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

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY)

DEMANDS FOR GRANT NOS. 56 & 57 FOR THE YEAR 2026-27

DEPARTMENT: PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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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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 Seventh Report** on Demand for **Grant Nos. 56 & 57** relating to **Panchayat & Rural Development Department** for the financial year 2026-27.
2. The Committee has considered the Demand for **Grant Nos. 56 & 57** 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 Grants 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
REPORT
GRANT NO. 56
PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (PANCHAYAT)

After the presentation of the budget in the House for the financial year **2025-26 on 10th July, 2026**, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (A) Departments held in its meeting on **16th July, 2026** to discuss Grant No 56 relating to Panchayat & Rural Development (**Panchayat**).

Budget provision under Grant No.56 relating to the Panchayat & Rural Development (Panchayat) Department for the financial year, 2026-27 are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL
VOTED	225088.76	98.00	225186.76
CHARGED	729.02	29.28	758.30

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

• 2235	Social Security & Welfare	0.00
• 2515	Other Rural Development Programmes	225088.76
• 4059	Capital Outlay on Public Works	98.00
• 4515	Capital Outlay on other Rural Development Programmes	0.00
	Grand Total	225186.76

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

While discussing the Budget provision for the year 2026-27, the Committee found that the Budget so allocated comparatively less than the previous Financial Year and there is no clear indication as to why the Budget allocation has been reduced.

The DRSC on Dev. (A) Departments in its sitting held on **16th July, 2026** examined papers and documents received from the concerned department and took evidence of departmental representatives. At the same time, the Committee considered the **Action Taken Report on the recommendations made in its Twenty Seventh Report**.

CHAPTER-II
PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Brief Note Grant No.56

During the year 2025-2026, the total outlay against Central Share and State Share is Rs.352638.63 (L). For the year 2026-2027, Finance Department has allocated amount of Rs.1203.58 (L) as EE (non-salary) and an amount of Rs.10858.50(L) is proposed under Revenue Head of Account (excluding Salaries & Wages). Out of which an amount of Rs. 1370.17 (L) has Budget Estimate under EE Non-salary and there are no SOPD Scheme under Grant No.56 for the F.Y 2026-27.

It is stated here that for the F.Y 2026-27, previous CSS and SOPD Schemes under Grant No. 56 are now transferred under Grant No. 57.

The Budget Estimate under the 7th Assam State Finance Commission and 16th Central Finance Commission are as shown below as per allocation from Finance(Economic Affairs) Department for the F.Y 2026-27:

Grant No. 56

(Rs. In lakh)

SL. No.	Name of schemes/Project	Central Share	State Share	Remarks.
1	7 th State Finance Commission	--	21598.50	
2	16 th Central Finance Commission	157786.00	--	
	Total =	157786.00	21598.50	

1) **7th Finance Commission** :- During the year 2025-26, Govt. has provided an amount of Rs.13241.13 (L) under 6th ASFC. Out of the said amount expenditure incurred during the F.Y 2025-26 was Rs.12355.89(L). During the year 2026-2027 an amount of Rs.**21598.50**(L) is proposed for providing in the budget as per allocation of the Finance (E.A.) Department under 7th Finance Commission.

2) **16th Finance Commission** :- During the year 2025-2026 Govt. has provided an amount of Rs.217307.70 (L) under 15th CFC. Out of which, an amount of Rs.86628.00 (L) has been incurred as expenditure and Rs.736.63 (L) as balance fund. An amount of Rs.**157786.00**(L) is proposed for providing budget under 16th Finance Commission during the FY 2026-27.

P & R.D. Department strives for decentralization and empowerment of PRIs through various interventions. All the schemes of the Department are implemented through PRIs only. The NSAP and RGSA Scheme are major programmes being implemented by the Department under Grant No.56, which is now transferred under Grant No.57 for the F.Y. 2026-27. The 7th Assam State Finance Commission and 16th Central Finance Commission Budget Provision are under Grant No.56. Accordingly, the Budget Provision has been propose in the respective Head of Account during the F.Y. 2026-27 are shown as below :-

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No	Programme/Scheme	Budget propose		Remarks
		Central Share	State Share	
	1	2	3	4
	“2515-ORDP” etc.			
	Finance Commission:-			
1	State Finance Commission		112553.16	
2	Central Finance Commission	191809.00		

**Action Taken Report on the recommendation of Departmentally Related
Standing Committee of Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur 2025-2026.
(27th Report)
Sector :- Panchayat Development Sector, Grant No.56.**

Sl. No.	Recommendation	Action Taken
1	2	3
1	The Committee after holding a threadbare discussion and on close scrutinization of the report related to Grant No.56 of the Panchayat& Rural Development (Panchayat) Department on the evidences provided by the Departmental representatives made the following Observations and Recommendations: During the course of discussion, the Committee observes that there is insufficiency of staff quarters in the Block offices of GP's. The Committee recommends that all the staffs of Block offices should be allocated with sufficient nos. of staff quarters with special reference to Pakabetbari, Ghilamari, Rupsi, Lumding and each district of Assam.	In compliance with the letters issued by this Commissionerate, P&RD, Assam, regarding submission of revised proposal for incorporating the Construction of Block Development Office along with Staff Quarters at Pakabetbari Development Block, the Chief Executive Officer, Barpeta Zilla Parishad stated that as reported by the BDO, Pakabetbari Dev. Block, the office building of Pakabetbari Development Block has already been constructed under SOPD Scheme without the provision of staff quarter and the Block Office has been functioning from the said building since the year 2025. Further the Block Development Officer has informed that a separate detailed proposal for construction of Staff Quarters within the Block Office campus is under preparation and will be submitted separately shortly (Copies enclosed at Annexure- I-A, I-B and I-C) It is pertinent to mention here that, there is no provision under SOPD for the construction of staff quarters as a standalone project. However, the approved Model Plan and Estimate provided by the Chief Engineer, PWD (Building), Assam, includes a provision for staff quarters as part of the plan, design, and estimate for the construction of Block Office Buildings under SOPD. Moreover, the Government had approved to construct 11 Development Blocks, namely, South Salmara, Pakabetbari, Ujani Majuli, Langsomepe, Mahmora, Udarbond, Bhabanipur, Tapang, Chakchaka, Dhalpukhuri&Boginodi for the year 2019-20 & 2021-22. However, Ghilamari, Rupsi, & Lumding Development Blocks were not recorded in the said approved list. It may be mentioned here that, necessary initiatives for construction of Staff Quarters pertaining to the Ghilamari, Rupsi and Lumding Development Blocks shall be taken up from the State Finance Commission (ASFC) at an early date.
2	During the course of discussion, the Committee observes that some of the office buildings of Gaon Panchayats in Assam are not properly constructed. The Committee, therefore recommends for construction/renovation of the office buildings in all Gaon Panchayats where necessary.	Following the delimitation exercise, the requirement for construction of office buildings for newly constituted Gram Panchayats and Anchalik Panchayats was collected from the districts. Thereafter, the consolidated proposal was forwarded to the Special Secretary, Finance (Economic Affairs) Department, Dispur, Guwahati vide <i>Letter No. E-614211/I/1262978/2025 dated 26.09.2025</i> for consideration under the 7th Assam State Finance Commission (ASFC). A copy of the said letter is enclosed herewith as Annexure -II for ready reference.

		Following the delimitation exercise, the requirement for construction of office buildings for newly constituted Gram Panchayats and Anchalik Panchayats was collected from the districts. Thereafter, the consolidated proposal was forwarded to the Special Secretary, Finance (Economic Affairs) Department, Dispur, Guwahati vide <i>Letter No. E-614211/I/1262978/2025 dated 26.09.2025</i> for consideration under the 7th Assam State Finance Commission (ASFC). A copy of the said letter is enclosed herewith as Annexure -II for ready reference. The GBSIPRD, Assam under Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) of Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been constructing the new Gaon Panchayat buildings in the state @ Rs. 20.00 lakhs as per requirement submitted by the CEO, Zilla Parishads. Since 2018 – 19 to till date 215 new Gaon Panchayats have been constructed and construction works of 147 Gaon Panchayats are going on. Besides construction of new buildings, physical infrastructure of 125 Gaon Panchayats have been renovated / repaired. Details of the year wise number of GP buildings taken up for construction of new buildings.
3	The Committee recommends that the vacancies of the post of Gram Rojgar Sevak (GRS) and SRS are to be filled up at an early date.	The Commissionerate has already issued an advertisement for recruitment of 464 (four hundred sixty-four) posts of Gram Rozgar Sahayak vide Advertisement No. E-4364211/1447476/2026 dated 19-02-2026. The process for receipt of applications has been successfully completed. At present, the Commissionerate of Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam is in the process of conducting the written examination for the said posts. (Copy at Annexure-III)
4	During the course of discussion, the Committee observes that there are shortage of Computer Assistants in every Block Office of Gaon Panchayats. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the nos of Computer Assistant to be increased in all Block Office of Gaon Panchayats.	Similarly, The Commissionerate has already issued an advertisement for recruitment of 291 (two hundred ninety one) posts of Computer Assistant vide Advertisement No. E-4364211/1447476/2026 dated 19-02-2026. The process for receipt of applications has been successfully completed. At present, the Commissionerate of Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam is in the process of conducting the written examination for the said posts. (Copy at Annexure-IV)
5	During the course of discussion the Committee observes that there is encroachment of land in market places. The Committee, therefore recommends that evictions should be undertaken in the encroached market areas.	In this regard, a letter was issued to all District Commissioners vide No. E-553019/DFA/1383171, dated 20/08/2025,(Copy placed at Annexure –V) requesting them to take necessary action on the Committee's recommendation that evictions should be undertaken in the encroached market areas under PRIs. Another letter vide No. E-553019/DFA/1383171,dated- 08/07/2026(Copy placed at Annexure –VI). has been initiated requesting action taken in the matter if any.

6	The Committee recommends the Department for construction of a building for Sahabad Block Development Office on the vacant land of Katlicherra irrigation sub-division at Sahabad.	In compliance with the letters issued by this Commissionerate, P&RD, Assam, the Chief Executive Officer, Hailakandi Zilla Parishad, stated that, as per the report of the Circle Officer, Katlicherra Revenue Circle, it appears that out of the total land measuring 05 bighas 03 kathas and 04 chatak of land said to belong to the Irrigation Department, only a plot of land measuring 19 kathas and 3 chatak of Sahabad Pt-I, Rongpur VII and Rongpur VIII was found to be under the possession of the Katlicherra Irrigation Sub-Division and utilized for construction of office building, office quarters, campus, etc. The rest unused and vacant land measuring 4 bighas 4 kathas and 1 chatak is said to belong to other individuals and not in the name of the Irrigation Department. It also appears that there is a Court Case pending in the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court in W.P. (C) No. 7676/2015 over the said land. (Copies enclosed at Annexure –VII-A, VII-B, VII-C)
7	The Committee recommends the Department to construct office building for Pub Betbari G.P., Madhya Betbari G.P., Dakshin Paka G.P., Paschim Betbari G.P., Uttar Betbari G.P. and Uttar Pub Betbari G.P.	In compliance with the letters issued by this Commissionerate, P&RD, Assam, the Chief Executive Officer, Barpeta Zilla Parishad stated that, the Block Development Officer, Pakabetbari Development Block, has reported that the Gaon Panchayats, namely, Madhya Betbari G.P., Dakshin Paka G.P., Paschim Betbari G.P., Uttar Betbari G.P. and Uttar Pub Betbari G.P. are presently functioning from well furnished Gaon Panchayat Office Buildings having adequate office accommodation and basic infrastructure. Accordingly, no proposal for construction of new Gaon Panchayat Office Buildings in respect of the aforesaid Gaon Panchayats are required at present. Further, the Block Development Officer has reported that the existing Office Building of 25 No. Pub Betbari Gaon Panchayat is in a dilapidated condition and suitable Government land is available for construction of a new Gaon Panchayat Office Building. The Block Development Officer has also informed that a detailed proposal for construction of a new Office Building for 25 No. Pub Betbari Gaon Panchayat is under preparation and the same will be submitted separately shortly. (Copies enclosed at Annexure-VIII-A, VIII-B and VIII-C)
8	The Committee recommends the Department to construct Staff Quarter at Pakabetbari Development Block.	In compliance with the letters issued by this Commissionerate, P&RD, Assam, regarding submission of revised proposal for incorporating the Construction of Block Development Office along with Staff Quarters at Pakabetbari Development Block, the Chief Executive Officer, Barpeta Zilla Parishad stated that as reported by the BDO , Pakabetbari Dev. Block, the office building of Pakabetbari Development Block has already been constructed under SOPD Scheme without the provision of staff quarter and the Block Office has been functioning from the said building since the year 2025.

		Further the Block Development Officer has informed that a separate detailed proposal for construction of Staff Quarters within the Block Office campus is under preparation and will be submitted separately shortly. (Copies enclosed at Annexure- I-A, I-B and I-C)
9	The Committee recommends the Department to take measures so that the land of Kayakuchi Bazar, Bhatardoba Bazar and Barbala Bazar can be freed from encroachment.	In this regard, a letter was issued to all District Commissioners vide No. E-553019/DFA/1383171, dated 20/08/2025, (Copy placed at Annexure –V) requesting them to take necessary action on the Committee's recommendation for carrying out eviction drives in encroached market areas under the jurisdiction of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). Further, another letter to the District Commissioner, Barpeta vide No. E-553019/DFA/1853832 dated-08/07/2026, (Copy placed at Annexure –IX) has been initiated requesting to furnish the action taken report regarding the encroachments in Kayakuchi Bazar, Bhatardoba Bazar and Barbala Bazar. In this connection, the Chief Executive Officer, Barpeta Zilla Parishad, vide Letter No. BZP(ALA)714/2026/2342, dated 08/07/2026, (Copy placed at Annexure –X) requested the Block Development Officer, Pakabetbari Development Block, to conduct a field verification and furnish a detailed report on the status of encroachments in the aforesaid market areas, including the nature and extent of encroachment, ownership and classification of the land, details of encroachers, action taken, and recommendations for further necessary action. A copy of the letter was also endorsed to the Circle Officers of Barpeta/Sarthebari Revenue Circles, requesting them to furnish the relevant revenue particulars and legal status of the land involved in the aforesaid market areas and to extend necessary assistance to the Block Development Officer in this regard.

CHAPTER-III
PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Brief Note Grant No.57

The total sum of **Rs.691085.56** lakhs under Panchayat and Rural Development is required for approval of the House during the financial year 2026-27.

The total allocation of fund under Grant No.57 for both Revenue and Capital heads for administration of Panchayat and Rural Development (Rural Development) Department for the year 2026-27 is presented before the House for approval.

Budget provision under Grant No. 57 relating to the Panchayat and Rural Development (Rural Development) Department, 2026-27 are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)			
	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL
VOTED	691085.56	0.00	691085.56
CHARGED	97.52	0.00	97.52

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

(Rs. in Lakhs)		
• 2216	Housing	292398.42
• 2235	Social Security & Welfare	81823.53
• 2501	Special Programmes for Rural Development	70411.43
• 2505	Rural Employment (1)	241794.00
• 2515	Other Rural Development Programmes	4658.18
• 5475	Capital outlay of other General Economic Services	0.00
	Grand Total	691085.56

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

CHAPTER-IV

PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Preliminary Status Relating to Grant No. 57.

During the financial year 2025--2026, the total outlay against Central Share and State Share was Rs.747051.94 (L). For the year 2026-2027 Finance Department has allocated an amount of Rs.1121.77 (L) as Non- salary component and an amount of Rs.29301.85 (L) is allocated under SOPD Schemes. No limit has been stated for Central share. Accordingly, the same has been proposed to be provided in the budget 2026-2027 under Grant No. 57.

It is stated here that all the CSS Schemes including State Share have been transferred to SNA SPARSH.

An amount of Rs.936473.40(L) as central share, an amount of Rs. 95189.06 (L) as State Share and an amount of Rs.27908.76 under SOPD-G Scheme(Revenue) andRs. 12251.22(L)under SOPD Scheme (Capital) has been proposed to be provided in the budget 2026-27 under Grant No.57 details of which are given below.

Grant No. 57

(Rs.

In lakh)

Sl. No	Name of schemes/Project	Central Share	State Share	SOPD	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)	58749.98	--	--	Including IGNOPS and IGNWPS State Top-up
2	Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhijan (RGSA)	9300.00	1033.32		
3	VB-G-RAM-G (Previously Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.(MGNREGA)	334848.00	37205.00	---	
4	PradhanMantriAwasYojona – Gramin (PMAY-G)	444550.00	49394.50	---	
5	National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)	68547.37	7460.15	---	
6	State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development (SIPRD)	85.00	15.00	---	
	Total =	916080.35	95107.97	----	
7	SOPD-Scheme	----	---	40159.98	
	Grand Total =	916080.35	95107.97	40159.98	

1) **NSAP (National Social Assistance Programme):-**It was started by Govt. of India in 1995-96. Formerly this programme was implemented by the Social welfare Deptt. and from 2003-04, it was transferred to Panchayat & R.D. Deptt. It has five components like IGNOAPS, IGNWPS, IGNDPS & NFBS Schemes.

(a) IGNOAPS(Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme):- The BPL people in age group of 60-79 years is given monthly pension @ Rs.200/- from the Central Assistance and Rs.200 /- from State Govt. The BPL people in the age group of 80 years and above is given a monthly pension of Rs.500/- from Central Assistance and Rs.50 /- from State Govt.

(b) IGNWPS(Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme):- The BPL widow people in the age 40-79 years is given a monthly pension @ Rs.300/- P.M. from Central Assistance and Rs.950 /- from State Govt. . After attaining the age of 80 years and above, the beneficiaries are entitled to get Rs.500/- P.M. from Central Assistance and Rs.950 /- from State Govt.

(c) IGNDPS(Indira Gandhi National Disabilities Pension Scheme) :- Under this schemes, BPL disabled person in the age group 18-79 years is given a monthly pension @ 300/- P.M. from Central Assistance. After attaining the age of 80 years and above, the beneficiaries are entitled to get @Rs.500/- P.M. Central Assistance.

(d) NFBS(National Family Benefitted Scheme) :- Under NFBS, Rs. 20000/- is given as one time assistance to the bereaved household in the event of death of the breadwinner.

During the year 2025-26, out of total budget provision of Rs.48918.36 (L) in NSAP CSS & State Top-up HoAs, an amount of Rs.43785.42 (L) expenditure has been incurred.

As SNA SPARSH system has been implemented for CSS Schemes under NSAP, in the year 2026-27, an amount of Rs.32696.49 (L) and Rs.26053.49 (L) is proposed as Central Share and State Top-up respectively under the CSS HoAs of NSAP Scheme.

2) RGSA (Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan) :-

The Government of India, Ministry of Panchayati Raj has launched Rastriya Gramin Swaraj Abhiyan. In order to ensure improved people centric Governance, responsive service delivery by Panchayats and localising the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), leadership capabilities of Elected Representatives and functional competencies of functionaries and awareness level of rural masses need to be enhanced by many folds. With the above objectives, the institute submitted a project proposal to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, and the Central Empowered Committee of Revamped RGSA had approved the proposal for an amount of Rs. 155.97 crores to carryout different activities during the financial year 2025 – 26. During the financial year 2025 – 26, the Government of India, Ministry of Panchayati Raj had sanctioned an amount of Rs.76.00crores to the State Government and out of the fund received, the institute has incurred an amount of Rs. 71.00 crores. For the next five year plan period from 2026 – 27 to 2031 – 32, the Government of India, Ministry of Panchayati Raj has informed that the revamped RGSA will be continued with some new initiatives during the next plan period.

As per timeline fixed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, the institute has already undertaken Peoples Plan Campaign in entire state. The institute organized large number of training programmes for officials and other stakeholders on preparation of Goan Panchayat Development Plan and Poverty Reduction Plan.

3. MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act):-

MGNREGA was a Centrally Sponsored Scheme that provided a statutory guarantee of wage employment to rural households through demand-driven, unskilled manual work. Its core objectives were to strengthen rural livelihoods and create durable community assets.

MGNREGA has been officially repealed and replaced by the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 (VB-G RAM G) on 1st. July, 2026. Under this updated framework, the employment guarantee for eligible rural households has been expanded from the previous 100 days to 125 days per financial year. All ongoing works, assets, and active job cards from MGNREGA are being seamlessly transitioned into the new scheme.

Under MGNREGA, during the financial year 2024–25, the State achieved a significant milestone by completing 8.30 lakh works. A total of 711.36 lakh persondays of employment were generated, benefiting 19.12 lakh households. Women accounted for 54.44% of the total persondays generated, reflecting strong participation in the programme. The total expenditure incurred during the year was ₹2,28,148.37 lakh.

During the financial year 2025–26, the programme generated 561.85 lakh persondays of employment, providing work to 17.36 lakh households, while 2.92 lakh works were completed. Women contributed 55.09% of the total persondays generated. The total expenditure incurred during the year amounted to ₹1,94,636.39 lakh.

During the financial year 2026–27 (up to date), the programme generated 201.39 lakh persondays of employment, benefiting 9.82 lakh households, and 91,572 works were completed. Women's participation further increased to 60.02% of the total persondays generated, demonstrating the programme's continued emphasis on inclusive participation. During the year, administrative funds amounting to ₹8,523.38 lakh were received, of which ₹8,497.06 lakh were utilized. Additionally, material funds amounting to ₹17,200.00 lakh were received, against which ₹12,413.58 lakh were utilized for programme implementation.

Achievements under Viksit Bharat–GRAM G (VB-GRAM G) :

The VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 has come in to force on 1st of July, 2026 in Assam across all the districts of States. The schemes under VB-G RAM G have been successfully going on across all districts. Under VB-G RAM G the wage rate has been enhanced up to Rs.300/- per day.

First State in India to Generate FTO: Assam became the first State in the country to generate the Fund Transfer Order (FTO) under VB-GRAM G and successfully release the first timely wage payment to workers, setting a national benchmark. The first payment was made for a work in Pithaguti Gram Panchayat, Tingkhong Development Block, Dibrugarh District.

QR-enabled Smart Job Cards: Assam successfully piloted QR-enabled Smart Job Cards in Boko Block, enabling real-time worker verification, digital access to employment records, improved transparency, faster service delivery, and simplified benefit access.

Financial Allocation: Assam received an interim allocation of ₹1,929.70 crore under VB-GRAM G. For the first quarter, a Mother Sanction of ₹630.96 crore was received, comprising ₹350.53 crore in Wages, ₹233.69 crore in Material, and ₹46.74 crore in Administrative cost.

- 4) **PMAY-G (PradhanMantriAwasYojona- Gramin) Formerly Indira AwasYojona** :- PMAY-G (PradhanMantriAwasYojona- Gramin) Formerly Indira AwasYojona :- It is an important rural housing scheme of Govt. of India for rural B.P.L. households. It is a continuous Centrally Sponsored scheme and funded by Govt. of India and State Govt. in the ratio of 90 : 10 basis. During the financial year 2025–2026, During the financial year, 2025-26 an amount of Rs.456473.00 lakh was released out of allocation of Rs.547085.23 lakh against Central Share and an amount of Rs.60787.25 lakh was released against State Share. For the year 2026-27 an amount of Rs.624550.54 (L) is budgeted as Central Share and Rs.69394.50 (L) as State Share.
- 5) **A.S.R.L.M. (Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission)**:- Earlier N.R.L.M. programme has now been restructured and renamed as Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ASRLM). The restructured programme is being implemented in a mission mode with a time bound and outcome based approach. The ASRLM is a Centrally Sponsored Flagship Programme funded by Govt. of India and State Govt. on 90 : 10 basis. In the Financial Year 2025-26, an amount of Rs.68450.04 lakh was released as Central Share and State Share out of budget provision of Rs.86563.35lakh. For the year 2026-27 an amount of Rs.101888.56(L) is budgeted as Central Share and State Share.
- 6) **S.I.P.R.D. (State Institute of Panchayat Rural Development)**:-During the financial year 2025-2026 an amount of Rs.195.80 (L) as Central Share was provided in the budget. An amount of Rs.60.10 (L) as the Central Fund was directly released to the CNA Account of SIPRD through NeFMS by the Govt. of India and an amount of Rs.44.00 lakh was provided in the Budget as State Share out of which Rs. 13.03 (L) was drawn as State Share. For the year 2026-2027, an amount of Rs.120.00 (L) has been proposed as Central Share and State Share.
- 7) **SOPD (Revenue and Capital)**:-During the year 2025-2026, an amount of Rs.46119.36lakh was provided in the budget under SOPD-G Revenue scheme. Out of the said provision an amount of Rs.42735.44 lakh was drawn & disbursed under Revenue Scheme. An amount of Rs.12295.42(L) had budget provision under SOPD Capital out of which an amount of Rs.865.25 (L) was incurred as expenditure during the F.Y 2025-26. For the Financial year 2026-27 an amount of Rs.27908.76(L) has been proposed to provide Budget under SOPD Revenue for implementation of schemes under SOPD-G and an amount of Rs.12251.22(L) for SOPD Capital.

BRIEF NOTE GRANT NO.57

Rural Housing, job opportunity of Self Help Group etc. are in Major thrust area under Grant No.57. Now, NSAP and RGSA Scheme has been transferred to Grant No. 56 to Grant No. 57. The Old Aged Persons, Widows and Physically Challenged persons and National Family Benefit Programme will be provided monthly pension under the NSAP programmes. Panchayats will be strengthened through (RGSA) for better performance. Implementation of aforesaid are expected to bring socio economic changes in rural areas. The MGNREGA scheme has been officially repealed and replaced by the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 (VB-G RAM G) on 1st. July, 2026. Under this updated framework, the employment guarantee for eligible rural households has been expanded from the previous 100 days to 125 days per financial year. All ongoing works, assets, and active job cards from MGNREGA are being seamlessly transitioned into the new scheme. Moreover, the PMAY-G (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Gramin) scheme formerly Indira Awas Yojana is an important rural housing scheme of Govt. of India for rural B.P.L. households. It is a continuous Centrally Sponsored scheme and funded by Govt. of India and State Govt. in the ratio of 90 : 10 basis. The Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ASRLM) restructured programme is being implemented in a mission mode with a time bound and outcome based approach. The ASRLM is a Centrally Sponsored Flagship Programme funded by Govt. of India and State Govt. on 90 :10 basis. Capacity Building and training programmes is organized for elected representatives of PRIs, youths artesian etc. by SIPRD. Landscape of rural economy is accepted to improve significantly through implementation of aforesaid Schemes. Accordingly, the Budget Provision has been propose in the respective Head of Account during the F.Y. 2026-27 are shown as bellow :-

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of Schemes/Project	Budget proposed			Remarks
		Central Share	State Share	SOPD	
1	2	3	4	5	6
	“2235-NSAP/2501-SPRD/2505 VBRAM-G /2216-PMAY-G” etc.				
1	National Social Assistant Programme (NSAP)	58749.98	----	----	The Budget Provision for the FY 2026-27 is inclusive of both Central Share and State Share, in the respective Head of Account under SNA-SPARSH
2	Rastriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)	11333.35	----	----	
3	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee act.(MGNERGA/VBRAM-G)	374053.00	----	----	
4	PradhanMantriAwasYojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)	693945.00	----	----	
5	Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ASRLM)	108888.56	----	----	
6	State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development (SIPRD)	100.00	----	---	
	Total :-CSS Scheme	1247069.89	----	----	
7	SoPD-G (Revenue & Capital)	----	----	40159.98	

**Action Taken Report on the recommendation of Departmentally Related Standing
Committee of Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur 2025-2026.
(27th Report)**

Sector: - Rural Development Sector, Grant No.57.

Sl. No.	Recommendation	Action Taken
1	2	3
1	The Committee after holding a threadbare discussion and on close scrutinization of the Report related to Grant No.57 of the Panchayat& Rural Development (Rural Development) Department on the evidences provided by the Departmental representatives made the following Observations and Recommendations: The Committee observes that in implementation of MGNREGA, the maximum ongoing work limit is fixed at 20 (twenty) nos. per G.P. and due to nonpayment of material component most of the schemes are still shown as ongoing for which the GPs are unable to take up new schemes. The Committee, therefore recommends to take necessary steps for increasing the ceiling limit of ongoing works and to pay MGNREGA on priority basis and also other bills with small amounts for increasing the number of work completion. The Committee also recommends for convergence of MGNREGA with 15th Finance Commission in construction of CC Block Roads so that at least 500 mtr. Length of the village road can be covered.	The Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, has replaced the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA) with the VB-G RAMG. While Mahatma Gandhi NREGA remained operational up to 30th June, 2026, the VB-G RAMG came into force across the State with effect from 1st July, 2026. Regarding limitation of 20 ongoing scheme under MGNREGA, MoRD had made a provision in NREGASoft to mark scheme as physically completed which allowed to take scheme within the limitation of 20 ongoing scheme per Gaon Panchayat. The communication letter in this regard was shared to all districts vide letter No. E- 517718-1/1447541/2026, Dated 19-02- 2026 at Annexure-I. Under VB-G RAMG, there is no limitation of 20 ongoing scheme per Gaon Panchayat. The G.P will take up schemes as per the normative allocation allocated to the G.P Under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, a Notification was issued vide letter No. CPRD/MGNREGA/30/2022/43, Dated 07.07.2023 (Copy at Annexure-II) which allows that 25% of total expenditure of the block can be made under MGNREGA and maximum upto 100% of untied grants of XV Finance Commission be made for implementation of all weather pucca road. Under VB-G RAMG, it is proposed to construct pavers block road in Gaon Panchayats in convergence with Finance Commission grant.
2	The Committee observes that most of the PMAY-G houses in the state have been completed without providing 95 days wage under MGNREGA, due to which the beneficiaries have been deprived from their daily wages. The Committee therefore recommends to take up the matter with the Ministry of Rural Development to allow providing 95days of wages after completion of the PMAY-G houses.	If any PMAY-G houses marked as completed in Awaassoft, NREGASoft does not permit the payment of unskilled wages to the PMAY-G beneficiaries. The matter was communicated to MoRD and accordingly, MoRD, Gol had decided to allow one-time relaxation for the houses sanctioned in/after FY 2023-24 vide letter No. M-12018/02/2019-RH (MNT) (368146), Dated 26.12.2025,at Annexure-III, where the entitlement of 95 person-days had provided by the executing agency. In FY2025-26, a total of 2,70,93,900 person days generated against PMAY-G houses covering all districts of the State under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. Apart from this continuous monitoring has been made from the State level up to the GP level for providing unskilled wages to the beneficiaries. The recent communication was made to all districts letter vide No. E- 5748201/1591911/2026, Dated 9.6.2026 at Annexure-IV.

3	The Committee recommends the Department to construct Ring Bunds on both sides of Pahumar river, Tihu river, Palla river, Kaldia river and Unnir Jan river to be covered under MGNREGA.	As per permissible list of MGNREGA, as well as VB G RAM-G construction of Ring Bunds does not fall in the permissible list.
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GRANT NOS. 56 & 57
PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2026-27

1. The Committee recommends that the Department make necessary arrangements for the construction of residential quarters for BDO office complex of Assam.

The Committee further recommends that the required funds for the construction of such residential quarters to be provided under the SOPD Fund.

2. The Committee recommends the Department to fill up the vacant posts of Accountants and Gram Rozgar Sevaks (GRSs) under the Panchayat Department within a period of four months.
3. The Committee recommends the Department to take expeditious steps to remove all encroachments from markets situated under the jurisdiction of the Development Blocks across the State.
4. The Committee recommends the Department to take necessary steps for the establishment of two new Development Blocks in Gauripur LAC under Dhubri District namely:- Balajan Development Block and Aatari Development Block.
5. The Committee recommends the Department to take necessary steps to resolve the issues relating to the non-linking of Aadhaar with Job Cards which has resulted in the deletion of the names of certain Job Cards and the consequent deprivation of eligible beneficiaries from receiving financial assistance under PMAY-G.
6. The Committee recommends the Department to examine the feasibility of undertaking works relating to road connectivity, erosion protection, ring embankments and other similar infrastructure development activities under the VB-G RAM G Schemes in the State.
7. The Committee recommends that all Village Council Development Committees (VCDCs) under Tangla LAC to be transferred to Kalaigaon Development Block, including those VCDCs (formerly Panchayats) presently under West Mangaldai Development Block and East Mangaldai Development Block. All the VCDC of Tangla LAC should be transferred to Kalaigaon Block.
8. The Committee recommends the Department to examine the feasibility of bringing the privately managed markets located within Tea Garden areas under the control of the Government with a view to augmenting Government revenue.
9. The Committee recommends the Department to take immediate steps for the repairing and renovation of the Bebejia Market complex under Raha LAC with the award winning money.
10. The office building of the Khagarijan Development Block under Nagaon Batadroba are presently in a dilapidated condition need to be constructed newly.

11. The Committee recommends the Department to take necessary steps for construction of administrative and BDO office at Elaisrijhar Development Block and Bhaoraguri Development Block under Baokhungri LAC with overall requirement which will ensure the smooth functioning of the administration.
12. The Committee observes that the Block Development Office at Kalaigaon is currently operating on solar energy. Also the Block Office of Kalaigaon should be newly constructed.

The Committee therefore recommends the Department to take urgent steps on a priority basis for providing electricity to the office to ensure its smooth functioning.

13. The Committee recommends the department to construct Staff Quarter for the New Block office at Pakabetbari, Ghilajari and Rupshree Development Block.
14. The Committee recommends the Department to take measures so that the land of Kayakuchi Bazar, Bhatardoba Bazar and Barbala Bazar can be freed from encroachment.
15. The Committee recommends the Department for construction of a building for Sahabad Block Development Office on the vacant land of Katlicherra irrigation sub-division at Sahabad.

The Committee recommends that the Budget allocation provided under Grant Nos.56 & 57 for the Financial Year 2026-2027 for the Panchayat & Rural Development Department be approved by the August House.

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