

## DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (E) DEPARTMENTS 2025-2026

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(FIFTEENTH ASSEMBLY)

REPORT ON THE DEMAND FOR GRANT NO. 79 FOR THE YEAR 2025-26

### **DEPARTMENT : WELFARE OF BODOLAND**

SECOND REPORT

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

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### COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (E) DEPARTMENT, 2025-26.

#### **Chairman**:

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- 6. Shri Ashim Sonowal, Committee Officer
- 7. Shri Bimal Kumar Sarma, Committee Officer

#### INTRODUCTION

- 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 Second Report on the Demands for Grant No. 79 of the Welfare of Bodoland 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 **Welfare of** Bodoland 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 **Welfare of Bodoland 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, Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.

### CHAPTER- I Grant No.79

#### Welfare of Bodoland Department

After presentation of the Budget in the House for the Financial Year, 2025-26, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments in its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 discussed on Grant No.79 (Welfare of Bodoland Department).

1.1 The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments in its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 examined the papers and documents received from the concerned department and took evidence of the Departmental representative. Besides, the Committee considered the Action Taken Report on Grant No.79 on the recommendations contained in the First Report in addition to the scrutiny of the Budget provision.

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)
VOTED	3600.00	500.00	4100.00
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

1.2 The detailed Budget Estimates under the Grant No.79 for the Financial Year 2025-26 are as below :-

Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates, 2025-26
2225	Welfare of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes	3600.00
4225	Capital Outlay on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes	500.00
	Grand Total	Rs. 4100.00

1.3 Budget provision under Grant No.79 is relating to the Welfare of Bodoland. The amount so allocated before the House and is proposed to be spent in revenue and capital expenditure respectively.

### CHAPTER- II

### Preliminary Status Paper relating to Grant No.79

The Grant No.79 of the Assam Budget relates to the Welfare of Bodoland Department which is the Administrative Department of Bodoland Territorial Council.

The Budget provision for the years 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and also the budget estimate for the Financial Year 2025-2026 is shown below:

Financial Year	Budget Provision (SOPD-ODS)
2022-23	Rs.500.00 Lakhs
2023-24	Rs.450.00 Lakhs
2024-25	Rs.450.00 Lakhs

For the Financial Year 2025-2026, Welfare of Bodoland Department has submitted budget estimate for Rs.450.00 Lakhs.

### Performance Budget/Annual Report of the Department

Name of the Scheme	A.A No.	A.A. Amount
Infrastructure Development of Thulungapuri at Dotoma, Kokrajhar.		Rs.500.00 lakh

During the Financial Year 2022-2023, there was a provision of budget amounting to Rs. 500.00 Lakhs against which administrative approval in respect of the project "Infrastructure Development of Thulungapuri at Dotoma, Kokrajhar" for Rs.500.00 Lakhs was accorded.

### Physical targets achieved during the last three years

During the Financial Year 2022-2023 an amount of Rs.500.00 Lakhs was allotted to the Welfare of Bodoland Department under Grant No.79. Consequent upon issue of administrative approval by Welfare of Bodoland Department in respect of the following project. Bodoland Territorial Council had issued work order against the said project. The status is as follows-

FY	Budget Provision (in Lakh)	AA issued	Work Order	Amount allotted	Physical Progress as on January, 2025
2022-23	500.00	AA/BTC_2022- 23(1)_31 dtd. 23-03-2023	C/S-03/ACE/PWD / Infra-Dev/BTC/ 2023 -24/19 dtd.09-08-2023	486.00	70%
2023-24	450.00	No AA issued	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2024-25	450.00	No AA issued	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

### A brief note in respect of Grant No. 79

The Grant No.79 of the Assam Budget was allotted to Welfare of Bodoland Department after creation of the department. Consequent upon its creation, an amount of Rs. 500.00 Lakhs was allotted to the Welfare of Bodoland Department during the Financial Year 2022-2023 under Grant No.79. The Administrative Approval amounting to Rs.500.00 Lakhs in respect of the project "Infrastructure Development at Thulungapuri" was accorded against the said budgeted amount. Accordingly, the Bodoland Territorial Council had issued Work Order against the said project amounting to Rs.486.00 Lakhs and 70% of the physical progress of the work is now completed.

### ACTION TAKEN REPORT

ON THE OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (A) DEPARTMENTS IN ITS 1<sup>ST</sup> REPORT, GRANT NO.79 FOR THE YEAR, 2024-2025.

After having a threadbare discussion on the preliminary status paper, Action Taken Report, Performance of Budget etc. furnished by the Welfare of Bodoland Department, Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (A) Departments has made the following Observation and Recommendation.

Sl. No	Observation and Recommendation	Action Taken
1	The Committee observes that the administrative approval of the work in respect of infrastructure development at Thulungapuri project was accorded during financial year 2022-23 but the physical progress of the said project is now only 38 percent.	work is 70% and the financial progress is Rs. 225.00 Lakh. During the Financial Year 2024-2025, Rs. 275.00 Lakhs is distributed for the said
	Therefore, the Committee recommends the department to make co-ordination with BTC to expedite the work of the said project.	

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total amount of Rs. 4100.00 lakhs as sought for, under Grant No 79 Welfare of Bodoland Department 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.