25 pertaining to ARTPPG Department is yet to be prepared as the financial year has not ended.
- The actual expenditure for the current Financial Year 2024-25 as reported is up to 20-02-2025. The expenditure is likely to be increased by the end of the financial year.

The total of the **budgeted amount under Grant No. 22:- Rs. 4469.16 (in Lakh)** (This includes initial budget allocation of Rs. 3648.60 (in lakh) and subsequent budget allocation of Rs. 370.56 lakh as C.F. for AASC and Rs. 450.00 lakh as C.F. in finassam for Assam State Commission for Right to Public Service.)

The detailed report covering the items as prescribed in the letter No. DRSC(D)- 2/2025/25 dtd. 04-02-2025 in respect of each of the three HoDs are furnished below:-

(a) ASSAM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE (AASC)

Director of Training, Assam Administrative Staff College receives funds from Government for Non-Tribal Area (Assam Administrative Staff College) & Tribal Area (Bodoland Administrative Staff College) under Grant No. 22-Administrative Training under the following four major heads of account are :-

1. 2070
2. 4070
3. 2059
4. 4059

The funds received are then distributed to its two DDO's viz.

1. Assam Administrative Staff College (DIS/ART/001)
2. Bodoland Administrative Staff College (KKJ/ART/001)

Budget provision pertaining to Director of Training, Assam Administrative Staff College for FY 2024-25 is as follows:-

EE Voted- Rs. 2254.40 lakh
SOPD Voted- Rs. 1174.74 lakh

(Inclusive of C.F. of Rs. 353.56 under EE Voted and Rs. 17.00 under SOPD Voted)

Which totals to **Rs. 3429.14 lakh**

SI-2 - Performance Budget of AASC for FY 2024-25

Performance Budget of AASC for FY 2024-25 as on 20-02-2025

Sl. No.	Particulars	Budgeted Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)	Expenditure (in %)	Balance (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3	4	5	6
(A)	Total of EE voted	2,254.40	1,443.01781	64.01%	811.38219
(B)	Total of SOPD Voted	1,174.74	868.69347	73.95%	306.04653
	Grand Total (A) + (B)	3,429.14	2,311.71128	67.41%	1,117.42872

New Schemes:

There are no new schemes pertaining to AASC.

(b) STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

Budget provision of Assam Information Commission :-

Assam Information Commission receives fund from Government under Grant No. 22

Administrative training under the Following two numbers of Head of Accounts:-

1. 2070
2. 4070

The fund received under the above Head of Account are distributed into the DDO's of

1. DIS/SIC/001

Budget provision pertaining to Assam Information Commission for the Financial Year 2024-25 is as follows :-

1. EE Voted :- Rs. 483.86000 lakh
 2. SOPD Voted :- Rs. 106.16000 lakh
- Which totals to Rs. 590.02000 lakh

Performance Budget:- Performance of Budget of Assam Information Commission for the Financial Year 2024-25 as on 20/2/2025

Sl. No.	Particulars	Budgeted Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)	Expenditure (in %)	Balance (Rs. in lakh)
1	Total of EE voted	483.86	218.35600	45.12%	265.50378
2	Total of SOPD Voted	106.16	Nil	0%	106.16

Fiscal targets achieved by Assam Information Commission as follows:-

A) Setting up of RTI portal of Assam by NIC, Assam started from the year 2023 -24.

Sl. No.	Particulars	FY	Budgeted Amount	Expenditure in lakh	Expenditure %	Remarks
1	Setting up of RTI portal of Assam	2023-24	34.13	34.13	100 %	The portal is live now
		2024-25	34.83	10.04	28.83 %	

B) Fiscal target achieved for construction of office building of Assam Information Commission during last three years:-

Sl. No.	Particulars	FY	Budgeted Amount	Expenditure in lakh	Expenditure %	Remarks
1	Construction of office building of Assam Information Commission at Panjabari, Guwahati -37	2022-23	285.00	285.00	100%	FS is under process for payment
		2023-24	270.00	270.00	100%	
		2024-25	106.16	nil	0%	

No new scheme was launched by Assam Information Commission,

(c) ASSAM STATE COMMISSION FOR RIGHT TO PUBLIC SERVICES (ASCRTPS)

Assam State Commission for Right to Public Services received fund from Government under Grant No. 22 under the following head of Account :-

1. 2070

The funds received are then distributed in DDO's viz DIS/ART/003

Budget provision pertaining to Assam State Commission for Right to Public Services is as follows:-

EE-Voted = Rs. 450.00 lakhs

2. Performance Budget of ASCRTPS for FY 2024-25

Performance Budget of ASCRTPS for FY 2024-25 as on 20-02-2025

Sl. No.	Particulars	Budgeted Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)	Expenditure (in %)	Balance (Rs. in lakh)
(A)	Total of EE - voted	450	34.0084	7.56%	415.9916

3. No new scheme was launched by Assam State Commission For Right To Public Services (ASCRTPS).

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Grant no.22

After a great deal of careful consideration of the papers/documents submitted by the Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department and clarification made by the Departmental representatives during the course of tendering their oral evidence the Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments has made the following Observations and Recommendations.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments observes that training is the primary mandate of the Assam Administrative Staff College and capacity building of the Assam Government employees is a priority of the Government of Assam. For the same sufficient budgetary provision should be available for announcing the projected training program in different categories for specific target groups with quality resource persons etc.

The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that the Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department should take necessary steps for a SD proposal for an additional fund of Rs. 200.00000 lakh for a seamless conduct of the trainings in various categories proposed in the Financial Year 2025-26.

With these observations and recommendations as mentioned aforesaid, the Committee recommends that the Budget provision amounting to Rs 3042.51 Lakhs during the financial year 2025-26 under the Grant No. 22 be accepted.

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

Chapter – III

Grant No.23

(Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department)

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The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments has made this Report incorporating all the facts and data given in the Budget and Preliminary Status Paper including Action Taken Report furnished by the Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department which are briefly focused as follows-

1.1. While examining the papers and documents, as received from the concerned Department in respect of Grant No. 23 and the budget provision made thereto, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments held the said meeting on 13th March, 2025 and took oral evidence from the Departmental representatives for discussing all the points raised by the Hon'ble Members of the Committee.

This will be the First Report for the Grant No. 23 for the Department concerned.

1.2. The Budget provision made under Grant No.23 relating to Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department for the financial year 2025-26 is as given under:

	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Voted	2089489.52	0.00	2089489.52
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

Under the following Heads, an estimated Budget Allocation has been fixed as shown below:

Head Of Accounts		
2071	Pension and Other Retirement Benefits	2066088.97
Grand Total		Rs. 2066088.97

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

The Committee examined the Major Head of Grant No. 23 and took oral evidence from the Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Departmental representatives. The Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department under Grant No. 23 comprises/incorporates various schemes taken by the Departments for the financial year 2025-26.

CHAPTER IV
Administrative Reforms & Training,
Pension and Public Grievances Department

The Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department has furnished the Preliminary Status and other relevant information relating to Grant No. 23, which are briefly presented below:

(1) Preliminary Status Paper

The Administrative Reforms and Training Department and the Pension and Public Grievances Department were merged to form a new department namely the Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department. The Department looks after the Administrative Reforms of the State Government, training matters of Officers and Staff of the Government of Assam, matters related to pension and matters of public grievances.

Grant No. 23 pertains to Administrative Reforms Training Pension & Public Grievances Department (PPG wing) which is the nodal department for formulation of policies relating to pension and other retirement benefits of Assam Government employees. The Department administers and monitors the Acts and Legislations relating to Pension, General Provident Fund, Group Insurance Scheme, Commutation of Pension, Special Family Pension for which it exercises the Financial Powers as the Administrative Department and acts as the Referral Department for interpretation of the Acts/rules governing pension and other related matters.

All works relating to Directorate of Pension, Assam are also monitored by ARTPPG Department (PPG wing).

Additionally, all Sanction Orders of Commutation of Pension (medical cases) are issued by this Department in a chronological manner depending on the date of receipt from Office of the Accountant General, Assam and Directorate of Pension, Assam.

VISION:-

The Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department aims to create an environment for accountable, transparent ethical and responsive governance. Further it is working with a vision of ensuring active and dignified life for pensioners. The goal is to ensure payment of all retirement dues and delivery of Pension Payment Order (PPO) to retiring employees on the day of retirement itself and facilitate prompt redressal of public grievances.

MISSION:-

To foster excellence in governance and pursuit of administrative reforms through:

- i. Building capacity and competence at various levels of Government
- ii. Reforms in Administrative Structures and streamlining procedures and processes

- iii. Developing and implementing innovation in governance
- iv. Documentation and dissemination of best practices
- v. Act as Nodal Agency for Administrative Reforms in Government
- vi. Promoting citizen centric governance with emphasis on grievance redressal, accountability and promotion of ethics and value.
- vii. Timely and smooth payment of pension and other retirement benefits.
- viii. Constant review of rules, regulations and procedures.
- ix. Prompt redressal of public grievances thereby promoting the welfare of pensioners in particular and citizens in general.

(b) Key stakeholders

The PPG Department serves the following key stakeholders:

1. Directorate of Pension, Assam
2. State Government Pensioners
3. Administrative Departments
4. Citizens (Public Grievances)

(3) Performance Budget / Annual Report (2024-25)

- The Annual Administrative Report for the Financial Year 2024-25 pertaining to ARTPPG Department is yet to be prepared as the financial year has not ended.
- The actual expenditure for the current Financial Year 2024-25 is reported up to 20/2/2025. The expenditure is likely to increase by the end of the financial year. Further, actual expenditure cannot be ascertained as it depends on various financial factors that are finalized only at the end of the financial year.
- The disbursement of pension to retired Govt. servants on time is a fixed liability on the part of the Government. As such, the expenditure incurred under Grant No. 23 is not target oriented and cannot be determined before hand. Payment of pension and other retirement benefits must be made as and when they become due, ensuring that retirees receive their entitlements without delay.
- Payments are disbursed under the Global Head of Account, and there is no mechanism in place within the Department to monitor or regulate these expenditures directly except Commutation of Pension and NPS for which expenditure is incurred only as per available budgetary provision. The excess expenditure thus incurred is taken up by the Accountant General, Assam from time to time for reconciliation.
- Contingency Fund proposals under grant No. 23 are moved to Finance Department from time to time for additional fund, if required.
- As per standard budgeting guidelines, projections for the next financial year are generally based on a 10% increase over the previous year's budget, unless specific justifications exist for exceeding this threshold.
- The requirement for pension-related funds fluctuates annually based on multiple factors, such as the number of retirees, revision of benefits, and statutory increments.
- The Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, Assam has been entrusted as Nodal Office for NPS vide Para 18 of the guidelines for implementation of the New.

Defined Contribution Pension System appended with the OM No. BW.7/2008/Pt./40 dated 6/10/2009.

- Minor Heads other than 102- Commuted value of Pension are Global Heads and maintained by Finance Department.

Total Budget Allocated under Grant No. 23 for FY 2024-25: Rs.1816413.24 lakh.

Proposed Budget for the Year 2025-26

The Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2025-26 under Grant No. 23 have been submitted to Finance Department, excluding estimates for the National Pension System (NPS) as the requirement of Govt. share of NPS have to be submitted directly by the Director of Accounts and Treasuries, Assam. The proposed budget considers past shortfalls and anticipates additional requirements as the actual number of pensioners and rate of pension to be drawn by them i.e., family pension, compassionate family pension, medical reimbursement, commuted pension additional quantum of 20 % enhancement on attaining 80 years of age by the pensioner cannot be ascertained as the budget is under Global Head of Account this Department has no mechanism in place for monitoring expenditure under Global Head.

The total proposed budget for the Financial Year 2025-26 under Grant No. 23 under the Head of Account 2071, including General Areas and Sixth Schedule Areas, is: Rs. 2008300.763 lakh.

(4) Fiscal Targets Achieved (Last 3 Years)

No schemes are being implemented by ARTPPG Department (PPG Wing) under Grant No. 23. However, details of budget allotted and expenditure incurred in providing retirement benefits to the pensioners of the State during the last three financial years are shown below;

Year	Budget Allotted (Rs. lakh)	Total Expenditure (Rs. lakh)
2021-22	Rs. 8687.00	Rs. 13905.77
2022-23	Rs.11059.47	Rs. 17670.33
2023-24	Rs.16203.21	Rs. 18687.96

For NPS : (the requirement of Govt. share of NPS is submitted directly by the Director of Accounts and Treasuries, Assam and expenditure in this regard is monitored by them.)

Year	Budget Allotted (Rs. lakh)	Total Expenditure (Rs. lakh)
2021-22	Rs. 147989.00	Rs. 147891.16
2022-23	Rs.185000.00	Rs. 144895.13
2023-24	Rs.210000.00	Rs. 172605.48

(5) Brief Note on Grant No. 23

Grant No. 23 is allocated for the disbursement of pensions and retirement benefits to government employees and their families. Major allocations cover superannuation allowances, commuted value of pensions, compassionate allowances,

gratuities, family pensions leave encashment benefits and NPS (maintained by Director of Accounts and Treasuries, Assam). Substantial portions are also allocated for administrative support to autonomous councils. Minor Head wise breakup shown below:

Major Head 2071- Pension and Other Retirement Benefits

Sub- major Head-01 Civil

Minor Head - 101 Superannuation and Retirement Allowances

- 102 Commuted value of Pensions
- 103 Compassionate allowance
- 104 Gratuities
- 105 Family pensions
- 115 Leave Encashment Benefits
- *117 NPS Government / Employer's Contribution under NPS
- *(maintained by Finance Department)

New Schemes Launched

No new schemes were launched under Grant No. 23 during FY 2024-25. However, budget adjustments have been proposed to account for shortfalls of allocated budget for leave encashment and commutation of pension.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant no. 23

After a great deal of careful consideration of the papers/documents submitted by the Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department and clarification made by the Departmental representatives during the course of tendering their oral evidence the Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments has made the following Observations and Recommendations.

1. The Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments observes that there is a need for a mechanism in regard to a system-based control over excess expenditure to ensure better financial management since respective Department has no direct control over budgetary expenditure and provision as such.

The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that the Department should take necessary steps in consultation with the Finance Department (being the regulatory authority for Global Head of Account) to ensure better financial monitoring and regulation and such a mechanism like "finassam" portal to be maintained by Finance Department along with Treasuries would help streamline fund allocation and ensure financial discipline to increase the efficiency to a great extent.

2. The Committee observes that with the consistent rise in the number of pensioners, the respective Department needs to increase the budgetary provision from the current 10% to 20% annually for the ease of pensioners.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the respective Department should take necessary steps to take up the matter with the Finance Department for the existing provision to be modified.

3. The Committee during the meeting observes that the Department is in urgent need of manpower and adequate infrastructure to ensure smooth functioning.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Department should take up for Additional budgetary provision for creation of posts for sufficient manpower and suitable infrastructure for timely and smooth disposal of official work.

4. During the meeting, the Committee observes that, Kritagyata is a one-stop transparent ICT platform that facilitates the online pension sanction and payment tracking for retired and pensioners of Govt. of Assam. The Committee also takes note on record and appreciated the benefits of Kritagyata in regard to the timely processing of cases, simpler procedures for filling up and correcting online forms, and online generation of PPOs (Pension Payment Orders).

The Committee accordingly recommends that the concerned Department should take necessary steps for improving the efficiency of the KRITAGYATA portal further with the features of End-to-End Digitization of Pension Processing, Digi Locker Integration, FinAssam Integration, SewaSetu Integration etc.

5. The Committee also observes during the course of meeting that there is need of modified versions of all-inclusive web application (Portal) with centralized database, combined with user-friendly interface to simplify the process of management and retrieval of pension related data for the pensioners of the Government of Assam.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Department concerned should take necessary measures to introduce an improved version of web portal with defined security components of login id verification, OTP Authentication, Aadhaar Linking etc. in order to address the increasing rate of cyber-crimes as well.

With these observations and recommendations as mentioned aforesaid, the Committee recommends that the Budget provision amounting to Rs.2089489.52 Lakhs during the financial year 2025-26 under the Grant No. 23 be accepted.

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

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

No.LADRSC (D)/2025/01

Dated 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 (D) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.

1. Dr. Paramananda Rajbongshi	MLA & Chairman
2. Shri Binod Hazarika	MLA & Member
3. Shri Mrinal Saikia	MLA & Member
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11. Shri Abul Kalam Rasheed Alam	MLA & Member
12. Shri Nizam Uddin Choudhury	MLA & Member
13. Shri Nirmal Kumar Brahma	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 has been pleased to appoint **Dr. Paramananda Rajbongshi**, MLA and Member of the Committee as the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.

The term of the Committee shall be for a period of one year with effect from the 1st February, 2025.

Sd/-
Secretary,
Assam Legislative Assembly

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