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DEVELOPMENT (E) DEPARTMENTS  
2025-2026**

**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**(FIFTEENTH ASSEMBLY)**

**REPORT ON THE DEMAND FOR GRANT NO. 40  
FOR THE YEAR 2025-26**

**DEPARTMENT : SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**THIRD REPORT**

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

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

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## INTRODUCTION

1. I, the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this **Third Report** on the Demands for **Grant No. 40** of the **Social Justice and Empowerment Department** for the financial year **2025-26**.
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 **Social Justice and Empowerment Department** on **13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**.
4. The Draft Report was considered and approved by the Committee in its meeting held on **17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**.
5. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Officials of the **Social Justice and Empowerment Department** for placing before them the requisite materials and their considered views in connection with the subjects under consideration and also thanks to Finance & Transformation & Development Department 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.

Place : Dispur  
Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

Bhubon Pegu  
Chairman,  
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Committee on Development (E) Departments,  
Assam Legislative Assembly.

**CHAPTER -I**  
**Report**  
**Grant No- 40**

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) in its sitting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 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 **Second Report** in the 2024-25 and in addition to the scrutiny of budget provision.

Budget provisions under Grant No 40 relating to the Social Justice and Empowerment Department 2025-26 are as follows :

	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	38946.47	2744.27	41690.74
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

2225	Welfare of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes	<b>Rs. 34482.69</b>
2235	Social Security & Welfare	<b>Rs. 4463.78</b>
4225	Capital Outlay on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes	<b>Rs. 2136.87</b>
4235	Capital Outlay on Social Security and Welfare	<b>Rs. 607.40</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Rs. 41690.74</b>

Budget provision under **Grant No. 40** is relating to Social Justice and Empowerment. The amount so allocated before the House and is proposed to be spent in revenue and capital respectively.

**CHAPTER -II**  
**Report**  
**Grant No- 40**

**PRELIMINARY STATUS PAPER RELATING TO GRANT NO.40 UNDER SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWEREMENT, ASSAM**

The Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment was notified on 1st December, 2021 and the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment was bifurcated from The Social Welfare Department on 8th June, 2022.

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Assam is one of the major Departments in the State that plays key roles in implementing various schemes for Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, Transgender Community, and Narcotics & Psychotropic Substances, and Other Related Issues, in the State. As of now, the Department comprises the schemes under the Ministries of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.

The status report of the schemes implemented by the Directorate of Social Justice & Empowerment, Assam for the Financial Year 2024-25 is as follows:

**(A) Welfare of Persons with Disabilities:**

**• Deen Dayal Divyangjan Punarsansthan Scheme:**

Deen Dayal Divyangjan Punorsansthan Achoni Scheme is to be implemented in collaboration with the Assam Skill Development Mission. The aim is to provide skill-based training to the beneficiaries in place of financial grants, comprehending that skill development can reduce unemployment and underemployment, increase productivity, and improve standards of living. Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Assam Skill Development Mission on 02/09/2024 to provide skill development training to the persons with disabilities, Govt. has released an amount of Rs. 297 lakhs for the same.

**• State Scholarships to Differently Abled Students:**

Scholarship of Rs. 200/- is provided to Differently Abled Students who are studying in Schools and Colleges for FY 2024-25. An Amount of Rs 60.00 lakh has been sanctioned under the scheme for the year 2024-25. List of total 2256 differently abled students has been received from the District Social Welfare Offices across the State. Scrutiny as well as disbursement of scholarship amount is under process.

District-wise numbers of applications received from the District Social Welfare Offices are as under

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of District</b>	<b>No. of Differently abled Students Submitted by District Social Welfare Officer</b>
1.	Bajali	29
2.	Baksa	40
3.	Barpeta	218
4.	Biswanath	33
5.	Bongaigaon	80
6.	Cachar	8
7.	Charaideo	8
8.	Chirang	42
9.	Darrang	67
10.	Dhemaji	5
11.	Dhubri	72
12.	Dibrugarh	3
13.	Dima-Hasao	38
14.	Goalpara	224
15.	Golaghat	114
16.	Hailakandi	12
17.	Hojai	8
18.	Jorhat	193
19.	Kamrup (R)	135
20.	Kamrup (M)	141
21.	Karbi Anglong	50
22.	Karimganj	0
23.	Kokrajhar	122
24.	Lakhimpur	81
25.	Majuli	50
26.	Morigaon	82
27.	Nagoan	92
28.	Nalbari	53
29.	Sivsagar	60
30.	Sonitpur	116
31.	South SalmaraMancachar	20
32.	Tamulpur	0
33.	Tinsukia	0
34.	Udalguri	60
35.	West Karbi Anglong	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>2256</b>

- **State Scholarships to Differently Abled Students Pursuing Medical & Technical etc.**

Scholarship of Rs. 3000/-is provided to the Differently Abled Students who are pursuing Medical, Technical Education, 'etc for an Amount of Rs.50.00 lakhs has been sanctioned under the scheme **Scholarships to Differently Abled Students Pursuing Medical & Technical** for the year 2024-25. List of total 59 differently abled students has been received from the District Social Welfare Offices across the State. Scrutiny as well as disbursement of scholarship amount is under process.

District-wise numbers of applications received from the District Social Welfare Offices are as under :

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the District</b>	<b>Nos. of beneficiaries</b>
1	Barpeta	6
2	Darrang	3
3	Udalguri	1
4	Kamrup	10
5	Kamrup Metro	2
6	Lakhimpur	2
7	Bajali	1
8	Biswanath	1
9	Sonitpur	2
10	Sivsagar	1
11	Dhubri	2
12	Dibrugarh	10
13	Goalpara	3
14	Bongaigaon	7
15	Nalbari	2
16	Baksa	2
17	Jorhat	3
18	Majuli	1
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>59</b>

- **Homes for Mentally ill Persons & Homes /Hostels for the Mentally Retarded Children / Persons 2024-25**

The Social Justice & Empowerment Department, Assam has been taking initiatives to rehabilitate the homeless and mentally ill persons through designated Voluntary Organizations and Homes/Hostels for Mentally Retarded Children/Persons.

27 Nos. of NGOs were selected for running Home for mentally ill Persons & 18 Nos. of NGOs were selected for running Home for Mentally Retarded. Grants-in-aid will be provided to the selected NGOs for the functioning of the home. Total financial involvement will be Rs.346.00 lakh. Financial sanctions received from the Govt. FOC under process.



- **Assistance to voluntary organizations working on Special Schools for Differently Abled Students"**

The Social Justice & Empowerment Department, Assam has been taking initiatives to provide financial support to the organizations working for the differently abled students through non-govt, organizations. 31 Nos, of NGOs were selected under the scheme during the year 2024-25. Total financial involvement will be Rs.94.00 lakh, Financial sanctions received from the Govt. FOC is under process.

- **Real Home for Persons with Disabilities:**

The Social Justice & Empowerment Department, Assam has been taking initiatives to establish 8 Real homes for Persons with disabilities in collaboration with Non-Govt. organization for providing free accommodation to homeless persons with disabilities for taking proper care.

8 Nos. of organizations have been selected by the Directorate for Establishing Real Homes for Persons with Disabilities. Total financial involvement will be Rs 82.00 lakh. Financial sanctions received from the Govt. FOC is under process.

- **Unique Disability ID (UDID) Project:**

The "Unique Disability ID" project (<https://www.swavlambancard.gov.in>) is being implemented with a view of creating a National Database for Persons with Disabilities and issuing a Unique Disability Identity Card to each person with disabilities.

Status of Assam: 2,21,046 Nos. of UDID Card generated as on 11/02/2025.

- **National Scholarship (scholarships.gov.in) 2024-25**

The Department of persons with Disabilities (DEPWD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India is implementing three scholarships for students with disabilities through the National

**Scholarship Portal (NSP): ([www.scholarships.gov.in](http://www.scholarships.gov.in)).**

**a) Pre-matric scholarships for Class IX and X**

**b) Post-matric scholarships for Class XI to Post-graduation and**

**c) Scholarship for Top Class Education** (For Graduate and Post-Graduate Degree/Diploma in notified institutes of excellence in education)

1. All the fresh/ renewal applicants who are eligible to apply for National scholarship have to do a One Time Registration (OTR) and also face authentication before applying for the Scholarship in the National Scholarship Portal through the mobile application "NSPOTR" which is available in the Play Store.
2. The students who applied for the scholarship last year have already received a reference id through registered Mobile No. to generate One Time Registration(OTR).

3. AADHAAR is mandatory for all the applicants. However for minor applicants who apply without AADHAAR, parents or legal guardian's AADHAAR is mandatory.
4. **Account number is not required for scholarship disbursement through National Scholarship Portal. Scholarship will be disbursed directly into the AADHAAR seeded bank account of the beneficiary.**
  - 115 students' fresh applications and 3 students' renewal applications from Assam were verified and forwarded to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Govt of India for approval to provide Scholarship for Pre-Matric (IX-X) Scholarship as of 10/02/2025. The scholarship is directly credited to the student's account from Govt. of India. Verification is under process.
  - 225 students fresh applications and 40 students' renewal applications from Assam were verified and forwarded to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of India for approval to provide Scholarship for Post-Matric Scholarship as of 10/02/2025. Verification is under process
  - 8 students' fresh applications and 3 students' renewal applications from Assam were verified and forwarded to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of India for approval to provide Scholarship for Top Class Scholarship as of 10/02/2025. Verification is under process

The detailed quantum and criteria for National Scholarships is as follows:

**Pre-matric scholarship** includes the following for the complete duration of the course:

- a) Maintenance allowance
- (b) Book grant
- (c) Disability Allowance

**Rates of Scholarship :**

<b>Items</b>	<b>Day Scholar</b>	<b>Hosteller</b>
Maintenance allowance (Permonth)	Rs.500	Rs.800
Book Grant (per annum)	Rs. 1000	Rs. 1000
<b>Disability Allowance (Per Month)</b>		
Visually Impairment or Intellectual Disabilities	Rs. 4000	Rs.4000
All other types of disabilities	Rs. 2000	Rs. 2000

**Post-Matricscholarshipincludesthefollowing allowances:**

- i. Maintenanceallowance
- ii. Disabilityallowance
- iii. Reimbursementofcompulsorynon-refundablefees
- iv. Bookallowance

**MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE:**

Groups	Rate of Maintenance allowance (per month)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
<b>Group-I</b> All Bachelor's/Post-Graduate Degree courses in Medicine, Engineering/Technology, Planning/Architecture, Fashion Technology, Management, Business/Finance Administration, Computer Science/Applications, Agriculture, Veterinary and Allied Sciences All Post-Graduate Degree/Diploma courses recognized by UGC/AICTE in any discipline	1600	750
<b>Group-II</b> Professional courses leading to Degree/Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B. Pharma), LLB, BFS, other para-Medical branch eslike Rehabilitation, Diagnostics, etc. Mass Communication, Hotel Management & Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality. Interior Decoration, Nutrition & Dietetics, Commercial Art, Financial Services (e.g.. Banking, Insurance, Taxation etc.)	1100	700
<b>Group-III</b> All other courses leading to a Graduate degree not covered under Group-I & Group-II e.g. BA/B.Sc/B.Com, etc.	950	650
<b>Group-IV</b> All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g. Senior Secondary Certificate (Classes-X and XII), both general and vocational stream, ITI courses, 3-year diploma courses in Polytechnics etc.	900	550

**Note :** The list of courses grouped (I to IV) is only illustrative and not exhaustive. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are thus, themselves competent to decide the appropriate grouping of courses at their level.

**DISABILITY ALLOWANCES for Govt. employees:**

Rates of Disability allowance admissible for different types of disabilities shall be payable as under

Sl. No.	Type of Disability	Disability Allowance (Per annum)
1.	Visual Impairment or intellectual Disabilities	4000
2.	All other types of disabilities	2000

**TOP CLASS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITIES**

**ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS**

This is admissible only for pursuing Graduate and Postgraduate Degree/Diploma courses in Institutes of Excellence in Education as notified by the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India. Scholarship under this scheme shall not be admissible for pursuing distance-learning/part-time/week-end courses under any stream. Further, the award under this component cannot be considered for second or subsequent times as the individual can be awarded only once.

**QUANTUM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Components of Scholarship</b>	<b>Financial Assurances</b>
(a)	Reimbursement of tuition fees and non-refundable charges paid/payable to the Institute	Up to Rs. 2.00 lakh-per Annum (subject to actual amount).
(b)	Maintenance Allowance	Rs. 3,000/- per month for hostellers, Rs.1,500/- per month for day-scholars
(c)	Special Allowances (related to types of disabilities like reader allowance, escort allowance, helper allowance etc.)	Rs.2000/- per month
(d)	Books & Stationery	Rs.5,000/- per annum
(e)	Reimbursement of expenses for purchase of a computer/laptop with accessories.	Rs. 45,000/- as a one-Time grant in the first year of the course (For getting the benefit, student has to submit requisite documents viz., bill/receipt as proof of purchase of the Laptop/Computer)
(f)	Reimbursement of expenses for purchase of Aids and Assistive devices relating to the particular disability of the selected candidates.	Rs.30,000/- as one-Time grant in the first year of the course. (There imbursement is made based on the requisite documents viz., bills/vouchers submitted by the students to ensure genuineness of the

## **Standard Operating procedure for distribution of assistive devices to differently-abled Persons in Assam**

### **Aims & Objectives:**

In pursuance of the Rights to Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPWD Act, 2016), the Social Justice & Empowerment, Assam, have been adopting and implementing various welfare schemes for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) to empower them so that they can cope with different fields with their unique abilities.

The Social Justice Department, Assam has initiated a new scheme to provide assistive devices to differently abled persons for improving their quality of life in terms of mobility, communication and for performing their daily activities. There is a wide range of assistive devices available to meet the needs of the person with disabilities namely Wheel Chair, Hearing Aid, Smart Cane, Tri-Cycle, Smart Phone with screen Readers, Daisy Player, Talking Calculator, etc. By use of these Aids & assistive devices, persons with disabilities become independent and can actively participate in society.

### **Eligibility criteria:**

1. The beneficiary must have a UDID Card and Disability Certificate
2. The beneficiary having disabilities of 40% and above.
3. The beneficiary must be a resident of Assam.
4. Those PWDs who have already received assistive devices from Agencies/ Non-Governmental organizations/Government organizations are not eligible.
5. Annual family income should not exceed Rs. 3.00 lakh

### **Selection of beneficiaries:**

- The District Social Welfare Officers of the concerned district will prepare a detailed list of the eligible beneficiaries.
- The eligible beneficiaries' data will be collected from the concerned Child Development Project Officers through Anganwadi Centers.
- After proper scrutiny of the beneficiaries list the DSWO's concerned will place the list to the District Commissioner. The DC will take approval of Hon'ble Guardian Minister for finalising the list.
- The approved list of the beneficiaries will be submitted to the Directorate of Social Justice & Empowerment, Assam.
- The DSJE will compile the list received from the district level and prepare a compiled report on requirements.
- The DSJE will initiate the process for procurement of the assistive device as per Finance Department guidelines notified from time to time.
- The eligible beneficiaries will be provided with assistive devices through the District Social Welfare Officer concerned.
- The DSWOs concerned will submit a detail report on the distribution of assistive devices at the District Level to Director, SJE to maintain a database of beneficiaries who benefitted from the Scheme,

### **Target of beneficiaries:**

The district-wise target of beneficiaries will be fixed subject to the allocation of annual budget provision for this purpose, the Directorate of Social Justice & Empowerment; Assam will communicate the same with the districts.

**BRIEF NOTE IN RESPECT OF GRANT NO. 40**

**Directorate of Social Justice & Empowerment, Assam**

The Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment, Assam is one of the major Directorate in the State that plays key roles in implementing various schemes for Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, Transgender Community, and Narcotics & Psychotropic Substances and Other Related Issues, in the State.

The welfare schemes related to Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, Transgender and Narcotics & Psychotropic Substances under the Ministries of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India have been implemented by the Directorate of Social Justice & Empowerment, Assam under Administrative control of Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Assam.

Schemes implemented by the Directorate of Social Justice & Empowerment, Assam

**(D) Welfare of Persons with Disabilities.**

- (a) Implementation of RPWD Act, 2016
- (b) Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) Project
- (c) RPWD Registration Certificates to NGOs working for PWDs
- (d) Deen Dayal Divyangjan Punarsanthapan Achoni
- (e) State Scholarships to Students with Disabilities.
- (f) Financial assistance to voluntary organizations for running of MI MR Homes
- (g) Real Home for Persons with Disabilities.
- (h) Govt. Special Schools for students with differently abled.
- (i) Financial Assistance to Voluntary organizations working with Students with differently abled.
- (j) Accessible India Campaign
- (k) Regional Rehabilitation Centres (RRCs)
- (l) Scheme for Implementing of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA)

**(E) Welfare schemes for the Elderly:**

- (a) Senior Citizens Welfare Council, Assam.
- (b) Govt. Old Age Home, Sonapur.

**(F) Welfare of Transgender Community:**

1. Implementation of Assam State Policy for Transgender Persons.
2. Transgender Welfare Board, Assam
3. Tritiyo Niwas- Shelter Home for Transgender Persons.

**(G) Narcotics & Psychotropic Substances and Other Related Issues**

- (a) Assam State Anti-Drugs and Prohibition Council, Assam
- (b) Awareness Programmes
- (c) Establishments of 6 De-addiction cum Rehabilitation Centres in Barpeta, Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Sonitpur and Golaghat

**(H) Implementation of National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction**

- (a) Integrated Rehabilitation Center for Addicts (IRCA)
- (b) Outreach and Drop-in Center (ODIC)
- (c) State Level Coordinating Agency (SLCA)
- (d) NashaMukt Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) 2.0

**Acts and Rules related to schemes:**

Some of the schemes are implemented based on the enactment of a few Acts and Rules and a National Action Plan. These are

1. Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016
  - a. Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017
  - b. Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Assam) Rules, 2019
  - c. Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Rules, 2024.
2. Unique Disability Identity (UDID) Card
  - a. UDID Revised Assessment Guidelines
  - b. SOP-Appellate Authority
  - c. SOP-Inactive applications
  - d. SOP-Rejected applications
  - e. SOP-Renewal applications & Surrender UDID Card
3. Senior Citizen
  - a. Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)
  - b. Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)
4. Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA)
  - a. Guidelines for the implementation of the component of "Research on disability related technology products and issues" under SIPDA (2024):
5. Guidelines on project on financial support for development of accessible learning materials
6. Guidelines for Providing Financial Assistance under the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities:
7. Revision of Scheme of Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADI Scheme) during the period of 15th Finance Commission ie, from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2026-reg. Effective from 26/09/2024
8. Revised Guidelines Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme effective from 1st October, 2024.
9. Schemes of National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR)
10. SOP for De-addiction cum rehabilitation centre.
11. Sop for Maintenance of Half-way Home for Mentally ill Persons
12. Sop for Maintenance of Half-way Home for Mentally Retarded Persons/Children.
13. Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019
14. Mental Health Act, 2017
15. Rights of Children to free and Compulsory education Act. 2009
16. Rehabilitation Council of India Act 1992
17. Protection of Children from Sexual offences Act, 2012
18. The National Trust Act, 1999
19. Compendium of Schemes for the Welfare of Person with Disability, 2018.

**Preliminary Status Paper Relating to Grant No.-40, Welfare of Scheduled Castes & Backward Classes, Assam**

The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Assam is the Administrative Department for Grant No-40 under which is the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes & Backward Classes, Assam.

The Budget Provision & Expenditure for the year 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 is given below :

Year	Budget Provision (Rs. In lakhs)			Expenditure (RS. In lakh)		
	SOPD	EE	Total	SOPD	EE	Total
2022-23	26258.76	-	25258.76	16459.91	-	16459.91
2023-24	57937.20	624.19	58561.39	43818.73	505.01	44323.74
2024-25	43818.73	754.91	44573.64	8702.69	132.83	8835.52

Details of the schematic budget provision along with expenditure for the year 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 for the Directorate of Welfare of SC & BC. Assam at Annexure-1

The Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes & Backward Classes, Assam is implementing various socio-economic development schemes since its inception in the year 1989 under the Administrative control of the erstwhile WPT& BC Department. During the year 2022 vide Govt. Notification No. AR 41/2022/2-A, dtd. 8th June 2022 and vide No. AR 41/2022/17-A, dtd. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov., 2022, the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam has been placed under the Administrative control of the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment. Assam and renamed as the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes, Assam. As this Directorate has no District or Sub Divisional level set-up, developmental schemes are implemented through the Sub- Divisional Welfare Officers under the guidance of Sub-Divisional Scheduled Castes Development Boards and OBC Development Boards.



**Annual Administrative Report of the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes & Backward Classes, Assam for the year 2024-25**

The Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam is implementing various socio-economic development schemes since its inception in the year 1989 under the Administrative control of the erstwhile WPT & BC Department. During the year 2022 vide Govt. Notification No. AR 41/2022/2-A, dtd. 8<sup>th</sup>June 2022 and vide No. AR 41/2022/17-A, dtd 2<sup>nd</sup>Nov, 2022, the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam has been placed under the Administrative control of the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Assam and renamed as the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes, Assam. As this Directorate has no District or Sub- Divisional level set up, developmental schemes are implemented through the Sub- Divisional Welfare Officers under the guidance of Sub- Divisional Scheduled Castes Development Boards and OBC Development Boards. The Pre-Matric Scholarship for SC (Class I-VIII) and grants-in-aid schemes to the SC and OBC are being implemented through the Sub-Divisional Welfare Officer while the Pre-Matric Scholarship (Class IX & X) for SC & OBC and Post-Matric Scholarship for SC & OBC are being implemented online through National Scholarship Portal (NSP).

Manpower strength of the Directorate is as below.

Sl. No.	Post Name	Sanctioned	Man in
1	Director	1	1
2	Joint Director	1	0
3	Financial Adviser	1	0
4	Research Officer	1	1
5	Asstt. Research Officer	1	1
6	Superintendent	1	1
7	Research Assistant	2	1
8	Stenographer-II	1	1
9	Accountant	1	1
10	Senior Assistant	2	2
11	Progress Assistant	1	1
12	Junior Assistant	7	2
13	Computer	1	1
14	Driver	1	1
15	Duftry	1	1
16	Office Peon	4	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>

List of incumbency :-

Sl. No.	Main Post	Strength	Name of Employee	Man is Position
1	Director	1	Dr. Kulashree Nath, ACS	1
2	Joint Director	1	Nil	0
3	Financial Adviser	1	Mustafa Al Amin, AFS(I/C)	0
4	Superintendent	1	Smti. Rina Boro	1
5	Stenographer-II	1	Sri Subornomoy Dev	1
6	Account	1	Smti. Hiren Devi	1
7	Senior Assistant	2	1. Sri Hari Kanta Das 2. Sri Niranjan Kalita	2
8	Junior Assistant	7	1. Sri Dhiraj Kalita 2. Sri Vivek Kumar Roy	2
9	Driver	1	Sri Amrit Hazarika	1
10	Grade-IV	5	1. Sri Bhaba Kanta Saikia 2. Smti. Jayanti Boro	5
<b>Total</b>				14

**Post of Monitoring & Evaluation Cell under Directorate of Welfare of SC & BC  
borne from T&D Department**

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Strength	Man in Position
1	Research Officer	1	1
2	Assistant Research Officer	1	1
3	Research Assistant	2	1
4	Progress Assistant	1	1
5	Computer	1	1
<b>Total</b>		6	5

<b>The Assam State Development Corporation for OBC Ltd. (ASDC for OBC Ltd.)</b>	<b>The Assam State Development Corporation for SC Ltd. (ASDC for SC Ltd.)</b>	<b>The Assam Backward Classes Commission</b>	<b>Assam State Commission for Safai Karmacharis</b>
Established-1975 Regd under Companies Act, 1966 New 2013) With Registration No-1627, State Channelizing Agency (SCA) of the National Other Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise	Established-1975 Under Companies Act 1956 Registered Office at Guwahat, headed by a Managing Director 22 (Twenty Two) nos of Branch Offices Primarily the engineering wing in the Corporation executes the infrastructure schemes of the Directorate of Welfare of SC & BC, Assam	Came into force in June, 1993 The main functions of the commission are to: Examine requests for Inclusion of any class of citizen as a backward class in the list and hearing complaints of over inclusion or under inclusion of any backward class in such list and tender such advice to the Government as deems appropriate Investigate and monitor all matters relating to the safeguards provided for The backward classes under any law for the time being in force or under any order of the State Government and to evaluate the working of such guards, Enquire into specific complaints with respect to the deprivation of rights and safeguards of the backward classes	Established on 2 January, 2024, Primarily deals to safeguard the rights and interest and redressal of grievances of the Safai Karmacharis in the State

Location of Head Office

The Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam is now functioning in its own building at Sarumotoria, Dispur, Guwahati-06

**Scheduled Castes population Demography (SC)**

Population : 22,33,321 (as per Census 2011)

Percentage : 7.15%

Villages with 50% SC population : 903 no

Villages with 40% SC population : 1194 no

Sixteen Sub-Castes, namely 1. Namasudra, 2. Kaibarta/Jalia, 3. Muchi/Rishi, 4. Hira, 5. Patni, 6. Sutradhar, 7. Jhalo Malo, 8. Bania/Brittal Bania, 9. Mali/Bhuimali, 10. Dhubi/Dhupi, 11. Bansphor, 12. Bhangi, 13. Dholi, 14. Mahara, 15. Jalkeot& 16. Lalbegi are recognized as scheduled Castes in Assam.

Scheduled castes people usually live intermixed with the general population of the State. Nagaon District has the largest percentage of SC population being 11.94% of the total population followed by Cachar 11.87% and Kamrup 9.39% as per population census of 2011.

District wise Scheduled Caste populations are as follows :-  
(As per 2011 census)

Sl. No.	Name of District	Scheduled castes Population	Percentage of the total SC population of the State
1	Dhubri	70395	3.15
2	Kokrajhar	29570	1.33
3	Goalpara	45094	2.02
4	Bongaigaon	82784	3.71
5	Barpeta	95320	4.27
6	Nalbari	60216	2.7
7	Kamrup	209616	9.39
8	Darrang	40260	1.8
9	Sonitpur	109130	4.89
10	Lakhimpur	81840	3.67
11	Dhemaji	44225	1.98
12	Dibrugarh	58876	2.64
13	Tinsukia	37688	1.69
14	Jorhat	88665	3.97
15	Golaghat	62298	2.79
16	Sibsagar	42347	1.9
17	Nagaon	266350	11.94
18	Morigaon	117841	5.28
19	Cachar	264897	11.87
20	Hailakandi	70659	3.17
21	Karimganj	157890	7.07
22	Karbi Anglong	44961	2.01
23	N.C. Hills	4337	0.19
24.	Chirang	35135	1.57
25	Udalguri	37844	1.7
26	Baksa	73083	3.28
<b>Total</b>		<b>2231321</b>	<b>7.15</b>

### Literacy

As regards literacy level of Scheduled Castes, the literacy rate as per 2011 census is 66.76% against the literacy rate for the total population of Assam which is 72.19%. The literacy rate of SC female is 44.48% amongst the SC people and the total male literacy percentage is 55.52% as per 2011 census in the State.

Other Backward Classes of State :

<b>List of communities belonging to OBC Community of Assam</b>	
1. Ahom	18. Rajbongshi or Koch
2. Baria	19. Sudra Das or Dey
3. Baroi	20. Saloi
4. Barei	21. Sut
5. Barjubi	22. S.C. converted to Christianity
6. Chutia	23. Tantripal, Tanti, Tantri
7. Choudang	24. Ex-Tea Garden Labourers of Tribes i.e. Gonds, Mundas, Khound, santhals, Saveras, Pans, Oraons.
8. Ganak in Cachar Only	25. Tea Garden Labourers of Tribes.
9. Gose, Gop, Gowala	26. Teli
10. Kumar, Rudra Paul of Cachar	27. Yogi (Nath)
11. Kupadhar, Kushiari, Rarh	28. Maimals (Muslim fisherman)
12. Mahisya Das, Mahisya	29. Maria
13. Manipuri including Manipuri Brahmins and Monipuri Muslims.	30. Kiran Shek Community
14. Moran	31. Bishnupriya Manipuri
15. Mukhi	32. Jolha
16. Napit	33. Matak
17. Nepali (i.e. Thappa, Gurung, Lama, Mager, Newar, Lohar, Damai, Gaine, Rai, Chetri, Limbu and Sarki i.e. Cobbler)	34. Nunia

More Other Backward Classes of State :

<b>List of communities belonging to MOBC community of Assam</b>			
1. Arya Mala	24. Dandari	47. Kherwar	70. Parja
2. Asur	25. Dandsi	48. Khodal	71. Patratanti
3. Basphor	26. Dusad	49. Koya	72. Pradhan
4. Bhokta	27. Dhanwar	50. Kandapan	73. Rajwar
5. Powri	28. Ganda	51. Kehor	74. Sawar
6. Bhuyan	29. Gonda	52. Karmakar	75. Sahora
7. Bhumij	30. Ghansi	53. Kashan	76. Turi
8. Bedia	31. Gorait	54. Lahar	77. Chamar
9. Belder	32. Ghatowar	55. Lodha	78. Barhai
10. Bharak	33. Hari	56. Lodhi	79. Ahir-Goala
11. Bhatta	34. Holora	57. Madari	80. Modi
12. Basor	35. Keot	58. Mahli	81. Telenga
13. Baiga	36. Koiri	59. Mohli	82. Tassa
14. Bajjara	37. Khonyor	60. Mahato	83. Bauri
15. Bhil	38. Kurmi	61. Malpaharia	84. Tantuha
16. Bhonda	39. Kowar	62. Manki	85. Kalihandi
17. Binjia	40. Karmali	63. Mirdhar	86. Nath
18. Birhar	41. Korwa	64. Majwar	87. Teli
19. Birijia	42. Kol	65. Nagbongshi	88. Tanti
20. Beddi	43. Kalahandi	66. Nagasia	89. Satnami
21. Chowdhari	44. Kotwal	67. Pasi	
22. Chera	45. Kharia	68. Paidi	
23. Chick Babuk	46. Kumbar	69. Panika	

**The Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes & Backward Classes, Assam has been implementing different project and beneficiaries related schemes for the welfare of Scheduled castes and backward class people of the State. Some of the major achome that are being implemented by this Directorate are as follows:**

**1) Ambedkar Bhawans**

Govt. of Assam introduced a plan to construi. Dr. BR Ambedkar Bhawan in all So-Divisions in areas having SC population which will be handed over to STIVO. The Bhawan will facilitate a) Holding of Meeting. Seminars & Conferences etc. b) Holding of Community based Cultural & Educational functions & competitions. c) Holding of marriage Ceremony, etc.) Awareness Camps. c) A portion of the ground floor of the Bhawan shall be occupied by the on concerned Buti-Divisional Welfare Officer/DO, ASDC for SC Ltd, if necessary

Under the scheme 48 nos. of such Bhawan have been completed construction and another 12 nos of such Bhawans under process of construction

**2) Infrastructural Dev./ Const. of SC Community Hall**

Duning the year 2022-23, under the scheme, this Directorate had taken up Construction of 496 number of Community Halls (Sabha Ghars) @5 Lakh per Hall in SC predominant areas and 205 Number of Model Anganwadi Centres 25 Lakh per centre in SC predominant areas

During the FY 2023-24, the Directorate has taken up construction of 23 nos. Mini Stadiums @ Rs. 170.00 Lakhs (approx) per Stadium for promotion of Sports and Physical activities for the people of the area.

**3 ) Signature Scheme for construction of Scheduled Caste Multi Complex Unit at Majuli:**

The Multipurpose Cultural Complex will support the local needs and cultural ethus which will be equipped with-An auditorium for performance of live music, dance theatre of a combination of these arts also a venue for lectures, film Screenings etc. Room for holding seminar/conference etc. Rehearsal hall, training centre theatre/ music/Dance. Dormitory for visiting artists, Exhibition area. Library reading rooms common facilities for office cafeteria washrooms reception / waiting lounge, parking etc. The physical progress of the construction of the project is 47% presently,

**4) Construction of Auditorium Cum Ultra-Modern Public Community Hall in the memory of Baishnab Pandit Acharyya Allaram Das (at North Guwahati)**

To provide facilities such as meeting hall auditorium, conference hall to the Scheduled Castes Community of the local ASDC for SC ltd executing the project. The physical progress of the construction of the project is 75% presently.

**5) FOIGS and Skill Development Schemes for Safai Karamcharies in Urban Area**

The objective of the scheme is to take up various employment generation schemes/Skil Development Schemes for Safai karmacharis in Urban Arens of Assan. In the FY 2024-25, the Directorate proposed for procurement & detribution of Pick Up Van to distribute to the Safai Karmacharies for operating the vehicles.

Financial Year	Budget Provision	Fund Received	Fund Utilized	Physical Achievement	Remarks
2021-22	100.00 Lakhs	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2022-23	100.00 Lakhs	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2023-24	90.00 Lakhs	75.129 Lakhs	75.129 Lakhs	3 Nos. Cesspool to 3 ULBS	

**(6) Self-Employment Scheme for Manual Scavengers**

The objective of the scheme is to take up various Self-employment Schemes for Safai karmacharis in Urban areas in Assam, In the FY 2024-25, the Directorate proposed for procurement & distribution of Pick Up Van to distribute amongst Safai karmacharies for operating, the vehicles.

Financial Year	Budget Provision	Fund Received	Fund Utilized	Physical Achievement	Remarks
2021-22	100.00 Lakhs	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2022-23	100.00 Lakhs	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2023-24	90.00 Lakhs	75.129 Lakhs	75.129 Lakhs	3 Nos. Cesspool to 3 ULBS	

**GRANT NO 40**  
**ACTION TAKEN REPORT 2024-25**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Recommendation of DRSC</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
1	The committee observed that MLA's are often involved in various schemes being implemented by the Social Justice & Empowerment Dept. Therefore the Committee recommends that should be involved as ex-officio members in the different field level Committees set up for the Implementation and monitoring of schemes in publicity and selection of beneficiaries in the districts.	As per Govt. notification dtd. 6/9/2021 the SubDivisional Development Boards for SC and OBC have been given the responsibility of selection of beneficiaries with respect to a particular scheme as well as oversee implementation and monitoring of schemes, Hence, as proposed by the Committee regarding MLA's to be involved as ex-officio members, Govt. may decide upon the matter.
2	The committee commends the Department to construct wating sheds and drinking water facilities in the funeral grounds of the SC dominated areas in different places of districts and sub districts.	As per recommendation of the Committee, vide letter eCF-556761/2024-01, dtd 23/09/2024 communication was made to DCs for submission of details regarding availability of drinking water facilities and waiting shed at fumes grounds and accordingly repnits were furerel Reports from Kamrup (M), Bongaigaon, Goalpara, Majuli, hailakandi, Kokrajhar and Barpetadistricts. For remaining Districts, follow up is being taken regularly.
3	The committee recommends that the Vigilance and Monitoring Committees in the districts should be activated to ensure proper execution and monitoring of the schemes under Social Justice& Empowerment Dept., further the committee recommends that the Vigilance & Monitoring Committees should sit regularly.	Rule 17(1) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Prevention of Atrocities Rules, 1989 states that the District Level vigilance and Monitoring Committee shall review the implementation of the provisions of the act, relief and rehabilitation facilities to be provided to the victims. But the Rule does not allow the District Level vigilance and monitoring Committee for execution and monitoring of the schemes of Social Justice & Empowerment Department. Communication has been made to District Magistrates for constitution of the District Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee and holding of meetings quarterly
4	The committee recommends distribution of various assistive devices to specially abled persons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SOP for distribution of assistive devices have been approved and communicated to all District Social Welfare Officers of Assam. A copy of the SOP is attached herewith.</li><li>• 950 Nos, wheelchair &amp; 1950 Nos. Hearing Aids has been distributed in 8 Nos, of the districts namely Bongaigaon, Baksa, Sonitpur, Cachar, Goalpara, Lakhimpur, Mancachar, Kokrajhar Nagaon &amp; Sivsagaras per requirement received. A copy distribution details is attached.</li><li>• Distribution of 1300 Nos smart care is in progress.</li></ul>



5	The Committee recommends conducting a state level survey of specially abled persons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The observations &amp; recommendations made are noted seriously.</li><li>• Proposal has been submitted to Govt. for consideration vide letter No.302117/47, dated: 17-05-2024 (Enclosed)</li></ul> The process will be initiated after receiving Govt. approval
6	The Committee recommends organizing more awareness and health camps for specially abled persons.	<p>Awareness and sensitization programme on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was organised by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in association with the District Administration to promote awareness across Assam on disability related matters as per section 20 (f) of the RPWD Act, 2016 on regular basis.</p> <p>During 2021-22, the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Assam organised awareness and sensitization programme on the RPWD Act, 2016 among Govt. officials of 5(five) nos. of major Districts of Assam namely Sonitpur, Golaghat, Dibrugarh, Nagaon, Barpeta.</p> <p>During 2022-23, the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Assam organised awareness and sensitization programme on the RPWD Act, 2016 among Govt. officials of 7(seven) nos. of major Districts of Assam namely Bongaigaon, Chirang, Tinsukia, Jorhat, Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Goalpara.</p> <p>In this line, the necessary steps for third phase of the awareness drive in remaining districts of Assam i.e. Cachar, Karimganj, Hailakandi, Kokrajhar, Karbi Anglong, West Karbi Anglong, Dima Hasaoetc is being initiated in this financial year.</p>

**GRANT NO. 40  
OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR 2025-26**

1. The committee observed that MLA's are often involved in various schemes being implemented by the Social Justice & Empowerment Dept. Therefore the Committee recommends that should be involved as ex-officio members in the different field level Committees set up for the Implementation and monitoring of schemes in publicity and selection of beneficiaries in the districts. In addition to the recommendation made in earlier, it shall be noted that at the time of selection of beneficiaries in various schemes the concerned local MLA shall be informed and it should be mandatory accordingly.
2. The committee commends the Department to construct wating sheds and drinking water facilities in the funeral grounds of the SC dominated areas in different places of districts and sub districts.
3. The committee recommends that the Vigilance and Monitoring Committees in the districts should be activated to ensure proper execution and monitoring of the schemes under Social Justice& Empowerment Dept., further the committee recommendsthat the Vigilance & Monitoring Committees should sit regularly. And also recommends meeting to be convened in each 3 months.
4. The Committee recommends conducting a state level survey of specially abled persons. As in the earlier recommendation made for specially abled persons, the Committee directs to provide details information regarding such persons whether they are benefited or not, if so, then need to provide the details of survey report and beneficiaries list alongwith the names and details of beneficiaries within 6 (six) months.
5. The Committee recommends to submit Utilization statement alongwith Action Taken Report for sub-head 793 Special Central Assistance for Scheduled Castes Component Plan within 3 (there) months from the date of lying of this Report in the House which is pointed at page no. XII-138 of the Demands for Grants for the year 2025-26.
6. The Committee observed that the Budget allocation in current Financial Year is lesser than previous year due to which the Studentsbelong OBC community for appearing in Final exam of ACS/IAS had deprived. Therefore the committee recommends to furnish the guideline for financial assistance to OBC students qualified for appearing in final exam of ACS/IAS and also proposed to enhance budget allocation from Rs. 50 Lakhs to Rs. 1 Crore.
7. The Committee recommends organizing more awareness and health camps for specially abled persons. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation that awareness and health camp for the specially able persons should be organized. Moreover, the Committee call for the report from the Department regarding the number of awareness camp held in the last 5 years.
8. The Committee recommends that the Department should take up a Senior Citizen Home at Mariani LAC under Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana.

***With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total amount of Rs. 41690.74 lakhs as sought for, under Grant No 40 Social Justice & Empowerment for the financial year, 2025-26 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.**

**Grant No. 40**  
**The Statement to be submitted by the Departments**

1. The Committee directs to provide a statement with detail reasoning about the new project under the sub head of 789 in which no funds allocation during 2023-24, 2024-25 and again in 2024-25 instead of which new Budget allotted Rs 1994.00 Lakhs viz reference made at page No. XII-126 of demands for Grants for the year 2025-26.
2. In case of Direction and Administration, Welfare of Backward Classes under the sub head 001 is clearly mentioned that the Budget allocation for the year 2025-26 is lesser than the previous year. Hence, the Committee directs to submit utilization statement of work of previous year, the above mentioned sub-head at page No. XII-126 Demands for Grants for the year 2025-26.
3. In page No. XII-128 of Demands for Grant for the year 2025-26, it is mentioned that under sub-head 02 Telephone Charge, there is huge change in Budget allocation for the year 2025-26 in compare to previous years. Keeping the fact in mind, the expenditure details statement should be submitted for the previous year i.e. 2024-25.
4. As there are no amount allotted to sub-head 818 during the year 2024-25. However, the current Budget allocation is Rs. 198.00 Lakhs for the sub-head 818 Self Employment Scheme for Scavengers. Hence, the details statement of scavengers who are getting the benefit or not. s new project or scheme need to be submitted, if any vide page No. XII-137 of Demands for Grants for the year 2025-26.
5. Under sub-head 789 Scheduled Caste Component Plan, Budget allocation is Rs. 9989.34 Lakh during the current Financial year 2025-26. Therefore, the Committee instructed to submit the future plan or scheme in which the Budget shall be utilized alongwith the expenditure details which may be seen at page No. XII-138 of Demands for Grants for the year 2025-26.
6. The Committee directs to submit the details statement of One Time Special Grant for Development of OBC community under head of account 2456 sub head, 26 other charges and 99 others, for schemes included for the year 2025-26.
7. Statement for utilization certificate of expenditure for Moran community.