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

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(FIFTEENTH ASSEMBLY)

**REPORT ON THE DEMAND FOR GRANT NO. 42
FOR THE YEAR 2025-26**

**DEPARTMENT : WELFARE OF MINORITIES AND
DEVELOPMENT**

SECOND 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 (E) DEPARTMENT,
2025-26.**

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INTRODUCTION

1. I, as 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 Demands for **Grant No. 42** of the **Welfare of Minorities and Development 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 Minorities and Development Department** on **13th March, 2025**.
4. The Draft Report was considered and approved by the Committee in its meeting held on **17th March, 2025**.
5. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Officials of the **Welfare of Minorities and Development 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: 17th March, 2025

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

REPORT

CHAPTER-I

After presentation of the Budget in the floor of the House for the Financial Year, 2025-26, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments in its meeting held on **13th March, 2025** to discuss in respect of Grant No.42 Welfare of Minorities & Development Department.

The total allocation of fund under Grant No. 42 for both Revenue and Capital sector for administration of Welfare of Minorities & Development Department during the financial year 2025-2026 is Rs 9147.34 lakhs which is presented before the House for approval.

The detailed Budget allocation under Grant No. 42 as under.

Estimate of the amount required for the year ending 31st March, 2026 to defray the expenses in connection with the Administration of **“Welfare of Minorities & Development Department”**

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in Lakhs)
VOTED	9095.56	51.78	9147.34
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

REVENUE ACCOUNTS		
Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates (in Lakhs)
2070	Other Administrative Services	1745.91
2250	Other Social Services	380.73
2575	Other Special Area Programme	6968.92
4070	Other Administrative Services	1.43
4575	Capital Outlay on Special Area Programme	50.35
Grand Total		9147.34

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

The Committee examined Grant No.42 both major heads and minor heads and took evidence of the Departmental official.

The DRSC in its sitting held on **13th March, 2025**, examined the papers & documents received from the Department and took evidence of the departmental representatives. At the same time, the Committee considered the **Action Taken Report** on the Recommendations made in its **1st Report presented to the House on 21st February, 2024**.

- 1.2 The Performance Budget Annual Report of Welfare of Minorities & Development Department under Grand No.42 is as follows:

A SOPD (excluding SOPD-SS) and EE (excluding 01- Salaries and 02- Wages) allocation in Budget FY 2024-25 (Rs. in lakh):

	SOPD	EE	Total
Budget Estimates for FY-2024-25	2456.72	536.93	3143.65
Utilization till 10 th February, 202	29.071	460.357	484.428
Utilization in %	1.18%	85.73%	15.40%

B SOPD (excluding SOPD-SS) and EE (excluding 01- Salaries and 02- Wages) allocation in Budget FY 2025-26 allocation (Rs. in lakh):

	Revenue	Capital	SOPD	EE	Total
Budget Estimates for FY-2025-26	3352.62	53.00	2606.72	745.9	3405.62
Budget Submitted for FY 2025-26	2971.16	53,00	2514.07	475.9	3024.16

1.3 B New Schemes is to be implemented for the FY 2025-26

Sl.No	Name of Scheme	Revenue	Capital
.1	Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology, Diploma in Medical Radiographic Technology, Bachelor of Physiotherapy, General Nursing and Midwifery , Coaching for Entrance Exam for UPSC and APSC.	1000.00	
2	Construction of Community Halls (40 nos.), Distribution of e-cart for goods, carrier/vegetable vendor, Distribution of e-Ricshsaw (200 nos.), Moped/Bike for unemployed youths to be used for delivering food items/courier articles, Financial Aid to meritorious students, Financial Aid to criticale patients, Celebration of Parakram Divas, 2026, Celebration of Rabindra Jayanti, 2026, Financial Aid to Registered NOGs, Orphan/Old age home, Liabilities to construction of Girls hostel at Silchar, Adv. Charge, sitting allowance of Board member etc.	823.00	
3	Materials and Supply Works, Committed Habilities, Socio-Economic Assessment for Indigenous Assamese Muslims Communities of Assam, Committed liabilities of construction of Cultural Stages.	690.71	
4	Construction of Office Building (Liabilities)		53.00

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CHAPTER-II

(Welfare of Minorities & Development Department) A brief Note in respect of Grant No.42

The Primary budget provision of the Welfare Minorities & Development Department is under Grant No.42 Other Social. The head under which this grant is accounted for by the Department are already listed in Annexure-A which are used for to formulate and execute schemes for the Welfare of the backward notified religious minority communities to be at par with mainstream with preferences being given to the occupational groups and women. And also to formulate schemes to promote self-employment & other ventures for the benefit of the said communities.

In the current financial year, 2025-26, the Welfares and Development Department has the following budget provision under Grant No.42.

Sl.No.	Department/Directorate/Commissionerate	Budget Provision, 2025-26 (Amount in Lakh)
1.	Welfare of Minorities & Development Department	
2.	Assam State Commission for Minorities	
3.	Directorate of Minority Affairs and Char Areas, Assam.	

Under the Grant No.42, allocation received by the Department against the major Heads for the year, 2024-25

Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates (in Lakhs)
2070	Other Administrative Services	2221.03 lakhs
2250	Other Social Services	383.10 lakhs
2575	Other Special Area Programme	6412.62 lakhs
4070	Other Administrative Services	100.00 lakhs
4575	Capital Outlay on Special Area Programme	50.00 lakhs

Under the major Heads mentioned above, various schemes undertaken by the three subordinates offices under the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department are-

Construction of Community Hall, Construction of School Building, Construction of Cultural Centre, Construction of Hostel, Construction of patient waiting Hall, Diploma in Medical Laboratory, Technology, Diploma in Medical Radiographic Technology, Bachelor of Physiotherapy, General Nursing and Midwifery, Coaching of Entrance Exam for UPSC and APSC, Distribution of e-cart for goods carrier/vegetable vendor, Distribution of e-Rickshaw (200 nos.), Distribution of Ambulance (5 nos.), Distribution of Moped/Bike for unemployed youths to be used for delivering food items/courier articles, Financial Aid to meritorious students etc.

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT
ON THE OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED 2ND REPORT
OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON
DEVELOPMENT (E) DEPARTMENTS ON GRANT NO.42 OF 2024-25**

1. The Committee recommends the Department to involve the Local MLAs in the DLC for selection of the beneficiaries.

ACTION TAKEN:

District Commissioners have already been informed for taking necessary actions accordingly.

2. The Committee recommends the Department to construct Girls School, Girls College at Dalgaon Girls Hostel at Kharupatia, Model School College in Shyampur Chapori and one at Tezpur under Bhomoraguri or Dallbari G.P.

ACTION TAKEN: on Point No. 2, 3, 10 & 11:

The Directorate of Minority Affairs and Char Areas under the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department, Dispur has requested the District Commissioner of Darrang and Sonitpur District to take necessary steps to construct some capital assets as per revised guidelines under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJKV) in their respective district as per the recommendations of the Developmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on infrastructural development especially in the field of education in minority concentrated areas of the District Level Committee and submit the same to the Department for approval in the State Level Committee.

4. The Committee observes that working minority women especially ANM/GNM Nurse and Teachers have been facing various problems due to unavailability or lack of Hostel facilities near the work places.

So, the Committee recommends to construct Hostels for the Working Women for their convenience in the area where the Department feels necessary.

ACTION TAKEN:

The Assam Minority Development Board under the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department, Dispur has been implementing nursing courses the ANM/GNM B.Sc. Nursing for the economical & educational development of the Minority Women for the last few years. The Assam Minorities Development Board provides educational support including Hostel facilities during the course, so that the women can be financially independent. After the completion of their courses, the students get engaged in different workplaces as per their convenience.

However, as per the recommendation of DRSC, the Assam Minority Development Board shall take into consideration for implementing schemes like construction of hostels for better interest of the working Minority women.

5. The Committee observes that small schemes like distribution of candle, spray machines etc. taken up by the Department for minority people are not much beneficial.

Therefore, the Committee recommends the Department to drop the small schemes and to implement new schemes especially focusing the educational / professional courses with sufficient seats to accommodate maximum people.

ACTION TAKEN:

The Assam Minority Development Board under the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department, Dispur has been implementing educational / professional courses like Nursing and Paramedical Diploma and Degree Courses along with the coaching for APSC & UPSC. Medical and Engineering with having sufficient seats allocated as per the Budget allocation approved by the Government.

6. The Committee recommends to upgrade the Assam Minorities Development Board to a full fledged Directorate under WMP Department.

ACTION TAKEN:

The Cabinet in its meeting held on 08-12-2023 decided to rename Directorate Char Areas Development Assam as Minority Affairs and Char Areas as the DDO of Assam Minority Development Board. In view of the decision taken by the Cabinet, necessary action was taken for declaration of Director of Minority Affairs and Char Areas (MACA) as the DDO of Assam Minorities Development Board (AMDB).

The Hon'ble Cabinet had already decided to declare the Director of Minority Affairs and Char Areas (MACA) as the DDO of Assam Minorities Development Board (AMDB).

7. The Committee recommends to activate the functioning of the Assam Minorities Finance and Development Co-operation.

ACTION TAKEN:

Consequent upon the decision of the State Cabinet, the Assam Minorities Development & Finance Corporation Ltd. was closed vide Notification No.235731/288 dated 2nd August, 2023. And also as per decision taken by the State Cabinet, the Assam Minorities Development Board (AMDB) was nominated as the agency to implement schemes and programmes under the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation.

Accordingly, Assam Minorities Development Board (AMDB) and National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) have signed the General Loan Agreement on 23.12.2024 for availing funds from NMDFC. Since, Government Guarantee in favour of AMDB is required for availing funds from NMDFC, Finance Department has been requested to grant approval for Govt. Guarantee. The file is currently under process in Finance Department.

8. The Committee recommends that the Government should take strong steps for eviction of all illegal persons or establishment from the wakf property throughout the State.

ACTION TAKEN:

The Assam Board of Wakfs under Welfare of Minorities & Development Department, Dispur has taken the following steps for removal of encroachment from the Wakf properties-

- a) Assam Board of Wakfs has sent notice to the encroachers to enter into lease agreement and regularize their unauthorized occupation under the Wakf Properties Lease Rule, 2014 as amended.
 - b) Communicated with the concerned District Commissioners to make arrangement for removal of the encroachment as per Section 54 of the Wakf Act
 - c) Sent show-cause notices for some of the illegal occupiers under Section 54(1) of the Wakf Act, 1995, as amended in 2013.
 - d) Conducted inquiry and filed application to the Wakf Tribunal covering the jurisdiction of those Wakf land in question to pass an eviction order against the occupiers of those Wakf land in question to pass an eviction order against the occupiers of teh Wakf land. The matter is under legal process.
9. The Committee recommends that the Government should refix or revise the rate of rent of Lease value of wakf property based on current market.

ACTION TAKEN:

The rate of rent or lease of the Wakf Properties is being fixed as per the provisions of the Wakf Properties Lease Rules, 2014 (as amended in 2015 & 20220).

10. The Committee recommends to utilize 10% of allocation of PMJKV (MSDP) exclusively for Skill Development of Minority people to impact training and other vocational courses.

ACTION TAKEN:

The Directorate of Minority Affairs and Char Areas under the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department, Dispur has requested the District Commissioner of Darrang and Sonitpur District to take necessary steps to construct some capital assets as per revised guidelines under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) in their respective district as per the recommendations of the Developmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on infrastructural development especially in the field of education in minority concentrated areas of the District Level Committee and submit the same to the Department for approval in the State Level Committee.

11. The Committee observes that there is no public auditorium a Dalgaon Constituency which is a long standing demand of the people of the said constituency.

Therefore, the Committee recommends to construct a public auditorium with modern facilities at Dalgaon Constituency.

ACTION TAKEN:

The Diretorate of Minority Affairs and Char Areas under the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department, Dispur has requested the District Commissioner of Darrang and Sonitpur District to take necessary steps to construct some capital assets as per revised guidelines under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) in their respective district as per the recommendations of the Developmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on infrastructural development especially in the field of education in minority concentrated areas of the District Level Committee and submit the same to the Department for approval in the State Level Committee.

**OBSERVATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS
ON WELFARE OF MINORITIES AND DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT
GRANT NO.42**

The Committee after holding a thorough discussion with the **Welfare of Minorities & Development Department** relating to **Grant No.42** the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments made the following Observations & Recommendations.

1. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 2 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) regarding the construct Girls School, Girls College at Dalgaon, Girls Hostel at Kharupetia, Model School/College in ShyampurChapori and one at Tezpur under Bhomoraguri or Dalbari G.P.

2. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 3 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) regarding the insufficient provision of resources such as classroom, desk, bench and other infrastructure facilities etc. and therefore, the Department should to develop the infrastructure facilities and also to increase the numbers of classroom in Solmara School, Tezpur

3. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 4 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) regarding the working minority women especially ANM/GNM Nurses and Teachers have been facing various problems due to unavailability or lack of Hostel facilities near the work places.

And, therefore, the Department should take initiatives to construct Hostels for the Working Women for their convenience in the areas where the Department feels necessary.

4. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 7 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) regarding t to activate the functioning of the Assam Minorities Finance and Development Cooperation.

5. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 8 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) regarding the eviction of all illegal persons or establishment from the wakf property throughout the State.

Therefore, the Committee added a direction that the Department should submit a detailed status report on the illegal encroachment made on the wakf property to the Committee at the earliest.

6. The Committee recommends that the Government should refix or revise the rate of rent or Lease value of wakf property based on current market. Dropssed

7. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 10 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) regarding to utilize 10% of allocation of PMJVK (MSDP) exclusively for Skill Development of Minority people to impart training and other vocational courses.

8. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 11 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) stating there is no public auditorium at Dalgaon Constituency which is a long standing demand of the people of the said constituency.

Therefore, the Department is directed to construct a public auditorium with modern facilities at Dalgaon Constituency.

12. The Committee recommends that the department should have to take up Hajrat Ajan Peer Senior Secondary School situated in MorianiLAC under MSDP Scheme and Community Hall and Bazaar should also be taken up.

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total amount of Rs. 9147.34 lakhs as sought for, under Grant No.42 Welfare of Minorities & Development Department for the financial year, 2025-2026 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.

STATEMENT TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT

After a threadbare discussion relating to Grant No.42 of Welfare of Minorities & Development the Committee directs the concerned Department to furnish a statement on Grants for creation of Capital Assets under sub-head 35.

The Committee directs the concerned Department to furnish an expenditure statement and progress report under Head-800, Sub-Head-2919- Multi Sectoral Development Programme for Minorities in selected Minority concentration Districts mentioning the nature of scheme undertaken in the year 2024-25 submit it to the Committee.