

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
DATE OF REPLY –29/07/2026
*** STARRED ASSEMBLY QUESTION NO. - 280**
Subject : Assam-Meghalaya Border Dispute in Dispur Constituency.
MLA - Shri Pradyut Bordoloi :

Will the Minister of Border Protection and Development Department be pleased to state :

- (a) Will the Govt. furnish the details of disputed areas, if any, falling under the Dispur Constituency along the Assam-Meghalaya border.
- (b) The present status of discussions between the Assam and Meghalaya Governments for resolving the border dispute in these areas.
- (c) The steps taken by the Government during the last three years for the development, protection and welfare of residents living in the border areas of Dispur LAC.

ANSWERS

Shri Atul Bora, Hon'ble Minister, Border Protection and Development Department will reply:

- (a) There are 12 (twelve) Areas of Difference between Assam and Meghalaya. These are-Tarabari, Gizang, Hahim, Lampi, Borduar, Boklapara, Nongwah–Mawtamur (Garbhanga), Khanapara–Pillangkata, Desdoomreah, Block-I & Block-II, Psiar & Khanduli and Ratachera. The **Khanapara–Pillangkata Area of Difference**, claimed by Meghalaya for an area of 2.29 sq.km, is the only disputed area falling under the Dispur Legislative Assembly Constituency.
- (b) In the **first phase**, six of 12 (twelve) Areas of Difference namely **Tarabari, Hahim, Gizang, Boklapara, Khanapara–Pillangkata, and Ratacherra**—were taken up for settlement. Both the Governments of Assam and Meghalaya constituted **Regional Committees each** for these areas. The corresponding Regional Committees of Assam and Meghalaya jointly visited the disputed border areas and examined factors such as **the Historical Perspective, Ethnicity of Local Population, Contiguity with Boundary, People’s Will and Administrative Convenience**. The Committees also held discussions with the local residents and, after mutual consultations, submitted their reports to their respective State Governments. Based on these reports and mutual agreement, both Governments initiated steps to resolve the inter-State boundary disputes. Accordingly, on 29th March 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) relating to these six areas of difference, out of the 12 areas claimed by Meghalaya, was signed in New Delhi by the Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Assam and Meghalaya in the presence of the Hon'ble Union Home Minister. Subsequently, as per the directions of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and with the consent of both the States, the Survey of India (SOI) carried out joint surveys along agreed alignment in the presence of representatives from both Governments. In the Khanapara–Pillangkata Area of Difference, a joint survey is currently conducted by the Survey of India in presence of representatives of both States along the mutually agreed boundary alignment. The joint survey is now deferred due to rainy season which will be resumed after the rainy season subsides.
- (c) Details of the schemes taken by the Border Protection and Development Department for development and welfare of the residents living in the inter-state border areas of Dispur LAC in last three years are mentioned below :

(Rs. in lakhs)				
Financial Year	Name of scheme	Approved amount	Released amount	Remarks
2023-24	Construction of Community Hall at Bakarapara Pilingkata, Lesia Shiva Mandir	15.00	14.99199	Physical progress-100% Financial progress-100%
2024-25	Construction of Mahatma Gandhi Road at Koinadhara, Khanapara	25.00	24.32844	Physical progress-100% Financial progress-100%
2025-26	Nil			

Details on the initiatives taken by the Government for protection of the inter-state border areas of Assam including the areas of Dispur LAC are mentioned at Answer (b) above.

N.B.: The answer has been uploaded on the NeVA portal <https://cms.neva.gov.in/>
