



**DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE
ON DEVELOPMENT (A) DEPARTMENTS**

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY)

DEMAND FOR GRANT NO. 55 FOR THE YEAR 2026-27

**DEPARTMENT : ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT**

TWENTY EIGHTH REPORT

Presented to the House on 22nd July, 2026

**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
DISPUR : : GUWAHATI- 781006.**

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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED
STANDING COMMITTEE ON
DEVELOPMENT (A) DEPARTMENTS,
2026-27**

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5. Smti Juri Baishya, Superintendent,
6. Shri Akshay Chandra Baishya, Superintendent.

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INTRODUCTION

1. I, as Chairperson of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (A) Departments having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this **Twenty Eight Report** on Demand for **Grant No.55** relating to **Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department** for the financial year 2026-27.
2. The Committee has considered the Demand for **Grant No.55** on the Budget Estimates for the year 2026-27 in its meeting held on **16th July, 2026**.
3. The Committee has been befitted with the assistance rendered by the Government representatives during the course of examination of the Budget Estimates under the aforementioned Grant for the year 2026-27. The Committee has formulated its observations taking into consideration the valuable submission rendered by official witnesses during the course of consideration of the Budget Estimates.
4. 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.
5. The Committee has considered the Draft Reports on 18th July, 2026 and approved it on the same day.

Place : Dispur
The 18th July, 2026.

Rupak Sarmah
Chairperson,
Departmentally Related Standing Committee
on Development (A) Departments,
Assam Legislative Assembly.

CHAPTER-I

GRANT No.55

ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

After presentation of the Budget in the House for the Financial Year, 2026-27, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (A) Departments in its meeting held on **16th July, 2026** discussed on **Grant No.55 (Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department)**.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (A) Departments in its meeting held on **16th July, 2026** examined the papers and documents received from the concerned department and took evidence of the Departmental representatives. Besides, the Committee considered the Action Taken Report on the recommendations contained in the **27th Report** in addition to the scrutiny of the Budget provision.

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In lakhs)
VOTED	94784.78	2265.01	97049.79
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

The detailed Budget Estimates under the **Grant No.55** for the Financial year 2026-27 is as below :-

	(Rupees in Lakhs)
Major Head of Accounts	Budget Estimates 2026-27
2406 - Forestry and Wild Life	92889.86
2415 - Agricultural Research and Education	1894.92
4406 - Capital Outlay on Forestry & Wildlife	2216.01
4415 – Capital Outlay on Agricultural Research & Education	49.00
Grand Total Rs. 97049.79	

Budget provision under **Grant No.55** is relating to **Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department**. The amount so allocated before the House and is proposed to be spent in revenue and capital expenditure respectively.

CHAPTER-II
Grant No.55
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

Forestry is a vital sector of the State and it is a very important component of social sector in terms of goods and services it delivers.

The forest & tree cover in Assam as per the latest assessment by Forest Survey of India (F.S.I.) is 36.09% (as per latest Report, 2023) of the geographical area both within and outside the notified forest areas. The concept of extension forestry initiated in the early eighties under State Plan has percolated down fairly in terms of extent of forest cover outside the notified forest areas.

The thrust areas identified by the Department are as below:-

- Conservation of areas having rich biodiversity.
- Arresting the trend of degradation of Forests and reverting the process by reforestation through various stake holders.
- Eviction measures in Forest land of Assam and erection of boundary pillars in vulnerable areas.
- Conservation and Management of Protected Area Network.
- Upgradation of Research and Development activities.
- Improvement in livelihood support system of forest dependent communities.

1. Mandate of the Department: -

Function, role, and responsibilities of the Department:-

The mandate of the Forest Department is to manage the Forests, Forest produce, and Wildlife of the State of Assam.

The Assam Forest Policy, 2004, has been adopted in the State of Assam in line with the **National Forest Policy, 1988**.

Acts and Rules administered by the Department:

The Central Acts and Rules, as well as the State Acts and Rules administered by the Department, are listed below:-

a. Central Acts and Rules:

- Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 2023 & Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
- The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972(amended up to date).
- Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018.
- Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016.
- Wetlands (Conservation and Management (Rules, 2017).
- Biological Diversity Act, 2002. (amended up to date)
- National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

b. State Acts and Rules:

- The Assam Forest Regulation, 1891 (amended to date) and Rules framed under this Regulation.
- Assam Joint (People's Participation) Forest Management Rules, 1998.
- The Wildlife (Protection) (Assam Amendment) Act, 2009.
- The Assam Forest (Removal and Storage of Forest Produce) Regulation Act, 2000
- Assam Wood-Based Industries (Promotion and Development) Rules 2022.
- Assam Trees outside Forest (Sustainable Management) Rules 2022.
- Assam Sale of Forest Produce, Coupes and Mahal Rules, 1977 (as amended up to date)
- Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010.
- Assam Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2013 & 2021.

Activities of the Department:

Description of the main Plans/ Programmes/ Work implemented by the Department

Brief description of the schemes indicating the main objectives, components, and beneficiaries:

Forestry is a vital sector of the State and a key component of the social sector, providing goods and services.

The forest cover in Assam, as per the latest assessment by the Forest Survey of India (F.S.I.), is 36.10% of the geographical area (as per the latest Report, 2023). The forest cover exceeds the target set by the National Forest Policy, 1988. The concept of extension forestry, initiated in the early eighties under the State Plan, has percolated fairly well, as evidenced by the extent of forest cover outside the notified forest areas.

The thrust areas identified by the Department are as follows: -

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The above thrust areas have been the central focus of the SOPD schemes, which have been formulated and implemented during the period.

Implementation mechanism:

Most forest regeneration and conservation schemes are implemented within a participatory framework involving Joint Forest Management Committees. Besides, continuous efforts are being made to involve line departments to improve resource mobilization and the implementation of developmental schemes in forest and non-forest areas alike, given the increased interdependence of the forestry sector with other sectors of the economy.

Allocations, expenditure, targets, and achievements (Physical & Financial)

Plan Allocation & Expenditure of the Department for the last 3 years :

Rs. in lakh

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2022-23	98819.28	77740.04
2023-24	105983.53	78996.44
2024-25	122805.12	80178.58

New initiatives and innovative steps taken by the Department to improve its functioning by increasing the use of information technology and/ or through any other reform measures :

- I. The Department has taken the initiative to modernize the DFO offices of Digboi, North Kamrup, in FY 2023-24, and continued in FY 2024-25 in Dibrugarh, Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, and Western Assam Wildlife Division, and will further continue the modernization phase-wise across the state in the subsequent Financial Years.
- II. The modernization of the Assam State Zoo (ASZ) was initiated in FY 2024-25 with support from SASCI and SOPD. Among the several modernization measures underway at the Zoo, the Aviary stands out as the largest in Asia, offering an underwater view of tigers, hippos, and crocodiles. ASZ is the only zoo in Asia with 5 different aviaries (Indigenous, Amazonian, Raptors, Waterbirds, Small birds). A Jurassic Theme Park is proposed with life sized dinosaur species curated specific to their periods of existence.

- III. During FY 2024-25, the DPR for the Dibrugarh Animal Safari cum Rescue Center was prepared and was finally accorded approval by the Central Zoo Authority in FY 2025-26. The carnivore and herbivore Safaris once established would be a unique asset for Assam offering the first such unique experience for visitors in the whole of the North East. The Rescue Center will cater to the needs of Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Sibsagar, Dhemaji and Lakhimpur Districts augmenting the efforts of CWRC, Kaziranga in Upper Assam.
- IV. To provide a State-of-the-Art wildlife health and rehabilitation facility to the state, the DPR for the Institute of Wildlife Health and Research has been prepared and the necessary Land Acquisition process has been completed during FY 2024-25.
- V. Amrit Brikshya Andolan was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam on 02/08/2023 and more than One Crore seedlings were planted in a single day by the people of Assam on 17/09/2023. During the run-up to this day 10 Guinness World Records were created from 09/09/2023 to 17/09/2023. In FY 2024-25 under Amrit Brikshya Andolan a total of 3 crore seedlings have been distributed across the social spectrum covering a wide range of beneficiaries.

Human Resource Development

- I. The main strength of the Forest Department is the frontline staff working in the remote forests. Hence, the importance of training, both induction and in-service. Assam has two State Forest Training Institutes namely the Assam Forest School at Jalukbari and the Assam Forest Guards School at Makum for training Foresters and Forest Guards respectively. Training programmes have been taken up under APFBC and CAMPA in both the establishments during the FY 2024-25.
- II. Several officers of Range Officer and above ranks have been sent on exposure visit to protected areas of other states in the country as well as abroad under APFBC Phase-II during the FY 2024-25.

Legislation:

- a) *Details of new legislation enacted by the Department during the year-* Nil.
- b) *Brief details of setting up any major Commissions/ Committees-* Nil.

Any other matter which the Department would like to highlight in the report and which is not covered in any of the subject heads above :

In order to increase the forest cover, conserve biodiversity, improve the livelihood support systems for forest-dependent communities and build capacity in the Forest department, the following Projects and Schemes are in various stages of implementation as mentioned below:

(I) Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation (APFBC) Phase-II

The “Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation” (APFBC) Phase-I, co-funded by the French Development Agency (AFD) and the State Government of Assam, covered the entire state of Assam in a phased manner. Activities under the APFBC, Phase-I were implemented by the Field Implementation Units comprising 32 territorial divisions, 7 wildlife divisions and 13 social forestry divisions in the Forest Department of Assam. The Phase-I of the Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation (APFBC) ended successfully on 31st May, 2019. Two agencies the AFC-IDCG India and the OKD Institute conducted independent evaluations of Phase I of the APFBC. Based on the said evaluations it was mutually agreed by the Government of Assam & AFD to have a Phase-II of APFBC.

The project vision is “to enable sustainable forest and biodiversity conservation and management in Assam through multi-scale integrative planning and involvement of forest-dependent communities in target areas and giving a fillip to their livelihood activities through sustainable use of forest and non-forest resources”.

The project budget amounts to a total of 55.72 M € (equivalent to INR 445.75 Cr.), comprising of 44.57 M € (INR 356.60 Cr.) loan component from the French Development Agency (AFD) and 11.14 M € (INR 89.15 Cr.) counterpart funding by the state Government of Assam. The project is planned to be implemented in the entire state of Assam from 2019-20 to 2023-24. The project has been extended till December, 2025.

Project Components:

The components of the project are:

Component 1: Conservation of Ecosystems (Sustainable Forest Management) aimed at carrying out forest management activities in a sustainable way.

Component 2: Community Engagement (Adding Value and opening markets/opportunities for forests and biodiversity goods and ecosystem services) aimed at adding value to goods and services generated by communities through sustainable use of forest and non-forest resources.

Component 3: Institutional Strengthening of Forest Department aimed at enhancing the capacity of the Assam Forest Department.

(II) Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA):

The Ad-hoc CAMPA was established in 2008 at the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India issued guidelines for the establishment of CAMPA in States/UTs in 2009. Accordingly, the Government of Assam established Assam State CAMPA in 2009.

Thereafter, the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act was enacted in 2016, and the CAF Rules were notified in 2018 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India. The State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (State CAMPA) was notified on 14th Sept. 2018 under the CAF Act, 2016. The Governing Body, State Level Steering Committee and State Level Executive Committee have been notified by the Govt. of Assam on 26th June, 2019.

Aim and Objective of State CAMPA

- Compensatory Afforestation against diversion of forest land.
- Plantations other than Compensatory Afforestation like Artificial Regeneration, Aided Natural Regeneration, Sal Coppice Management, etc.
- Soil Moisture Conservation.
- Wildlife Habitat Management.
- Construction of buildings and other infrastructure development work for the protection of forests and wildlife management.
- Research and Capacity Development.
- Publicity and Awareness for protecting forests.

The various Plantation activities taken under State CAMPA for the year 2024-25 are as follows:

Type of Plantation	Target (in ha.)	Achievement (in ha.)	Remarks
Compensatory Afforestation (SSP)	63.53	502.05	The backlog of the previous year's plantation is done
Artificial Regeneration (AR)	530	1809.374	The backlog of the previous year's plantation is done
Sal Coppice Management	25	25	
Aided Natural Regeneration	435	435	

Table -II A

Statement Showing the Staff Position

SI. No.	Category	Sanctioned Strength	Total Staff in Position	As of June 30th 2026
1	Grade I	300	144	
2	Grade II	458	302	
3	Grade III	10573	7419	
4	Grade IV	2226	930	
	Total	13557	8795	

Table II-B

SI. No.	Name of the Statutory Board/Corporation/ Board/Other Agencies fully funded by the Government	Sanctioned Strength	Staff in Position	Remarks
1	Assam State Biodiversity Board	3	2	The Spl. Chief Secretary, Environment and Forest Department, Govt. of Assam, is the Chairman of the Board, and the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity) is the Member Secretary. It consists of five ex officio members drawn from related Departments of the Govt. of Assam and five expert members with expertise in various aspects of Biodiversity and life-science-related fields.
2	Assam Agro-Forestry Development Board	-	-	Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam is the Chairman of the Board, and the APCCF & CHD, BTC is also the I/C Chief Executive Officer of the Board.

A BRIEF NOTE IN RESPECT OF GRANT NO.55

Fund status for SOPD, EAP and CS Schemes

(Rs. in lakhs)

Financial Year	Type of Scheme	Allocation	FOC Released	Remarks
2022-23	SOPD	14800.10	11766.72	Details in Annexure- C (a)
	EAP	901.00	900.99	
	CSS	14412.54	12719.46	
TOTAL		30113.64	25387.17	

(₹ in lakhs)

Financial Year	Type of Scheme	Allocation	FOC Released	Remarks
2023-24	SOPD	14108.67	8117.28	Details in Annexure- C (b)
	EAP	901.00	900.99	
	CSS	15424.29	12719.46	
TOTAL		30433.96	21737.73	

(₹ in lakhs)

Financial Year	Type of Scheme	Allocation	FOC Released	Remarks
2024-25	SOPD	13027.56	5232.18	Details in Annexure- C (c)
	EAP	10000.00	2700.00	
	CSS	17584.19	13222.82	
TOTAL		40611.75	21155.00	

Fund status for Establishment Expenditures

(₹ in lakhs)

Financial Year	Allocation	Fund Released
2022-23	59705.39	43352.87
2023-24	62858.75	57760.32
2024-25	82193.37	59023.58

Statement showing the Financial & Physical Progress Report under SOPD, CSS & EAP schemes during 2024-25							
Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Total Allocation	Fin. Sanction Amount	FOC issued	Physical Target	Physical Achievement	(₹ in lakh) Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	SOPD Schemes						
1	Arms & Ammunition	40.00	0.00	0.00			
2	Building for General Areas	1874.00	574.93	366.67	1. Construction of DFO office with auditorium and construction of new IB at Ukiam under Kamrup West Divn. 2. Construction of DFO Office under North Kamrup Divn. 3. Construction of fgd qtr Karimganj Division, Sribhumi Divn. 4. Construction of IB at Matijuri Range under Hailakndi divn 5. Renovation of CAC office	1. Construction of DFO office with auditorium and construction of new IB at Ukiam under Kamrup West Divn. 2. Construction of DFO Office under North Kamrup Divn. 3. Construction of fgd qtr Karimganj Division, Sribhumi Divn. 4. Renovation of CAC office	
3	Building Maintenance & Repairing	0.00	0.00	0.00			
4	Reduce Man Animal Conflict	123.98	123.80	109.95	Installation of hanging solar power fencing (50km) at 5 Divisions	Installation of hanging solar power fencing (15km) at 2 Divisions	
5	Forest Research	110.00	18.49	18.49	1. Supply of Scientific equipment and chemicl for TSL 2. Supply of forest research and lab equipment 3. Preparation of DPR and monitoring for establishment of Harben Park and sapling sales centre at Amsoi 4. Documentation and publication of Coffee table book on heritage trees of Assam	100%	
6	Forest Village	50.00	22.00	22.00	Installation of Smart Solar Light under at (30 nos.) Meshlo Bharali Taungya village, Bhogalipather Forest village, Pandhuwa Forest village of Namdang RF under Khowang Range and (10 Nos.) 36 Ghoria Forest village of Jokai RF, Supply of Apiculture Boxes Box at Namdang RF,3. Construction of 67 nos. Boundary Pillar (26 nos. Major Pillar and 41 nos. Minor Pillar) at Namdang RF,200000 Polypots and 50000 Naked Bed Seedlings at 1.5 ha Medella Nursery Near Dehingmukh RF under Dibrugarh Division	Installation of Smart Solar Light under at (30 nos.) Meshlo Bharali Taungya village, Bhogalipather Forest village, Pandhuwa Forest village of Namdang RF under Khowang Range and (10 Nos.) 36 Ghoria Forest village of Jokai RF, Supply of Apiculture Boxes Box at Namdang RF,3. Construction of 67 nos. Boundary Pillar (26 nos. Major Pillar and 41 nos. Minor Pillar) at Namdang RF,200000 Polypots and 50000 Naked Bed Seedlings at 1.5 ha Medella Nursery Near Dehingmukh RF under Dibrugarh Division	
7	Interpretation Center Cum Forest Museum	456.00	340.00	340.00	Construction of Interpretation center cum museum at Manas and Digboi	Construction of Interpretation center cum museum at Manas and Digboi	
8	Roads & Bridges new construction	68.00	32.00	32.00	Construction of patrolling path under rani range 7km, Construction of pavers road 1km under Kamrup West divn, Construction of forest road from cheragi bazar to lalgenai 2 km under Karimganj Divn, Sribhumi	Construction of patrolling path under rani range 7km, Construction of pavers road 1km under Kamrup West divn, Construction of forest road from cheragi bazar to lalgenai 2 km under Karimganj Divn, Sribhumi	
9	Forest Protection Force Construction.	600.00	123.80	22.23	Construction of 4 nos. staff quarter on the 1st floor existing staff quarter at 1st Assam Forest Protection Force, Guwahati-29.	100%	
10	Natural History Museum, Kaziranga	0.01		0.00			
11	Modernization of State Zoo	650.00	102.28	102.28	Construction of Amazonian Walk through Aviary, Construction of Giraffe and Zebra enclosure	Construction of Amazonian Walk through Aviary	
12	Silchar Zoo cum Rescue Centre.	0.00		0.00			
13	Institute of WL Health & research	580.00	579.61	579.61	Land acquisition for the Institute of WL Health & Research	Land acquisition for the Institute of WL Health & Research	
14	Dibrugarh Animal Safari cum Rescue Centre	200.00	55.00	55.00	Consultancy fees for Dibrugarh Animal Safari cum Rescue Centre	Consultancy fees for Dibrugarh Animal Safari cum Rescue Centre	
15	Forest School Kajalgaon	90.00	88.97	0.00			
16	Development of other Wildlife Areas	315.56	112.56	112.40	Construction of Anti Poaching Camp, Construction of fair weather road and patrolling path, Wireless Communication System, Construction of culvert, Construction of Watch Tower etc.	Construction of Anti Poaching Camp, Watch Tower, culvert & Wireless Communication System.	
17	Development of National Park & WL Sancturries	329.73	149.89	149.83	Construction of Forester Quarter, Repairing of Roads, Camps, Forest Guard Quarter, Boundary Wall, Renovation of camps, Installation of Digital Wirless Network, Procurement of Wildlife Monitoring Equipments, Procurement of Mechanized boat & Country boat etc.	Repairing of Roads, Camps, Forest Guard Quarter, Boundary Wall, Renovation of camps, Procurement of Wildlife Monitoring Equipments, Procurement of Mechanized boat & Country boat .	
18	Vehicle Ambulance Purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00			
19	Laika Dadhiya	40.24	38.31	38.31	Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village from Dibru-Saikhowa National Park to Namphei Reserve Forest & Paharpur reserve Forest under Digboi Division, Digboialong	Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village from Dibru-Saikhowa National Park to Namphei Reserve Forest & Paharpur reserve Forest under Digboi Division, Digboialong	

20	Amenities to the Staffs	0.00		0.00			
22	Social Forestry General	519.61	252.41	252.41	Construction of Boundary Wall (Completed) under Bongaigaon SF Division Creation of 10.00 Hac Nursery at Budhipara under Goalpara SF Division	Construction of Boundary Wall (Completed) under Bongaigaon SF Division Creation of 10.00 Hac Nursery at Budhipara under Goalpara SF Division	
23	Plantation of Avenue Tree	100.00	186.34	87.82	<i>Creation & maintenance of Institutional Single Planting (4200 nos.) & Rural Roadside Single Planting (3600 nos.) under GGGC-SOPD Scheme.</i>	<i>Creation & maintenance of Institutional Single Planting (4200 nos.) & Rural Roadside Single Planting (3600 nos.) under GGGC-SOPD Scheme.</i>	
24	Road side Plantation of NH	0.01	0.00	0.00			
25	Friendly Crossing	0.00		0.00			
26	Ex-gratia	1150.00	1149.44	1147.13	<i>Ex-gratia / compensation paid to the beneficiaries due to wild animal/elephant conflict</i>	<i>Total nos of Ex-gratia / compensation paid to the beneficiaries - Human death 128 nos, injury 110 nos, House damage 3810 nos, Crop damage 6913 bigha and livestock 68 nos.</i>	
27	Animal Sensor System Maintenance	650.00	649.35	324.67	<i>Repairing , Restoration, Operation & AMC of Animal Sensor systems including replacement of Equipment at Kaziranga NP.</i>	<i>Repairing , Restoration, Operation & AMC of Animal Sensor systems including replacement of Equipment at KNP.</i>	
28	Asset Purchase	0.00		0.00			
29	WPO	35.00	20.65	20.64	<i>1. Working Plan Survey and Documentation of Reserve Forest under Sivasagar division 2. Working Plan Survey and Documentation of Reserve Forest under Nagaon division</i>	<i>100%</i>	
30	Forest Gaonburah remuneration	255.42	160.92	160.74	<i>Total 869 nos. Gaonburah</i>	<i>Total 869 nos. Gaonburah get remuneration</i>	
31	Chief Minister's Green Fellowship Programme	290.00	290.00	290.00	<i>60 Students</i>	<i>60 Students</i>	
32	Amrit Brikshya Andolan	4500.00	4500.00	1000.00	<i>1.IT Infra, Connectivity, SMS, Mobile App & Portal 2. HAndling and Transportation to Distribution Points 3. Miscellaneous 4. Liabilities of ABA 2023 5. Saplings distribution target : 30000000</i>	<i>1. IT Infra, Connectivity, SMS, Mobile App & Portal 2. HAndling and Transportation to Distribution Points 3. Miscellaneous 4. Liabilities of ABA 2023 5. Saplings distribution achievement : 31983123</i>	
	Sub-Total of SOPD	13027.56	9570.75	5232.18			
B	EAP						
33	EAP- Assam Project on Forest & Bio-diversity Conservation Society (APFBC) (CS)	8000.00	8000.00	2200.00	• <i>Procurement of Software and Hardware for Establishment of GIS lab</i> • <i>Procurement of Cloud Services</i> • <i>System Integrator for Technology Solutions under Forest Management Information System (FMIS)</i> • <i>Devising Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Forest and Biodiversity of Assam (REDD+)</i> • <i>112 Nos. of Departmental Buildings- Building construction completed in 37 Divisions</i> <i>AFPF Barrack: 12, Anti-Poaching Camp/ Protection Camp: 17, Forester Quarter: 35, Forest Guard Quarter: 27 and Range/Beat Office: 21</i> • <i>Conduct Multi-scale Approach to Adaptive Landscape Management and Conservation Planning in Assam</i> • <i>Implementation of WL Landscape Mngt plans</i> • <i>Grassland Management - Manas</i> • <i>Wetland Management – Manas, Nameri and Eastern Assam Wildlife Division</i> • <i>Artificial Water Holes - Raimona and Manas</i> • <i>Invasive weed management - Manas</i> • <i>Strengthening and piloting of ABS guidelines and Capacity Building of BMCs</i> • <i>Preparation of People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)</i> • <i>Micro Planning and Enhancing Livelihood Opportunities</i> • <i>Entry Point Activity</i> • <i>Construction of eco-development facilities & services</i> • <i>Plantations</i> • <i>Specialised training courses- for JFMC &n EDC Members, Forest Guard and GIS Training</i>	• <i>Procurement of Software and Hardware for Establishment of GIS lab</i> • <i>Procurement of Cloud Services</i> • <i>System Integrator for Technology Solutions under Forest Management Information System (FMIS)</i> • <i>Devising Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Forest and Biodiversity of Assam (REDD+)</i> • <i>112 Nos. of Departmental Buildings- Building construction completed in 37 Divisions</i> <i>AFPF Barrack: 12, Anti-Poaching Camp/ Protection Camp: 17, Forester Quarter: 35, Forest Guard Quarter: 27 and Range/Beat Office: 21</i> • <i>Conduct Multi-scale Approach to Adaptive Landscape Management and Conservation Planning in Assam</i> • <i>Implementation of WL Landscape Mngt plans</i> • <i>Grassland Management - Manas</i> • <i>Wetland Management – Manas, Nameri and Eastern Assam Wildlife Division</i> • <i>Artificial Water Holes - Raimona and Manas</i> • <i>Invasive weed management - Manas</i> • <i>Strengthening and piloting of ABS guidelines and Capacity Building of BMCs</i> • <i>Preparation of People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)</i> • <i>Micro Planning and Enhancing Livelihood Opportunities</i> • <i>Entry Point Activity</i>	

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	EAP- Assam Project on Forest & Bio-diversity Conservation Society (APFBC) (SS)	2000.00	2000.00	500.00			
	Sub-Total of EAP	10000.00	10000.00	2700.00			
C	CSS						
34	Project Tiger & Elephant (CS)	3841.66	3024.09	3024.09	Formation of Anti-depredation squads and providing logistics , Procurement of Ammunition , Running cost of vehicles and logistics for protection and anti-depredation measures, Purchase of standing crop,Hiring of kunkie , Construction of AP camp, Construction of Watch Tower, Monitoring of Captive elephant etc. Construction of Staff quarters., Culverts, Gate,Conference hall, Construction of damaged camps, Installation of tube wells, weed eradication,creation of road network, creation of wireless tower,creation of bridge , Ration allowance , Tiger allowance, payment of wages , Procurement of Mobile Handset, Construction of Wooden bridge, camp, culvert. rep. of highland, purchase of POL, , Repairing and maintenance of vehicles.Repairing of country boat, mechanised boat, speed bots,Maintenance of office buildings, AMC of Electronic eye,Wages of Van mazdur, Installation of boring with solar pump, Awareness camp & signage Boards installation CCTV surveillance system, repairing of Kaccha road, patrolling path, procurement of mechanised boat, country boat, procurement of Arms & Ammunition etc.	Formation of Anti-depredation squads and providing logistics , Procurement of Ammunition , Running cost of vehicles and logistics for protection and anti-depredation measures, Purchase of standing crop,Hiring of kunkie , Construction of AP camp, Construction of Watch Tower, Monitoring of Captive elephant etc. Construction of Staff quarters., Culverts, Gate,Conference hall, Construction of damaged camps, Installation of tube wells, weed eradication,creation of road network, creation of wireless tower,creation of bridge , Ration allowance , Tiger allowance, payment of wages , Procurement of Mobile Handset, Construction of Wooden bridge, camp, culvert. rep. of highland, purchase of POL, , Repairing and maintenance of vehicles.Repairing of country boat, mechanised boat, speed bots,Maintenance of office buildings, AMC of Electronic eye,Wages of Van mazdur, Installation of boring with solar pump, Awareness camp & signage Boards installation CCTV surveillance system, repairing of Kaccha road, patrolling path, procurement of mechanised boat, country boat, procurement of Arms & Ammunition etc.	
	Project Tiger & Elephant (SS)	426.85	339.99	339.99			
35	Management Action Plan Biosphere Reserve Manas & Dibru-Saikhowa (CS)	405.00	0.00	0.00			
36	Management Action Plan Biosphere Reserve Manas & Dibru-Saikhowa (SS)	45.00	0.00	0.00			

37	Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat (CS)	2538.60	0.00	1222.83	Construction of temporary earthen bundh for retaining adequate water in the water body, construction of tongi, anti-poaching camp, staff quarter, wooden bridge , culvert, check dam, watch tower, patrolling path, Maintenance of Mechanized boat, patrolling and trekking path, maintenance of vehicle etc. eco-development and community oriented activities, publicity & public awareness, Purchase of POL, hiring of vehicle, paymewnt of wages to incremental labour, installation of hanging fence/ solar power fence, chain link fencing, purchase of computer, camera, binocular, walkie talkie, uniform and field equipment etc.	Construction of temporary earthen bundh for retaining adequate water in the water body, construction of tongi, anti-poaching camp, staff quarter, wooden bridge , culvert, check dam, watch tower, patrolling path, Maintenance of Mechanized boat, patrolling and trekking path, maintenance of vehicle etc. eco-development and community oriented activities, publicity & public awareness, Purchase of POL, hiring of vehicle, paymewnt of wages to incremental labour, installation of hanging fence/ solar power fence, chain link fencing, purchase of computer, camera, binocular, walkie talkie, uniform and field equipment etc.	
	Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat (SS)	282.06	0.00	135.91			
38	Forest Fire Prevention & Management (CS)	40.50	0.00	0.00			
39	Forest Fire Prevention & Management (SS)	4.50	0.00				
40	Natiaonal Mission for a Green India (GIM) (CS)	0.01	0.00	0.00			
41	Natiaonal Mission for a Green India (GIM) (SS)	0.01	0.00	0.00			
	Sub Total of CSS	7584.19	3364.08	4722.82			
D	CAMPA	10000.00	10000.00	8500.00	Plantation- 1053.53 Ha, Procurement of Vehicle-129 nos., Conservation of Fresh Water Turtles in different temple ponds across Assam, Assement of cane in Dihingmukh RF - 1 ons.	Plantation- 2771.424, Procurement of Vehicle-129, Conservation of Fresh Water Turtles in different temple ponds across Assam, Assement of cane in Dihingmukh RF - 1 ons.,	Plantation achievement, including backlog plantation activities from previous years
	Grand Total (A+B+C+D)	40611.75	32934.83	21155.00			

Action taken report on the recommendation contained in the Twenty-Seventh Report of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Department (A) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly, 2025-2026.

1. The Committee recommends the Department to take necessary steps for controlling the menace caused by the Squirrels and monkeys especially in Nalbari District.

Action:

With regard to the monkeys in general, the Rhesus Macaque (*Macaca mulatta*) was listed in Part-I of Schedule-II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 prior to the amendment of the Act in 2022. However, in the 2022 amendment, the Rhesus Macaque was removed from the Schedule. The Govt. of Assam has also launched a project under the SOPD-Reduce Man-Animal Conflict scheme for the financial year 2025-26 to mitigate Human-Simian Conflict and has been accorded an Administrative Approval for Rs 300 Lakhs. Under this a unit under the aegis of Assam State Zoo shall be established to mitigate the conflict in the Lower Assam Region.

The Range Officer, Nalbari Range, under the Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Division, along with staff, has extended their support to the civil administration to drive the monkeys from the affected area.

2. The Committee recommends the Department to identify locations for construction of fencing in Manas National Park to prevent Men Elephant Conflict.

Action :

The Field Director, Manas National Park & Tiger Reserve has submitted the identified locations for construction of fencing in Manas National Park to prevent man-elephant conflict. The following are the locations where Solar fencing is required to be installed or improved.

- a. From Latitude 26.648829° N and Longitude 90.677433° E up to Bishnupur APC under Kuklung Ranges, the existing fencing requires strengthening and repair with higher- grade materials.
- b. From Lakhijora APC to Thasobeel APC under Panjabari Range, the existing fencing requires necessary repair and maintenance.
- c. From Kahitama Beat Office to Songlapani APC, new fencing needs to be constructed.
- d. From Kalijhar APC under Bhuyanpara Range up to Latitude 26.700569° N and Longitude 91.141065° E, towards the east of Digjari APC, installation of a five-string high –strength fencing is required.

3. The Committee recommends the Department to construct Elephant watch towers near Dhansiri River in Mazbat Constituency to enable the people residing near the river to take up agriculture activities without any disturbances from elephants. Further the Department is recommended to process compensation for the people where their crops has been affected by the destruction caused by the Wild Elephant at a speedy pace.

Action :

The report states that 20 (Twenty) Nos. of Watch Tower and 28 km (twenty eight) installation of solar power fencing are proposed in and around Mazbat Constituency under SOPD Scheme “Gaja Mitra” for helping the people residing near the river to take up agriculture activities.

Compensation payment for the people where their crops has been affected by the Wild Elephant as flows:

Year	Compensation Paid (Rs. in Lakh)	
	Crops damaged	House damaged
2023	5.824	9.856
2024	5.850	8.345
2025	10.585	23.625

Further with regard to the compensation, the department has been disbursing the compensation for the crop damage as when the proposals are received. Also under the CSS Project Elephant, the Department has started a Crop Buyback Scheme on pilot basis under Goalpara Division since 2024-25. Under this scheme the crop of the farmers in the elephant depredated areas is assured at Rs. 8000/ per bigha.

4. The Committee recommends the Department to construct Watch Towers in suitable areas to prevent Men & Elephant conflict and to make proper arrangements for training of ‘Gaja-Mitra’.

Action :

Under Gaja Mitra Scheme 80 Nos. of Gaja Mitra Teams have been formed with each team consisting of 8 members each with necessary support to mobilize and train the teams.

As per Clause 7(b) of the Gaja Mitra Guidelines watch towers/tongi shall be erected in the strategic locations to reduce the damage of crops and to monitor the movement of the elephants. These watch towers shall assist in acquiring and dissemination of information regarding movement of elephant herds and act as early warning facilities in the affected villages.

In line with the scheme guidelines, 89 tongis/watch towers have been proposed under ‘Reduce man Animal Conflict’ of SOPD for the year 2025-26 and necessary Administrative Approvals for the same have been accorded. Respective divisions are undertaking the procurement and construction activities in accordance with the Administrative Approvals.

5. The Committee recommends the Department to provide adequate compensation to people who are engage in horticulture activities (Tamul-Pan etc.) for destruction caused by elephants.

Action :

The compensations are provided against crop damages due to wildlife depredation @ Rs.7,500/ - per family as per rates fixed vide Govt. Notification No.FRE-3/ 2017/ 31 dtd.06.03.2017.

6. The Committee recommends the Department to increase the budget allocation for taking up infrastructure activities/ developments activities including construction of camps/ purchasing vehicles, watch tower etc. in all National Parks of Assam.

Action :

The Department has taken up a proposal for the construction of camps and watch towers under CSS- Project Tiger and Elephant as well as under CSS- Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats. The APO for CSS of the state for the year 2025-2026 is as follows:

Scheme	Budget Allotted for FY 2024-25 (in Rs. Lakh)	Proposed Budget Amount for 2025-26 FY (in Rs. Lakh)	Budget Allotted for FY 2025-26 (in Rs. Lakh)	Total Amount released in FY 2025-26 (in Rs. Lakh)
CSS- Project Tiger and Elephant	4268.51	4598.44	4598.44	2533.10
CSS- Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats	2820.66	3017.58	1666.67	876.00
SOPD-RMAC	123.98	855.00	855.00	138.88

Scheme	Budget Allotted for FY 2024-25 (in Rs. Lakh)	Proposed Budget Amount for 2025-26 FY (in Rs. Lakh)	Budget Allotted for FY 2025-26 (in Rs. Lakh)	Total Amount released in FY 2025-26 (in Rs. Lakh)
SOPD-Dev. Of National Parks and WLS	329.73	950.00	950.00	241.33
SOPD- Other WL Areas	315.56	570.00	570.00	234.63
SOPD-Gaj Mitra	0.00	300.00	300.00	60.70
Total	7858.44	10291.02	8940.11	4084.64

7. The Committee observed that Bijni Bon Uddyan is one of the oldest park and is in a very dilapidated condition. The committee therefore recommends the Department to renovate and also to undertake developmental activities for the upgradation of the Uddyan.

Action :

DPR preparation is under process for upgradation of Bijni Bon Uddyan (Bijni Deer Park) under Social Forestry Range Bijni of Kokrajhar SF Division.

8. The committee recommends to take necessary steps for construction of Forest IB at Gharmurah range, AFPF camp at Kukicherra range and Community cum Forest Camp Baruncherra under Kukicherra Range.

Action :

DPRs have been prepared and the proposals shall be considered on priority in the schemes specific to the works in the Financial Year, 2026-27 subject to the availability of funds.

9. The committee recommends to take necessary steps for construction of quarters for Forest Ranger at Matijuri Range and Range Headquarter Kukicherra Range, Manipur Area. It is further also recommended to construct Forest Beat office at Ramnathpur under Gharmurah Range and quarters for the staff.

DPRs have been prepared and the proposals shall be considered on priority in the schemes specific to the works in the Financial Year, 2026-27 subject to the availability of funds.

10. The Committee recommends to construct Forest IB at Lumding, Udalguri, Bijni, Pakabatkari, Hailakandi and Rangapara.

Action :

For construction of **Forest IB at Lumding** under Nagaon South Division, Hojai, the Administrative Approval has been received vide No.AA/ FOR_2025-26 (I)_529 dtd.12.01.2026 and the procurement process will be initiated at the earliest.

For the construction of the **Forest IB at Udalguri under Dhansiri Division, Udalguri**, the forest department in consultation with the district administration is in the process of identifying suitable land for the proposed IB.

For construction of **Forest IB at Bijni** under Kokrajhar SF Division, the DPR is under process of preparation.

For the construction of the **Forest IB at Pakabatkari under Barpeta SF Division**, the forest department in consultation with the district administration is in the process of identifying suitable land for the proposed IB.

For construction of **Forest IB at Hailakandi under Hailakandi Division**, DPR has been prepared and the proposals shall be considered on priority in the schemes specific to the works in the Financial Year, 2026-27 subject to the availability of funds.

For construction of **Forest IB at Rangapara** the DPR is under process of preparation.

11. The committee recommends the Department to undertake plantation projects of Barpeta Bhawanipur Road, Dangarkuchi Kaljhar Road, Kayakuchi Newlarbhitha Road, Rajaghat Bhaktardoba Road, Bhaktardoba to Sarthebari Road and Kayakuchi Jarabari Road to help promote greenery.

Action :

The proposed plantation projects will be considered on priority under suitable schemes at the earliest opportunity.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON GRANT NO.55 OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR, 2026-2027.

1. The Committee directed the Department to submit a comprehensive Report indicating the extent of fencing completed so far in Manas National Park along with the remaining areas where fencing is yet to be undertaken.
2. The Committee recommends the Department to enhance the remuneration paid to the employees engaged under “Gaja Mitra” from the existing Rs.500/-pm to Rs.2000/- pm considering the dedicated service rendered by them.
3. The Committee recommends the Department to ensure proper assessment of the damages caused to houses, crops and other properties by elephants and other wild animals and provide adequate compensation to the affected families.

Further, the Department should in consultation with the concerned Deputy Commissioners create a Special Fund for providing immediate assistance to the affected families for timely disbursement pending disbursement of final compensation to reduce the suffering of the people.

4. The Committee recommends the Department to ensure that the contractors who are allowed to cut trees should deposit the cost of planting of 10 plants against cutting of one tree with the Forest Department for proper implementation of planting and maintenance of plants.
5. The Committee observed that the Environment and Forest Department has been renamed as Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department and Climate Change Cell in the department is being managed by the Assam Climate Change Management Society (ACCMS). Presently ACCMS is understaffed and only three contractual consultant/employees are working in the Society apart from the Chief Executive Officer.

The Committee therefore recommends strengthening of Assam Climate Change Management Society by way of increasing manpower having experience in Climate Change subject and also by allocating sufficient budget.

6. The Committee recommends the Department to take stringent measures to prevent any illegal mining activities within the forest areas and ensure that the contractors do not transport stones, sand or other materials in excess of the quantity specified in the transit challans measured in cubic metres.

The Committee further recommends that mining on river bed should not be more than 3 metres.

7. The Committee recommends the Department to take necessary steps for overall development of Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary under Nagaon District including renovation and repairing of the existing Forest IB to encourage Tourism and other related activities.
8. The Committee recommends the Department to expedite the renovation and up-gradation of Chakrasila IB/Guest House and construction of Magurmari IB under Baokhungri LAC at an early date.

Further, the Department is recommended to take necessary stapes for construction of Forest road at Paroura under Baokhungri LAC.

9. The Department is recommended to take necessary steps for construction of Forest IB's in Tangla and Pakabatkari under Barpeta SF Division.
10. The Committee recommends the Department to take necessary steps to revive the Timber Treatment & S Plant situated in Makum, Tinsukia which is presently non-functional.
11. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation to the Department to undertake plantation projects of Barpeta Bhawanipur road, Dangarkuchi Kaljhar road, Kayakuchi Newlarbhitha road, Rajaghat Bhaktardoba road, Bhaktardoba to Sarthebari road and Kayakuchi Jarabari road to help promote greenery.

The Committee recommends that the Budget allocation provided under Grant No.55 for Financial Year 2026-2027 for the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department be approved by the August House.

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