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**DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE
ON DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENTS
(2026-2027)**

**SIXTEENTH
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

**REPORT ON THE DEMANDS FOR THE GRANT NO. 48 & 67
FOR THE YEAR 2026-2027**

TWENTY EIGHTH REPORT

(Presented to the House on 22nd July, 2026)

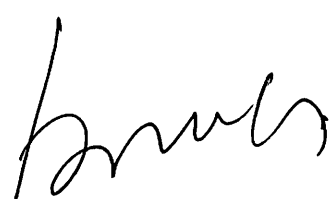
**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006**

INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairperson of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to present this **TWENTY EIGHTH REPORT** of the Committee on Demands for Grants (Grant Nos. 48 & 67) relating to the Agriculture Department for the financial year, 2026-27.

1. In Pursuance of Rule 260 H (I) of the Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, Hon'ble Speaker has been pleased to constitute the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, on 10th July, 2026 for a period of one year.
2. The Committee scrutinized the various documents and relevant papers including the status report received from the Agriculture Department and also took the personal evidence of the representatives of the Department on the said Demands for Grants in its meeting held on 16th July 2026.
3. The Committee considered the Draft Report and approved it on 16th July, 2026.
4. The Committee expressed its appreciation to the representatives of the Agriculture Department for extending their co-operation to the Committee and the officers/officials of Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat attached to the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments for their full co-operation and unstinted assistance.
5. The Committee also places on record its thanks to the representatives of Finance Department and also the Transformation and Development Department for assisting the Committee in its deliberation.

Dated Dispur 16th July, 2026


(PRADYUT BORDOLOI)
Chairperson,
DRSC on Development (B) Deptts.
Assam Legislative Assembly.

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COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

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SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI, MLA

Chairperson.

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3. Shri Sudip Roy	Under Secretary
4. Shri Jitumani Bhuyan	Under Secretary
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7. Shri Ratneswar Saikia	Committee Officer

CHAPTER- I
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
(GRANT NO.48)

Introduction:

Agriculture and its allied activities are of overriding importance for the people of Assam as sources of livelihood, employment and as a way of life since more than 70% of the population still are dependent on this sector for their livelihood. Food security and poverty alleviation are two major challenges of the sector to be overcome in the interest of welfare of the farming community who are mostly small and marginal farmers (86.2% Agriculture census 2015-16).

As far as the uses of Agricultural Land, net area shown is 27.24 lakh Ha, i.e. 35.05% of geographical area. The gross cropped area is 38.72 lakh Ha. Average land holding in the State is 1.09 Ha (Agriculture census of 2015-16) against a National Average of 1.08 Ha. Cropping intensity of the State is 140.83% (2021-22) against a National Average of 152.7% (2020-21). This signifies that a large percentage of cultivable land is not put to use annually and is one of the major challenges stands from the fact a large area of land, i.e., 16.27 lakh Ha is under mono cropping. However, this also offers an opportunity to enhance the production and productivity.

Assam has a huge potential of food grain production but productivity is normally low in most of such grains. This is so because the major portion of the plain lies in the Brahmaputra Valley which incidentally is prone to chronic flood and bank erosion. Because of this risk of flood, input management in the Khariff season is at very low level. The summer crop in Assam also has a risk of irrigation water deficit, especially because of lack of viable surface irrigation channels.

Preliminary Status Paper, Grant No. 48 (Agriculture) (General Areas)

Status during 2025-26				
During 2025-26, the Departmental Plan Budget was as follows				Rs. In lakh
Sl. No.	Particulars	Original Budget Allocation	Approved as SD	Total Allocation
1	2	3	4	5
AGRICULTURE				
1	State Own Priority Development scheme [SOPD]	11,423.88	0.00	11,423.80
2	RIDF (Rural Infrastructure Development Fund including State share)	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
3	Salary	63,672.67	0.00	63,672.67
4	Externally Aided Project	21,566.00	0.00	21,566.00
5	Assam Agricultural University (AAU)	1,313.50	0.00	1,313.50
6	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) & Weather Information Network Data System (WINDS)	15,080.00	10,000.00	25,080.00
	Total budget provision of Plan	1,20,056.05	10,000.00	1,30,055.97
The following amounts were Sanctioned against the aforesaid schemes:				
AGRICULTURE				
1	State Own Priority Development scheme [SOPD]	6,723.52	0.00	6,723.52
2	RIDF (Rural Infrastructure Development Fund including State share)	6,837.91	0.00	6,837.91
3	Salary	61,014.03	0.00	61,014.03
4	Externally Aided Project	17.64	0.00	17.64
5	Assam Agricultural University (AAU)	1,199.14	0.00	1,199.14
6	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) & Weather Information Network Data System (WINDS)	18,080.00	0.00	18,080.00
	Total Sanctioned Amount	93,872.24	0.00	93,872.24
The following amounts were received as Ceiling against the aforesaid schemes:				
AGRICULTURE				
1	State Own Priority Development scheme [SOPD]	5,429.86	0.00	5,429.86
2	RIDF (Rural Infrastructure Development Fund including State share)	6,837.91	0.00	6,837.91
3	Salary	61,014.03	0.00	61,014.03
4	Externally Aided Project	17.64	0.00	17.64
5	Assam Agricultural University (AAU)	951.88	0.00	951.88
6	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) & Weather Information Network Data System (WINDS)	18,080.00	0.00	18,080.00
	Total Ceiling received	92,331.32	0.00	92,331.32

	The following amounts were <u>drawn</u> against the aforesaid schemes:			
	AGRICULTURE			
1	State Own Priority Development scheme [SOPD]	5,428.45	0.00	5,428.45
2	RIDF (Rural Infrastructure Development Fund including State share)	6,837.91	0.00	6,837.91
3	Salary	61,014.03	0.00	61,014.03
4	Externally Aided Project	17.64	0.00	17.64
5	Assam Agricultural University (AAU)	951.88	0.00	951.88
6	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) & Weather Information Network Data System (WINDS)	18,080.00	0.00	18,080.00
	Total Ceiling drawn	92,329.91	0.00	92,329.91
	The above statement is summarized as below :			
	Total budget provision	1,30,055.97	0.00	1,30,055.97
	Total sanctioned amount	93,872.24	0.00	93,872.24
	Total ceiling received	92,331.32	0.00	92,331.32
	Total amount drawn	92,329.91	0.00	92,329.91
	<u>Budget Proposal during 2026-27 :</u>			
	The breakup of proposal under State Plan (General Areas) during <u>2026-27</u> is given below.			
	AGRICULTURE			
1	State Own Priority Development (SOPD)	8887.49	0.00	8887.49
2	Capital Account (RIDF)	7040.00	0.00	7040.00
3	Agri. Research & Education (AAU)	1612.51	0.00	1612.51
	Total	17540.00	0.00	17540.00

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SOPD Schemes

Sl	Name of the Scheme (2025-26)	Budget Received 2026-26 (Lakhs)	Achievement/ Remarks	Achievement %
1	CM Utkarsh to strength FPCs	5000.00	Rs.3050 Lakhs was spent for distribution among 254 FPC/FPO @Rs.12.00 Lakhs	61.00%
2	Agriculture Information and Publicity	57.00	Out of 57.00 Lakhs, FOC was received for Rs.28.80168 Lakhs which was spent for advertisement bill and committed liabilities	50.51%
3	Community Development Programme at Garukhuti	200.00	Rs.125.00 Lakhs was released to GarukhutiBahumukhi Krishi Prakalpa Samity (GBKPS) against the total budgeted amount.	62.50%
4	Promotion of certified seed growers	85.50	A drawal of Rs 67.50 Lakh was made against the total budgeted amount. Drawal fund was utilized for providing incentive to the farmers for certified seed production. Incentive was provided for production of 1929 Quintal of certified seed.	78.95%
5	Revolving fund for seed buyback from registered FPCs/farmers	237.50	A drawal of Rs 113.00 Lakh was made against the total budgeted amount. Drawal fund was utilized towards buy-back of 3229 Quintal of certified seed from the farmers at MSP+additional incentive of 20%.	47.58%
6	Infrastructure Development of Agricultural Seed Farms by Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd	190.00	A drawal of Rs 165.16 Lakh was made against the total budgeted amount. Drawal fund was utilized for strengthening the infrastructure of 5 no of Seed Farms and 2 no of Nurseries under ASCL. This development has resulted in improving the overall	86.93%

			productivity of the farms and nurseries thereby leading to increase in quality seed and planting material production	
7	Plant Protection Campaign	40.01	Budget Allocated in 2025-26: Rs.40.01 Lakhs Achievement/ Remarks: No activities were taken up during 2025-26 under "Plant Protection campaign. Hence FOC not received and amount not utilized.	0%
8	Expenditure against distribution of Urea by ASAMB	600.00	Rs.349 lakhs out of Rs.600 Lakhs budgeted amount was sanctioned and released for distribution among retailers.	58.16%
9	Construction of Pesticide Lab	140.00	Budget Allocated in 2025-26: Rs.140.00 Lakhs Achievement / Remarks: Construction of the Pesticide Laboratory under SOPD was not done in 2025-26. No tenders were floated for the construction due to delays in grant and MCC declaration. (Fresh proposal for Budget allocation, 2026-27 under SOPD is submitted for Construction and Establishment of the Pesticide Lab.)	0%
10	Flood Damage Restoration under Disaster Management	95.00	Payment of Rs.85.76921 Lakhs was made against budgeted amount of Rs.95.00 Lakhs	90.77%
11	Assam Agriculture Commission	14.25	Out of Rs.14.25 Lakhs, received FOC for Rs.4.70606 Lakhs and Rs.4.64025 Lakhs was utilized.	48.93%
12	Special Scheme to popularize double cropping in upper Assam through Maize Crop	250.00	Out of Rs.250.00 Lakhs, Rs.100 Lakhs was utilized.	40%

AAU Schemes

SI	Name of the Scheme (2025-26)	Budget Provision 2025-26	Achievement/Remarks
1	Development of AAU Dhubri Campus	810.00	Fixation of Ceiling (FOC) Received for Rs. 50.62 Lakh <u>Activities undertaken during 2025-26:-</u> Construction of Boundary wall cum chain link Fencing at Sarat Chandra Singha College of Agriculture, Dhubri has been completed.
	Development of AAU Raha Campus		Fixation of Ceiling (FOC) Received for Rs. 72.33 Lakh <u>Activities undertaken during 2025-26:-</u> Construction of Boundary wall cum chain link Fencing at College of Fishery , Raha has been completed.
	Development of AAU North Lakhimpur Campus		Fixation of Ceiling (FOC) Received for Rs. 29.38 Lakh <u>Activities undertaken during 2025-26:-</u> Construction of Gymnasium at First floor of Existing Indoor Stadium cum Canteen at Lakhimpur College of Veterinary Science has been completed.
	Development of AAU under TNEIF		Fixation of Ceiling (FOC) Received for Rs. 350.00 Lakh <u>Activities undertaken during 2025-26:-</u> Construction of Convention Center (Phase – I) at Assam Agricultural University is under ongoing process.
	Development of AAU Khanapara Campus (Vertical extension)		Fixation of Ceiling (FOC) Received for Rs. 167.05 Lakh <u>Activities undertaken during 2025-26:-</u> Vertical Extension of veterinary Clinical Complex is under ongoing process.

2	GIS Lab (Support to Existing GIS Lab)	54.00	Fixation of Ceiling (FOC) Received for Rs. 45.00 Lakh <u>Activities undertaken during 2025-26:-</u> Activities as per Scheme guidelines are going on.
3	NON-SALARY COMPONENT UNDER 277 EDUCATION	237.50	Fixation of Ceiling (FOC) Received for Rs. 237.50 Lakh <u>Activities undertaken during 2025-26:-</u> Committed liabilities against repairing and maintenance of nine colleges including AAU Head quarter.
4	Agricultural Market Intelligence Cell	98.00	<u>Activities undertaken during 2025-26:-</u> Due to fund constraints, the scheme has not been implemented during the financial year 2025-26.
5	ESTABLISHMENT OF NATURAL FARMING AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE UNDER R&D	95.00	<u>Activities undertaken during 2025-26:-</u> Due to fund constraints, the scheme has not been implemented during the financial year 2025-26.
6	Training and Skill development on Farm Machineries	19.00	<u>Activities undertaken during 2025-26:-</u> Due to fund constraints, the scheme has not been implemented during the financial year 2025-26.
	AAU Total	1313.50	

**Fiscal Targets Achieved during the last three years (2023-24, 2024-25 & 2025-26)
(Including salary)**

Rs. in lakh					
Year		Budget Provision	Amount Sanctioned	Ceiling received	Ceiling drawn
1	2023-24	215752.55	147904.63	126438.32	126438.32
2	2024-25	126202.97	99229.45	89332.51	89281.33
3	2025-26	134512.64	93931.91	92391.09	92389.68

Statement Showing the Schematic Budget Provision and upto date Status Report under different Schemes for the year 2023-24 (Rs. in Lakhs)								
Sl No	Name of Scheme	Type of Scheme	Tentative Allocation	S/D Received	Final Allocation (4+5)	Amount Sanctioned	Ceiling Received	Ceiling Drawn
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<u>SOPD</u>							
1	Promotion of certified seed growers under SOPD	SOPD	135.00	0.00	135.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Cultivation of Indigenous fruit plant having commercial value along the farm boundary	SOPD	90.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	0.00	0.00
3	Promotion of Agri Entrepreneurs (Model Bankable Project for 5000 Agripreneurs)	SOPD	90.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Promotion of FPO at Block Level	SOPD	9.00	0.00	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
5	Procurement of Mustard, Urad, Millet etc at MSP	SOPD	450.00	0.00	450.00	450.00	0.00	0.00
6	Financial support for Model Bankable	SOPD	45.00	0.00	45.00	45.00	0.00	0.00

	project to cover 5% land of tea garden for Agri-Horti activities							
7	Extensive Maize Cultivation for Fodder purpose nearby bank of Brahmaputra	SOPD	450.00	0.00	450.00	450.00	0.00	0.00
8	Special State Mission for Millet and Pulses	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Paddy procurement from Farmers at notified MSP	SOPD	90.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
10	Community Development Program of Agriculture in Various Districts	SOPD	450.00	0.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
11	Expenditure against distribution of Urea by ASAMB	SOPD	450.00	0.00	450.00	450.00	0.00	0.00
12	State Honey Mission	SOPD	270.00	0.00	270.00	270.00	0.00	0.00
13	Agriculture Information & Publicity	SOPD	85.50	0.00	85.50	45.97	13.90	13.90
14	Agriculture Information & Publicity	SOPD	225.00	0.00	225.00	157.43	157.43	157.43
15	Flood Damage Restoration under Flood Damage Restoration under Disaster Management	SOPD	180.00	0.00	180.00	179.97	0.00	0.00
16	A special drive for combating natural calamity and epidemic	SOPD	450.00	0.00	450.00	431.21	0.00	0.00
17	Majuli as Organic Hub	SOPD	100.80	0.00	100.80	100.80	0.00	0.00

18	Plant Protection Campaign	SOPD	85.50	0.00	85.50	85.50	0.00	0.00
19	Community Development Program at Garukhuti	SOPD	180.00	0.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
20	Construction works etc. in different district-13-Major Works	SOPD	90.00	0.00	90.00	56.34	30.29	30.29
21	Construction works etc. in different district-14-Minor Works	SOPD	171.00	0.00	171.00	1.22	1.22	1.22
22	Infrastructure Development by Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd.	SOPD	450.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	Construction of Godown by Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd.	SOPD	540.00	0.00	540.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	Agriculture Commission, Assam	SOPD	45.00	0.00	45.00	45.00	0.00	0.00
25	Integrated Training and skill development centre at Patharighat	SOPD	270.00	0.00	270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	Cold Storage and Soil Health Laboratory in PPP Mode	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
27	Support to Eco Task Company of 134 Battalion for setting up of base at Gorukhuti, Darrang	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
28	Training of Agriculture Development Officer	SOPD	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
29	Legal Expenses and	SOPD	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Court Cases							
	Total SOPD		5466.83	0.00	5466.83	3587.44	922.84	922.84
	Centrally Sponsored Scheme							
30	RKVY	CS	19980.00	0.00	19980.00	8168.00	8168.00	8168.00
		SS	2220.30	0.00	2220.30	907.56	907.56	907.56
	Total RKVY		22200.30	0.00	22200.30	9075.56	9075.56	9075.56
31	National e-Governance Programme in Agriculture (Ne-GP)	CS	128.70	0.00	128.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
		SS	14.30	0.00	14.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total NeGP		143.00	0.00	143.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	Food & Nutrition Security	CS	7245.00	1632.80	11977.92	11967.92	8867.80	8867.80
		SS	724.51	261.90	1330.87	1330.87	986.43	986.43
	Total FNS		7969.51	1894.70	13308.79	13298.80	9854.23	9854.23
33	NMEO-Oil Palm	CS	2790.00	5198.62	7988.62	7983.00	7983.00	7983.00
		SS	310.00	603.89	913.89	887.00	887.00	887.00
		Total	3100.00	5802.51	8902.51	8870.00	8870.00	8870.00
34	NMEO-Oil Seed	CS	619.95	274.32	1675.72	1613.95	813.29	813.29
		SS	68.87	73.40	231.23	164.89	75.94	75.94
		Total	688.82	347.72	1906.95	1778.84	889.23	889.23
35	National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility	CS	1839.37	0.00	403.00	403.00	403.00	403.00
		SS	313.19	0.00	44.78	44.78	44.78	44.78
		Total	2152.56	0.00	447.78	447.78	447.78	447.78
36	Rainfed Area Development (RAD)	CS	132.04	0.00	132.04	38.00	38.00	38.00
		SS	14.67	0.00	14.67	4.21	4.21	4.21
		Total	146.71	0.00	146.71	42.21	42.21	42.21
37	Parampragot Krishi Vikash Yojana (PKVY)	CS	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
		SS	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
38	Agriculture Extension	CS	1980.00	0.00	2006.65	1960.00	1465.00	1465.00
		SS	198.00	0.00	217.77	217.77	162.77	162.77
		Total	2178.00	0.00	2224.42	2177.77	1627.77	1627.77

39	Sub-Mission on Agril. Mechanization (SMAM)	CS	3015.00	0.00	3015.00	613.00	613.00	613.00
		SS	335.00	0.00	335.00	68.11	68.11	68.11
		Total	3350.00	0.00	3350.00	681.11	681.11	681.11
40	Sub-Mission of Seed and Planting Materials	CS	2520.00	0.00	133.55	88.37	88.37	88.37
		SS	280.00	0.00	9.82	9.8189	9.8189	9.8189
		Total	2800.00	0.00	143.37	98.1889	98.1889	98.1889
41	Pradhan MantriFasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	SS	11340.00	0.00	11340.00	11340.00	5670.00	5670.00
	Total Central Share		40319.50	7105.74	47510.64	32835.24	28439.46	28439.46
	Total State Share		15824.40	939.19	16678.19	14975.03	8816.62	8816.62
	Total CSS		56143.90	8044.93	64188.83	47810.26	37256.08	37256.08
42	Assam Agri. Business & Transformation Project (APART) (WB)	LS	41000.00	0.00	41000.00	27000.00	23500.0	23500.0
		SS	4000.00	0.00	4000.00	3000.00	2500.00	2500.00
	Total APART		45000.00	0.00	45000.00	30000.00	26000.00	26000.00
	2415-Agricultural Research & Education							
43	Grants in Aid	TG -EI	1863.21	0.00	1863.21	1863.21	0.00	0.00
44	Grants in Aid	TG -EI	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
45	Development of Agricultural University under TNEIF	TG -EI	500.00	0.00	500.00	199.00	199.00	199.00
46	Development of AAU Dhubri Campus	TG -EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
47	Development of North Lakhimpur Campus	TG -EI	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
48	Development of Dharmapur Horticulture Campus	TG -EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
49	Development of Khanapara Campus	TG -EI	950.00	0.00	950.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
50	Development of Fishery College,	TG -EI	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00

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51	Biswanath College of Agriculture	TG -EI	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
52	GIS mapping centre	TG -EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
53	Training and Skill Development on farm machineries	TG -EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
54	Amar Gaon Amar Gaurav	TG -EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
55	R& D for Natural farming and organic Agriculture	TG -EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
56	Millet promotion	TG -EI	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
57	Application of Drone in Agriculture	TG -EI	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
58	Establishment of Assam Krishi Vigyan Institute under AAU at Patharughat, Darrang	TG -EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
59	Seed Processing Plant at AAU	TG -EI	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Agricultural Research & Education		6013.24	0.00	6013.24	4512.21	2149.00	2149.00
60	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) (L.S & SS)	LS	15704.73	0.00	15704.73	10838.21	9197.58	9197.58
		SS	826.47	0.00	826.47	442.53	442.53	442.53
	Total RIDF		16531.20	0.00	16531.20	11280.74	9640.11	9640.11
61	Agriculture Cold Storage	LS	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
		SS	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Agriculture Cold Storage		0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Capital Account		16531.22	0.00	16531.22	11280.74	9640.11	9640.11
	Grand Total (Revenue + Capital) excluding salary		129155.19	8044.93	137200.12	97190.65	75968.03	75968.03

62	Salary	EE	78552.43	0.00	78552.43	50470.29	50470.29	50470.29
	Grand Total of Agriculture including salary		207707.62	8044.93	215752.55	147660.94	126438.32	126438.32

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Statement Showing the Schematic Budget Provision and upto date Status Report under different Schemes for the year 2024-25								
(Rs. In Lakhs)								
Sl No	Name of Scheme	Type of Scheme	Tentative Allocation	S/D Received	Final Allocation (4+5)	Amount Sanctioned	Ceiling Received	Ceiling Drawn
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	SOPD							
1	Construction of Godowns by ASCL under SOPD	SOPD	0.01	0.00	384.29	234.74	114.791	114.791
2	Revolving fund for seed buyback from registered FPC/ farmers by Assam Seeds Corporation Limited under SOPD-G	SOPD	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	75.00	75.00
3	Promotion of certified seed growers under SOPD	SOPD	90.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	22.50	22.50
4	Infrastructure Development of Agricultural Seed Farms by Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd	SOPD	600.00	0.00	215.72	215.72	96.59	96.59
5	State Honey Mission	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
6	ITSDC, Patharighat(Digital Auditorium, Bronze Sculpture , Farmers hostel and Guest House)	SOPD	0.01	0.00	200.00	199.99	99.997	99.997

7	13- Major Works	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	14- Minor Works	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Flood Damage Restoration under Disaster Management	SOPD	110.00	0.00	110.00	109.38	108.36	108.36
10	Disaster Risk Reduction under Disaster Management	SOPD	500.00	0.00	18.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Agricultural Information & Publicity	SOPD	60.00	0.00	60.00	55.59	38.59	34.41
12	Community Development Programme under Garukhuti Land Development Project for the Component of Garukhuti Bahumukhi Krishi Prakalpa Samity.	SOPD	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
13	Plant Protection Campaign	SOPD	90.00	0.00	36.23	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Special State Mission for Millet & Pulses (Assam Millet Mission)	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	Extensive Maize cultivation for fodder purpose nearby bank of Brahmaputra	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	Procurement of Mustard, Urad, Millet at MSP	SOPD	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	100.00	100.00

17	Assam Agriculture Commission	SOPD	44.20	0.00	44.20	6.97	6.97	6.97
18	Expenditure against distribution of Urea by ASAMB	SOPD	600.00	0.00	649.00	649.00	349.00	349.00
19	Majuli as Organic Hub	SOPD	94.00	0.00	94.00	47.00	47.00	0.00
20	Payments & outstanding dues of Nabcons	SOPD	0.00	0.00	281.56	281.56	104.784	104.784
	Total SOPD		2938.27	0.00	2933.44	2640.57	1413.58	1362.40
21	Assam Agri. Business & Transformation Project (APART)	CS	32000.00	0.00	32000.00	32000.00	24500.00	24500.00
		SS	8000.00	0.00	8000.00			
	Total APART		40000.00	0.00	40000.00	32000.00	24500.00	24500.00
	AAU							
22	Development of AAU Dhubri Campus	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.0	100.00	49.38	49.38
23	Development of AAU Raha Campus	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	27.67	27.67
24	Development of AAU North Lakhimpur Campus	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
25	Development of Horticulture College and its Campus, Nalbari	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
26	Development of AAU Biswanath Campus	TG-EI	100.00	0.00	100.00	99.38	99.38	99.38
27	Development of AAU under TNEIF	TG-EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	00.00	0.00
28	ESTABLISHMENT OF NATURAL FARMING AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE	TG-EI	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00

	UNDER R&D							
29	Development of AAU Khanapara Campus	TG-EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
30	Establishment of krishi vigyan institute in patharughat	TG-EI	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	Non-salary component under 277 education	TG-EI	600.00	0.00	600.00	502.00	0.00	0.00
32	Non-salary component under 004 research	TG-EI	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	300.00	300.00
	Total AAU	TG-EI	2150.00	0.00	2150.00	1851.38	676.43	676.43
33	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)	RIDF	22869.00	0.00	22869.00	13826.48	13826.48	13826.48
	Total RIDF		22869.00	0.00	22869.00	13826.48	13826.48	13826.48
	Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)							
34	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	SS	12500.00	0.00	12500.00	12500.00	12500.00	12500.00
	Total PMFBY		12500.00	0.00	12500.00	12500.00	12500.00	12500.00
	Total of Agriculture Revenue + Capital (Excluding salary)		80457.27	0.00	80452.44	62813.43	52916.49	52865.31
35	Salary							
	Salary Total	EE	45745.70	0.00	45745.70	36416.02	36416.02	36416.02
	Grand Total of Agriculture including salary		126202.97	0.00	126198.14	99229.45	89332.51	89281.33

Statement Showing the Schematic Budget Provision and upto date Status Report under different Schemes for the year 2025-26								
(Rs. In Lakhs)								
Sl No	Name of Scheme	Type of Scheme	Tentative Allocation	S/D Received	Final Allocation (4+5)	Amount Sanctioned	Ceiling Received	Ceiling Drawn
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	SOPD							
1	Construction of Godowns by ASCL under SOPD	SOPD	141.25	0.00	141.25	141.25	141.25	141.25
2	Revolving fund for seed buyback from registered FPC/ farmers by Assam Seeds Corporation Limited under SOPD-G	SOPD	237.50	0.00	237.50	226.38	113.00	113.00
3	Promotion of certified seed growers under SOPD	SOPD	85.50	0.00	85.50	74.23	74.23	74.23
4	Infrastructure Development of Agricultural Seed Farms by Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd	SOPD	190.00	0.00	190.00	167.09	165.34	165.17
5	State Honey Mission	SOPD	4.75	0.00	38.37	38.36	0.00	0.00
6	ITSDC, Patharighat (Construction of temporary Pandal, Dias, Barricade, Stalls & view cutter, etc)	SOPD	35.04	0.00	35.04	35.04	35.04	35.04
7	13- Major Works	SOPD	190.00	0.00	190.00	150.61	150.61	149.67
8	14- Minor Works	SOPD	285.00	0.00	285.00	10.27	10.27	10.27
9	ITSDC, Patharighat (Digital Auditorium, Bronze Sculpture, Farmers hostel and Guest House)	SOPD	67.45	0.00	67.45	0.00	0.00	0.00

10	Flood Damage Restoration under Disaster Management	SOPD	95.00	0.00	95.00	94.98	85.77	85.77
11	Disaster Risk Reduction under Disaster Management	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Agricultural Information & Publicity	SOPD	57.00	0.00	57.00	28.80	28.80	28.77
13	Community Development Programme under Garukhuti Land Development Project for the Component of Garukhuti Bahumukhi Krishi Prakalpa Samity.	SOPD	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	125.00	125.00
14	Plant Protection Campaign	SOPD	0.01	0.00	40.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	Special State Mission for Millet & Pulses (Assam Millet Mission)	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	Extensive Maize cultivation for fodder purpose nearby bank of Brahmaputra	SOPD	500.00	0.00	482.50	482.50	224.56	224.56
17	Procurement of Mustard, Urad, Millet at MSP	SOPD	200.00	0.00	102.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
18	Assam Agriculture Commission	SOPD	14.25	0.00	14.25	4.71	4.71	4.64
19	Expenditure against distribution of Urea by ASAMB	SOPD	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.00
20	Majuli as Organic Hub	SOPD	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	Special Scheme to popularize double cropping in Upper	SOPD	250.00	0.00	250.00	249.92	100.00	100.00

	Assam through Maize Crop							
22	Head Quarter Establishment (Committed Liabilities of court case)	SOPD	1172.20	0.00	1172.20	1121.29	1121.29	1121.07
23	Development of Procurement centres	SOPD	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	CM Utkarsh to strength FPCs	SOPD	500.00	0.00	5000.00	3098.00	3050.00	3050.00
25	Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS) for Farmer Producer Organizations/Companies (FPOs/FPCs) of Assam	SOPD	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	Construction of Pesticide Lab	SOPD	140.00	0.00	47.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
27	Construction of Pesticide Lab (Machinery & equipments)	SOPD	0.00	0.00	93.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total SOPD		11464.98	0.00	11423.88	6723.42	5429.86	5428.45
28	Externally Aided Project (EAP) Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART)	CS	6678.59	0.00	6678.59	77.41	77.41	77.41
		SS	14887.41	0.00	14887.41			
	Total EAP (APART)		21566.00	0.00	21566.00	77.41	77.41	77.41
	AAU							
29	Development of various campuses of Assam Agricultural university located in different districts	SOPD	810.00	0.00	810.00	810.00	669.38	669.38
30	Agricultural Market Intelligence Cell	SOPD	98.00	0.00	98.00	97.64	0.00	0.00
31	GIS Lab (Support to	SOPD	54.00	0.00	54.00	54.00	45.00	45.00

	Existing GIS Lab)							
32	Establishment of natural farming and organic agriculture under R&D	SOPD	95.00	0.00	95.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33	Training and Skill development on Farm Machineries	SOPD	19.00	0.00	19.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
34	Non-salary component under 277 education	SOPD	237.50	0.00	237.50	237.50	237.50	237.50
	Total AAU		1313.50	0.00	1313.50	1199.14	951.88	951.88
35	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)	RIDF	7000.00	0.00	7000.00	6837.91	6837.91	6837.91
	Total RIDF		7000.00	0.00	7000.00	6837.91	6837.91	6837.91
	Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)							
36	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	SS	15000.00	10000.00	25000.00	18000.00	18000.00	18000.00
37	Weather Information Network Data System (WINDS)	SS	80.00	0.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
	Total PMFBY		15080.00	10000.00	25080.00	18080.00	18080.00	18080.00
	Total of Agriculture Revenue + Capital (Excluding salary)		56424.48	10000.00	66383.38	32917.88	31377.06	31375.65
38	Salary							
	Salary Total	EE	68129.26	0.00	68129.26	61014.03	61014.03	61014.03
	Grand Total of Agriculture including Salary		124553.74	10000.00	134512.64	93931.91	92391.09	92389.68

A brief Note on Grant No. 48 for the year 2026-27 (Proposed)

The breakup of proposed allocation, under State Plan (General Areas) and Central Assistance to State Plan scheme during 2026-27 is given below.	
	(Rs in lakh)
Name of the Scheme	Budget provision for the FY 2026-27
State Own Priority Development (SOPD)	8,887.49
Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS)	93,723.77
Centrally Sponsored Schemes (PMFBY & WINDS)	17,898.12
Capital Account (RIDF)	7,040.00
Agri. Research & Education (AAU)	1,612.51
Total	129,161.89

Scheme incorporated in the Proposed Budget Estimate of Financial year 2026-27 under SOPD 2026-27

SL	Scheme Proposed under Budget 2026-27		Justification for 2026-27
	Name of the Scheme	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)	
1	Plant Protection Campaign	60.00	To supply safe and recommended Plant Protection Chemicals to control the sudden and alarming increase of pest population or during epidemics in field crops by way of squad operation to control the pest population. Since normal schematic provisions do not have funds for sudden increase in pest population, special provisions for procurement of chemicals are provided in this scheme to meet such exigencies.
2	Pesticide Lab (Machinery & equipments)	105.00	This is provision for the machinery. A pesticide lab is crucial for Assam due to its significant agricultural dependence, as it helps ensure the safe and effective use of pesticides in crop protection. With crops like rice, tea, and vegetables being vital to the economy, the lab plays a key role in testing pesticide residues, safeguarding food safety, and supporting sustainable farming practices. It also aids in pest and disease monitoring, promotes organic farming, and ensures that agricultural products meet national and international export standards.

3	Community Development Programme under Garukhuti Land Development Project for the Component of Garukhuti Bahumukhi Krishi Prakalpa Samity.	100.00	It is a Continued project and as per Clause 7 of Minutes of the Meeting on GBKPS with HCM on 24th June, 2024. This scheme aims to drive an economic revolution by training indigenous youth in modern organic farming and scientific animal husbandry. This scheme is a Project that covers both agricultural & veterinary wing to uplift the livelihood of the local people of Garukhuti
4	Agriculture Information and Publicity	50.00	Dissemination of Modern agricultural technologies to the farming community, print and electronic media, exhibition, preparation of printed materials in vernacular and English language, coordination of agriculture research and extension programme etc. play a vital role in the course of agriculture development. The Agriculture Information and publicity is intended to provide such facilities for dissemination of important and useful agricultural information to the masses as a single window delivery system.
5	ITSDC, Patharighat (Digital Auditorium, Bronze Sculpture, Farmers hostel and Guest House)	150.00	Committed liability. Out of project cost of Rs. 270.00 lakhs Rs. 99.99771 lakhs has already been released Hence requested for allocation of fund for release of remaining amount.
6	Construction works etc. In different districts under 13 - Major Works	370.42	This scheme is for construction purpose and for major works of District and Co- district offices.
7	Construction of Pesticide Laboratory at Ulubari Kamrup	47.00	Ongoing work of 2025-26. A pesticide lab helps protect public health and the environment by preventing overuse and improper application of harmful chemicals.
8	Construction works etc. In different districts under 14 - Minor Works	100.00	This scheme is for construction purpose and for minor works of District and Co- district offices.
9	Payment to outstanding dues NABCONS	176.78	Committed liabilities: Out of total Rs. 284.56733 lakh, Rs. 104.78367 has been released in FY 2024-25. Remaining balance of Rs. 176.78366 Lakh outstanding consultancy fee to NABCONS.
10	State Honey Mission	33.36	Committed liabilities against supply of bee boxes along with equipments to four district by CK Udyog

11	Extensive Maize cultivation for fodder purpose nearby bank of Brahmaputra	257.94	Committed liabilities against supply of certified fodder maize seed.
12	Special Scheme to popularize double cropping in Upper Assam through Maize Crop	150.00	Committed liabilities against supply of certified fodder maize seed.
13	Development of Procurement Centre	70.00	Procurement of two customized mustard dryers on pilot basis from Ms Enoch/ Essar Industries Private Limited Telangana through single source procurement.
14	A special drive for combating natural calamity and epidemic	188.28	Committed Liabilities regarding Community Nursery Programme under Disaster Management.
15	Expenditure against distribution of Urea by ASAMB	600.00	Payment of incentive bills to the retailers of UREA @ Rs.20/- Per bags for handling & transportation cost.
16	Revolving fund for seed buyback from registered FPC/ farmers by Assam Seeds Corporation Limited under SOPD-G	124.50	Pending work and liabilities. The government provides foundation/certified seeds to registered growers, who then cultivate and produce the crop. The Corporation utilizes the revolving fund to execute a guaranteed buyback of the produced seeds at predetermined rates
17	Construction of Godowns by ASC Ltd.	150.00	Pending work and liabilities. This scheme is for Construction of Godowns are required for storage of seeds for future cultivation.
18	CM Utkarsh to strength FPCs	2300.00	This scheme is for Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) are the grassroots level farmer based organizations which can play a critical role in dissemination and adoption of advanced technology in production, post production and can change the agribusiness sector by helping farmers in better market linkages for their produce.
19	Infrastructure Development of Agricultural Seed Farms by Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd	200.00	Pending work and liabilities. This scheme is to facilitate production of seeds which will in turn help in greenery coverage
20	Head Quarter Establishment (Committed Liabilities of court case)	342.94	Committed Liabilities for court case.
21	State Mission for Millet & Pulses	911.27	State Top-Up Subsidy for Distribution of Certified Pulse Seeds under Pulses Mission. This scheme is

			Distribution of Certified Pulse Seeds under Pulses Mission and increasing pulse production & productivity through promotion of quality certified pulse seeds.
22	Procurement of Mustard, Urad, Millet etc. at MSP	200.00	The Government of Assam has proposed to procure 25% of the total production of mustard /rapeseeds as per price support scheme (PSS)'s guidelines, farmers/growers of the state at MSP(at FAQ norms), to be declared by the Union Govt. The ASAMB has already been notified as a state level agency (SLA).
23	Assistance for Export Promotion & SPMU (New Schme)	1200.00	This scheme is for Organic cultivation through NPOP certification (National Programme for Organic Production) certification.
24	Mukhyamantri Krishi Sa Sajuli Yojana (MMKSSY) (New Scheme)	1000.00	The main purpose of launching MMKSSY or CM Farm Tool Scheme for farmers is their holistic development by implementing several farm mechanization schemes. With the help of Mukhyamantri Krishi Sa Sajuli Yojana, the government aims to increase the farm productivity in the limited land to meet the expanding demand of farm produce and ensure higher income for farmers. As of now, the usage of scientific tools in cultivation is very limited in the state of Assam. So, the state govt. of Assam is making every possible effort through CM Farm Tool Scheme to ensure the economic growth of rural farmers. Sankalp Patra (Election Manifesto).
	Total	8887.49	

Proposed Budget Estimate for Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for the FY 2026-27:

SL	Category	Name of the Scheme	Proposed Budget for 2026-27 (Rs. in Lakhs)
			Total (Central Share + State Share)
1	Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	17898.11
2		Weather Information Network Data System (WINDS)	0.01
3		National Mission on Agriculture Mechanisation (SMAM)	8,722.56
4		DPR based Agriculture Infrastructure Support (RKVY-DPR)	11495.26
5		Soil Health & Fertility	2488.51
6		Rainfed Area Development (RAD)	676.60
7		Agroforestry	569.00
8		Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)	10,955.44
9		Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojna (PKVY)	322.22
10		National Beekeeping and Honey Mission	0.03
11		Scheme for Development of Makhana	0.03
12		Crop Diversification Program	0.03
13	NMNF	National Mission on Natural (NMNF)	608.48
14	Krishionnati Yojana	Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)	5086.11
15		National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)	9861.12
16		National Mission on Edible Oils-Oilseeds (NMEO-OS)	7118.12
		National Mission on Edible Oils-Oilseeds (NMEO-OS) 100 %	94.48
17		National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)	13477.42
		National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) (100% Subsidy)	250.00
18		Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP (SMSP)	0.03
19		Digital Agriculture Mission (DAM) (NeGPA)	2869.70
20		Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)	6468.67
21		Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCD-NER)	1828.72

		Name of the Scheme	Total (Central Share + State Share)
22		Mission for Atmanirbharta in pulses (90:10)	10417.00
		Mission for Atmanirbharta in pulses 100%	66.40
23		National Bamboo Mission (NBM)	300.00
24		Mission for Cotton Productivity	47.86
		Total	111621.90

Proposed Budget Estimate under Assam Agricultural University (AAU) for FY 2026-27:

SL	Scheme Proposed under Budget 2026-27		Justification for 2026-27
	Name of the Scheme	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)	
1	Development of various campuses of Assam Agricultural university located in different districts	1557.51	Committed Liabilities and Ongoing projects.
2	GIS Lab	45.00	The objective of establishing the GIS lab was to use GIS tools to identify areas with low productivity rice-fallows and areas prone to stress (flood and water stress), in order to implement improved cropping systems and promoting climate resilient varieties tailored to the specific conditions of each site.
3	Agricultural Market Intelligence Cell	10.00	Sanction for FY 2026-27- 1. Engagement of one technical expert , Rs. 50,000.00 p.m+ HRA: 7.20 L (Committed Liabilities) 2. Revival & Maintenance: 2.50 L 3. Contingency: 2.00 L
	Total	1612.51	

Proposed Budget Estimate under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for FY 2026-27:

SL	Name of the Scheme	Proposed Budget for 2026-27 (Rs. in lakhs)			Justification for 2026-27
		RIDF-LS	RIDF-SS	Total	
1	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)	6344.17	695.83	7040.00	Department of Agriculture is developing Knowledge Centre with Training Hall in different ADO Circles of Assam under RIDF. Also, to provide assured irrigation facilities to the cultivable agricultural lands to beneficiary farmers, the Department of Agriculture has undertaken a project for the implementation of 2400 Solar STW project and Micro Irrigation Projects by using Solar- Pump for utilization of ground water resources under RIDF. Therefore, a budget provision for the estimated amount is proposed for FY 2026-27 to facilitate full financial closure and completion of the project in all respects.
	Total	6344.17	695.83	7040.00	

BUDGET PROVISION

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT (GRANT NO. 48)

After the presentation of the Budget in the House for financial year 2026-27 on 10th July, 2026 the Departmentally Related Standing Committee held the meeting on 16th July 2026 to discuss on Grant No.- 48 relating to Agriculture Department. At the same time, the Committee also considered the action taken report on the recommendation made on 2025-26 in its 27th report presented to the House on 21st March, 2025.

The Budget provision made under Grant No.-48 relating to the Agriculture Department 2026-27 is as follows:-

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakh)	Remarks
			Budget Estimates (2026-2027)	Budget estimate 2025-26
VOTED	1,43,469.69	10,600.51	1,54,070.20	2,12,791.58
CHARGED	336.08	0.00	336.08	1172.20

Out of the total budget provision of Rs. 1,54,070.20 lakh made for the financial year 2026-27, Rs. 1,43,469.69 lakh and Rs. 1,06,00.51 lakh have been earmarked under the Revenue and Capital Head respectively. It seems that for the financial year 2026-27 an amount of Rs. 58,721.38 lakh has been decreased than that of the previous year's Budget Estimates (2025-2026).

However, in charged Budget of Rs. 336.08 lakh in Revenue Head and Rs. 0.00 in Capital Head with a total of Rs. 336.08 lakh has been allotted in the Budget Provision for the Financial Year 2026-2027.

Preliminary Status Report Relating to the Grant No. 67
(Horticulture)

Horticulture sector comprising Fruits, Vegetables, Flower, Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic plants, Mushroom, Bee keeping and their value addition has become a viable option for farmers and entrepreneurs of the State to augment their income. It is a mean of nutritional and health security for both urban and rural masses. It also generates employment opportunity to the unemployed educated youths. Horticulture also provides opportunity to augment State Gross Domestic Product (SGDP) through selling of horticultural produce to domestic markets and exporting to international markets.

Government has allocated a schematic amount of **Rs. 30971.42 Lakh** for the year 2025-26 which is mentioned below:

SL. No.	Name of the Schemes	Amount (Rs. in Lakh)
A.	Budgeted Scheme	
1	State Owned Priority Development-G/TG	957.31
2	Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)	14573.91
3	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana- Per Drop More Crop (PMKSY-PDMC)	11111.11
4	Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER)	3480.80
B	Non Budgeted Scheme	
1	Development of Makhana	105.83
2	National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)	742.455
TOTAL -		30971.42

The schematic break up of budget allocation for the Year 2025-26 under Grant No.67 is shown below-

Sl. No.	Normal Plan Schemes	(Rs in lakh)				
		GOI Allocation		State Budget Allocation		
		Allocation	GOI Release	Central Share	State Share	Total
A	Budgeted Schemes					
1	Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States(HMNEH)	14573.91	9296.65	9292.79	1032.53	10325.32
2	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana -Per Drop More Crop(PMKSY-PDMC)	10000.00	10000.00	10000.00	1111.11	11111.11
3	Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER)	3480.80	2512.26	3480.80	0.00	3480.80
4	State Owned Priority Development-G/TG	0.00	0.00	0.00	957.31	957.31
B	Non-Budgeted Scheme					
1	Development of Makhana	105.83	105.83	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)	742.46	742.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		28903.00	22657.20	22773.60	3100.95	25874.50

Fund sanctioned and utilization in the financial year 2025-26:

(Rs in lakh)

Sl. No.	Normal Plan Schemes	Sanctioned by Govt.			Fund utilization		
		GoI Share	State share	Total	Central Share	State Share	Total
A	Budgeted Scheme						
1	Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States(HMNEH)	9292.79	1032.53	10325.32	9292.79	1032.53	10325.32
2	Pradhan Mantri Krishi SinchayeeYojona-Per Drop More Crop (PMKSY-PDMC)	10000.00	1111.11	11111.11	10000.00	1111.11	11111.11
3	Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER)	2512.26	0.00	2512.26	2342.08	0.00	2342.08
4	State Owned Priority Development-G/TG		722.62	722.62		722.62	722.62
B	Non Budgeted Scheme						
1	Development of Makhana	105.83	0.00	105.83	105.83	0.00	105.83
2	National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)	742.46	0.00	742.46	742.46	0.00	742.46
Total		22653.34	2866.26	25519.6	22483.16	2866.26	25349.42

Scheme wise budget proposed for the year 2026-27

Sl. No.	Normal Plan Schemes	Central share (Rs in lakh)	State share (Rs in lakh)	Total (Rs in lakh)	Remarks
1	State Owned Priority Development-G/TG				
A	Integrated Horticulture Development	0.00	153.00	153.00	
B	Community Canning & Training on Fruit Preservation	0.00	35.81	35.81	
C	Development of Orchid Farm at Kaziranga	0.00	771.77	771.77	
D	Extension of Kaziranga Orchid Park	0.00	100.00	100.00	
E	State Floriculture Mission	0.00	11.50	11.50	
F	Supply and distribution of Planting Materials of Horticultural crops	0.00	500.00	500.00	
	Sub Total (1)	0.00	1572.08	1572.08	

2	Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)	8515.51	968.67	9686.68	
3	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Per Drop More Crop (PMKSY-PDMC)	9860.00	1095.45	10955.45	
4	Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER)	1828.72	0.00	1828.752	
	Sub Total (2+3+4)	20204.23	2064.12	22470.88	
	Non Budgeted Scheme				
5	Development of Makhana	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	Sub-Total (5+6)	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Total (1+2+3+4+5+6)	20204.23	3636.20	24042.96	

Therefore, the total budget requirement for the year 2026-27 is **Rs. 24042.96 Lakh**. Out of which total amount for centrally sponsored scheme is **Rs 22470.88Lakh** including state share and total amount against SOPD scheme is **Rs 1572.08 Lakh**. However, the exact amount may be increased or decreased on the basis of actual allocation to be received from Govt. of India during the year 2026-27.

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Total budget allocation for the year 2025-26 was Rs 30187.12 Lakh including central assistance for state plan. The schematic breakup of the same is as hereunder-

Sl. No.	Normal Plan Schemes	Allocation (Rs. In lakh)		Amount Utilized (Rs in lakh)		Status	Remarks
		Central share	State share	Central share	State share		
1	SOPD-G/TG						
A	Integrated Horticulture Development	0.00	152.00	0.00	90.90		
B	Community Canning & Training on Fruit Preservation	0.00	35.81	0.00	0.00		
C	Orchid Farm at Kaziranga	0.00	760.00	0.00	622.22		
D	State Floriculture Mission(SFM)	0.00	9.50	0.00	9.50		
Sub-Total (A+B+C+D)		0.00	957.31	0.00	722.62		
2	Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)	14573.91	1032.53	9292.79	1032.53		
3	Pradhan Mantri Krishi SinchayeeYojana-Per Drop More Crop (PMKSY-PDMC)	10000.00	1111.11	10000.00	1111.11		
	Mission Organic Value Chain Development for Noth Eastern Region (MOVCD)	2512.26	0.00	2342.08	0.00		
4	Development of Makhana	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
5	National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Sub Total (2+3+4+5)		27086.17	2143.64	21634.87	2143.64		
GRAND TOTAL -		27086.17	3100.95	21634.87	2866.26		

HIGHLIGHTS OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES.

1.Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH):

This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented in the State with a 90:10 (Central Share: State Share) sharing pattern since 2013-14. The main objective of the

scheme is holistic development in production of high value crops, production of quality planting materials, development of project based activities & market infrastructure, farm mechanization, plant protection, skill development and post harvest management in food processing sector. The scheme provides 50% Government assistance for following major components:-

1. **Planting Material Production-** Establishment of Nurseries under Public (100% assistance) and Private sector (50% assistance).
2. **Area Expansion-** Under high value **fruit, vegetable, spices and flowers**-Dragon fruit, Strawberry, capsicum, turmeric, ginger, Orchid, Anthurium.
3. **Mushroom** - Spawn production unit & mushroom production unit
4. **Protected Cultivation-** Naturally ventilated tubular structure, Low cost bamboo structure poly house/ shade net house, plastic mulching film.
5. **Horticulture Mechanization-** Power tillers, self propelled machineries –Pole pruner, power operated sprayer, foot sprayer, garden tools.
6. **Post Harvest Management** – Farm gate pack house, cold room, cold storage, primary processing unit, food processing unit, integrated pack house, Refrigerated Vehicle.
7. **Capacity Building of farmers & technical staff-** Short term training & Skill training on Gardening, Green house operator, organic farming.

2. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana- Per Drop More Crop (PMKSY-PDMC):

The Government of India has introduced the centrally sponsored scheme-PMKSY-PDMC with objectives to enhance water use efficiency in the farmer's field by promoting appropriate technological intervention of Micro Irrigation like Drip and Sprinkler irrigation systems and encourage the farmers on water saving and conservation in existing water source. Under the scheme, 55% assistance is given to Small and Marginal farmers and 45% to other farmers with additional top up of 30% from state SOPD-G scheme. Till date, 9318 no of farmers (Drip irrigation system-1971 & Sprinkler irrigation system-7552) are benefitted under the scheme covering an area of 14930 ha in the year 2025-26.

Another component of PMKSY-PDMC is Other Intervention (OI) component which is implemented as a supplementary component for creation of micro water storage activities and efficiently water conveyance in rain fed areas. Subsidy pattern for the component is 50:50 between Government and farmers. Under OI component, 1210 no of water pump sets are distribute among the farmers who do not have water conveyance facilities for integration with the micro irrigation systems.

3. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region:

Realizing the potential of organic farming in the North Eastern Region of the country, Government of India launched this special scheme during the 12th plan period in the year 2015-16.

The scheme aims at development of certified organic production in a value chain mode to link with consumer and to support the development of entire value chain starting from inputs, seeds, certification to the creation of facilities for collection, aggregation, processing, marketing and brand building initiative etc. Under this scheme farmers are organized to form Farmer Producer Companies (FPC) to promote organic farming with third party certification under NPOP standard. Till date 33 nos. of FPCs has been formed and 20000 ha area has been converted to organic and another 5500-ha area is under process of conversion to organic. Total nos. of farmers covered under the scheme is 24281 in 19 districts of Assam.

4. States Own Priority Development Schemes (SOPD) scheme:

In horticulture sector, SOPD aims at skill development of rural and urban youths through imparting training on food preservation, maintenance of Government assets like office buildings, progeny orchards, production of quality planting materials, preservation of local species and taking up innovative schemes like biodegradable plate making from areca nut leaf sheath. State Floriculture Mission has also been taken up under SOPD scheme. Work on Development of Orchid Farm has been completed and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam.

5. Development of Makhana:

Makhana Development is a Central Sector scheme launched during 2025-26 with an aim to enhance production & productivity, improve quality, increase value addition and diversification, expand export markets and strengthen domestic sales of Makhana. Under the scheme demonstration on scientific cultivation practices both in field and pond method, spacing and transplanting techniques were facilitated in seven districts. Makhana naturally grows in Assam's wetland, but commercial cultivation remains limited, indicating large scope for expansion with improved management practices and policy support. The initiative aimed at converting naturally occurring makhana resources in to organized commercial cultivation, improving productivity and farmers' income.

6. National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission:

National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) is a central sector scheme (100% funded by Central Government). The Directorate of Horticulture & food Processing, Assam is the State Nodal Agency (SNA) for implementing NBHM scheme in the State of Assam. It promotes Scientific Beekeeping to achieve the goal of 'Sweet Revolution' in co-ordination with other Governmental program /schemes relating to promotion of beekeeping for holistic growth of beekeeping industry.

<u>Components</u>	<u>Achievements in 2025-26</u>	
	<u>Physical (nos)</u>	<u>Financial (in lakh)</u>
Custom Hiring Centre at Kamrup, Baksa & Morigaon	3	168.60{
Quality Nuclues Stock & cold Storage, Morigaon	1	67.535
Honey Processing Unit, cold storage and Testing Lab, Morigaon	1	344.60
Guwahati BioTech Park, Amingaon, Kamrup	1	551.45
HoneyBee Diagnostic Laboratory, AAU Jorhat	1	22.77
Training	50	87.5
Total		1242.455

**Fiscal Targets achieved during last three years
(2023-24, 2024-25 & 2025-26)**

1. Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) (Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl No	Name of Component	Unit	Year 2023-24				Year 2024-25				Year 2025-26			
			Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement	
			Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin
1	Quality Planting Material Production	No	20	250.00	5	37.50	15	150.00	14	0.00	22	370.00	2	10.00
2	Establishment of new garden (Area Expansion)	Ha	3100	1580.00	1000	825.00	3067	1357.26	3067.50	1357.00	4130	2028.25	3540	1824.25
4	Mushroom cultivation	No	46	118.00	16	70.00	26	86.00	20	0.00	69	121.00	0.000	0.000
5	Post Harvest Management	Ha	1147	2814.25	646	1070.00	175	1506.75	100	0.00	169	1888.00	0.00	0.00
6	Market Infrastructure	No	5	37.50	0	0.00	2	15.00	2	0.00	5	50.00	0.00	0.00
7	Protected cultivation	Ha	1428	957.13	1	53.77	5136.50	5354.90	220.5	650.00	5524.90	5375.39	5148.90	4685.29
8	Horticulture Mechanization	No	2522	1378.50	1122	897.50	460	556.00	460	0.00	68	85.00	68	85.00
9	Pollination Support through Beekeeping	No	2000	35.20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
10	Skill Development	No	2032	168.50	600	36.00	441	50.00	441	50.00	521	61.00		
11	Other Intervene	-	1	24.00	1	24.00	0	0.00	0	0.00		2764.08		2764.08

	ntion													
12	Promoti on of FPO		20	320.0 0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
13	1 st & 2 nd yr. Mainten ance		2600	362.5 0	0	0.00	1580	285.0 0	158 0	285.0 0	750	270.00	530	226.00
14	Organic farming (HDPE Vermi bed)		1300	104.0 0	0	0.00	100	8.00	100	8.00	500	40.00	0	0.00
15	COE		2	366.5 8	0	0.00	1	583.0 0	1	150.0 0	2	155.00	0	0.00
16	Food Processi ng		5	350.0	0	0.00	3	267.0 0	3	150.00	5	500.00	0	0.00
Grand Total				8866 .16		301 3.77		1021 8.91		2650		13707. 72		9594. 62

2. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojna - Per Drop More Crop (PMKSY-PDMC) :

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl.	Name of Component	Unit	Year 2023-24				Year 2024-25				Year 2025-26			
			Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement	
			Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin
1	Installation of Drip Irrigation & Sprinkler Irrigation system	ha	153 03.6	488 8.88	761 5.60	1504. 45	2368 4.2	7660.5 3	5790	3982. 80	4397 8.60	871 1.53	149 23	10945. 13
2	Other Intervention - Pump set	no	827 2	130 2.84	772	65.24	9665	1915.1 3	1210	995.7 0	8000	550 1.17	120 9	129.15

2. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for NER :

The scheme is approved for a period of 3 years with a budgetary provision of Rs.7519.05 lakh under MOVCD-Phase III-2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23. Due to pandemic situation in the year 2021-22, the state was unable to carry out the activities like diagnostic survey, conducting meeting, training etc in the village level. The state started the work during the year 2021-22 which was informed to Government of India accordingly. The Government of India directed the state to complete the pending activities of MOVCD phase-III within 2023-24. A fund of Rs.7519.05 for 3

years was allotted against which Rs.798.00 Lakh was spent in production, crop certification, seminar and other related activities.

Sl.	Name of Component	Unit	Year 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 (PHASE I)				Year 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 (PHASE II)			
			Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement	
			Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin
1	Formation and Value Chain Production	Ha.	5000	2429	5000	2429	5000	2429	5000	1254.38
2	Value Chain Processing	-		964		964		936		84.38
3	Value Chain Marketing	-		250		250		263		10.00
4	Value Chain Agency	-		232		232		181		33.04
Grand Total				3875		3875		3809		1381.79

Sl.	Name of Component	Unit	Year 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 (PHASE III)			
			Target		Achievement	
			Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin
1	Formation and Value Chain Production	Ha.	10000 ha	4857.50	10000 ha	798.00
2	Value Chain Processing	no	56	1873.50	Under process	0.00
3	Value Chain Marketing	-		430.00	On going	0.00
4	Value Chain Agency	-		358.05		0.00
Grand Total				7519.05		3875

Mission Organic Value Chain development, 2023-24, 2024-25 & 2025-26

Sl.	Name of Component	Un it	Year 2023-24				Year 2024-25				Year 2025-26			
			Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement	
			Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin
1	Formation and Value Chain Production													
1.1	Cluster development and formation of FPC.	Ha	100 00 ha	10 8.6 7	100 00 ha	81.5 0	220FI G(@2 5 no of farme rs)	74.71	220FI G(@2 5 no of farme rs)	109.2 2	11 FPCs	74.71	11 nos.	31.32
1.2	Training, hand holding, ICS management, documentation and certification of crop through service providers	Ha	100 00 ha	54 0.0 0	100 00 ha	312. 88	5500 ha	200.0 0	5500 ha	93.82	5500 ha	150.00	5500	0.00
2	Value Chain Production													
2.1.	Assistance for on-farm input production infrastructure and Off Farm inputs (@Rs. 5000/Year/ha	Ha	100 00 ha	75 0.0 0	100 00 ha	725. 63	5500 ha	206.2 5	17.10	17.10	5500 ha	275.00	5500 ha	272.80
2.2	Assistance for quality seed and planting material	Ha	864 3 ha	15 12. 50	680 0 ha	131 6.88	3276. 8 ha	573.4 4	8.31	8.31	1661. 48	290.76	1295 ha	226.61

2.3	Assistance for setting up of CHC through state lead agencies	No s	20	20 0.0 0	Nil	Nil	11 nos.	110.0 0	11 nos.	70.00	4 nos.	40	4 nos.	39.98
3	Value Chain Post Harvest													
3.1	Seed stores/warehouses/small cold stores	No s					19 nos.	142.5 0	19 nos.	0.00	25 nos.	187.5	25 nos.	146.44
3.2	Setting up of functional infrastructure for collection, aggregation, grading units and NE organic bazar	No s	30	33 7.5 0	Nil	Nil	22 nos.	247.5 0	22 nos.	0.00	22 nos.	247.5	22 nos.	96.18
3.3	Transportation/4 wheeler	No s	14	60. 00	14	65.0 7	8 nos.	60.00	8 nos.	0.00	20 nos.	150.00	20 nos.	150.00
4	Value Chain Processing													
4.1	Primary /Mobile/Minimal Processing including cold chain components	No s					10 nos.	375.0 0	10 nos.	0.00	10 nos.	375.00	10 nos.	50.67
4.2	Financial assistance for setting up of integrated processing units	No s	Nil	Nil 1	Nil	Nil	3 nos.	1800. 00	3 nos.	0.00	3 nos.	1085.00	3 nos.	846.38
5	Value Chain Marketing													
5.1	Branding,labelling,packaging, publicity and certification of processing units etc. (LS),Exposurevisit outside state ,State Level Workshop (25 persons, 2 days),Buyer-seller meets/auction meets (1 day),Festivals/exhibition at state level, Participant in national exhibition/Biofac India	-		77. 36		Nil		96.00		17.48		106.00		15.77
6	Implementation Support													
6.1	Support for hiring resources, publicity and management including IT support for SLA			98. 88		51.5 0		50.85		53.84		78.14		44.74
Grand Total				36 84. 91		255 3.4 6		4062. 50		1094. 46		3480.8 0		2342. 08

4. Makhana Development Scheme 2023-24, 2024-25 & 2025-26

Sl.	Name of Component	Unit	Year 2023-24				Year 2024-25				Year 2025-26			
			Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement	
			Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin
1	Formation and Value Chain Production													
1	Rural Cultivation including Banana	Ha	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	84 ha	59.25	84 ha	59.25
2	Training demonstration with integrated farming	nos	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2 nos.	4.00	2 nos.	4.00

3	Training of farmers		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1000.00	10.00	1000.00	10.00
4	Traditional Ganj Harvesting Equipments	Nos.	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	75.00	12.00	75.00	12.00
5	Exposure visit within India	Nos.	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5 nos.	7.00	5 nos.	7.00
6	Seminar, Conference, Makhana Day, Trade Summit, Awareness Program, Print materials	Nos.	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5 nos.	11.00	5 nos.	11.00
7	Outsource/Contractual Staff/PMU		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00		2.58		2.58
Total												105.83		105.83

5. State Owned Priority Development Scheme (SOPD):

Sl	Name of Component	Unit	(Rs. In Lakhs)											
			Year 2023-24				Year 2024-25				Year 2025-26			
			Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement	
			Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin
2	Integrated Horticulture Development Sub-total-	No	14	188.10	14	126.96	16	101.0	1	10.00	15	90.00	15	90.90
3	Community Canning and Training on Fruit Preservation	Sets	0	19.31	0	13.50	21	65.18	0.00	0.00	4	57.00	4	0.00
4	Orchid Park at Kaziranga		0	112.86	0	0.00	1	300.0	1	100.00	1	760.00	1	622.22
5	Strate Floriculture Mission		0	0	0	0	46.75	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.41 ha	9.50	20.41	9.50
Grand Total												957.31		722.62

Significant achievement in Horticulture and Food Processing Sector through HMNEH, 2025-26

1. Establishment of the Centre of Excellence for Vegetables under Indo-Israel Agricultural Project at Khetri, Kamrup (M)
2. Setting up of fruits, vegetable, spices processing unit:
 - (a) Food Processing Unit using the latest technology of Freeze Drying to dehydrate different fruits & vegetables in Barpeta District.
 - (b) Food Processing Unit in Sonitpur district for value addition of King Chilli and fruits & vegetables and spices
 - (c) Spice Processing Unit in Chirang District for processing of Turmeric, Ginger and other spices etc.
 - (d) Spice Processing Unit in Kamrup District for processing of Ginger, Turmeric and other spices.
 - (e) Juice Processing Unit for production of nutritious and flavorful juices of indigenous fruits, in Nalbari District.
 - (f) Mushroom Processing Unit in Kamrup District for different value-added products of Mushroom.
 - (g) Mushroom Processing Unit in Kokrajhar District for different value-added products of Mushroom.
3. Establishment of 9 nos. Mushroom Spawn Production unit in private sector in Boko, Udalguri, Jorhat, Karimganj, Baksa, Kokrajhar, Tamulpur, Kamrup, Tinsukia and 7 nos in public sector at KVKs- Tinsukia, Barpeta, Jorhat, Kokrajhar, HRS Kahikuchi, College of Horticulture & FRS, Nalbari and one at the Directorate of Horticulture and F.P, Assam.
4. Introduction of high value fruit crops like, Dragon fruit, Apple Ber, Strawberry, Grafted Guava, Pineapple Sucker, TC Gerbera, Tuberose Bulb, Cashew Nut, Orchid & Anthurium, Black Pepper, Cocoa, Jackfruit etc. for commercial cultivation.
5. Setting up of 4 nos. Naturally ventilated tubular structures green house for offseason cultivation of fruits and vegetables.
6. Setting up of 8 nos. of Solar Cold Room of 5 MT capacity in the FPCs field, individual beneficiaries and in departmental farms.
7. In the year 2025-26, 3000MT capacity Cold Storage in Kamrup(M), 1000MT capacity cold storage in Sivsagar, 2000MT capacity cold storage in Jorhat, 1500MT capacity cold storage in Dibrugarh district likely to be completed within four months.

8. In the year 2025-26, major thrust has been given for popularization of protected cultivation of off-season vegetables. Accordingly, 10 districts of Assam selected for off season vegetable cultivation in protected condition and 5000 nos. of Low-Cost Bamboo Poly House were established.

A Brief Note on Grant No.67

Assam is traditionally rich in horticulture sector and the socio – economic fabric of its people is largely constituted by horticultural components. The horticultural beauty lies in its history, culture, traditions and in the mindset of the people- which has imbibed a lot from this science of fruits, flowers, vegetables, spices, plantation crops, root & tuber crops, nut crops, medicinal, aromatics, mushroom, bee keeping. The climatic condition of Assam is conducive for growing this wide range of horticultural crops. Horticultural crops occupy about 17% of the gross cultivated area of Assam and annually produce more than 90 lakh MT of various horticultural produces- contributing significantly towards food and nutritional security of the State. But there are two other factors that make horticulture in Assam a very important sector viz. (i) inherent capacity for employment generation and (ii) income generation at farmers' level. No other sector can claim to be in better position in this regard for a state like Assam. Foreseeing this potentiality, Government of Assam took a timely decision in the year-2004 to create a separate Directorate of Horticulture and Food Processing in Assam to give focused attention on inherent potentiality of commercialization of various sectors of horticulture. This new directorate has started supporting farmers and horticultural entrepreneurs in their endeavor towards commercialization which is the need of the hour.

Assam being encompassed under one of the 14 global bio-diversity hot spots, the State is endowed with favorable agro climatic conditions that offer wide range of options for farming as well as investment in horticulture sector.

In order to reap the benefits of the above mentioned factors and to sustain the growth rate that has been achieved during last decade, the Department has sorted out the under mentioned strategies which remains as a big challenge for the Department.

Aim and objectives-

- Strengthening production base through area expansion of various horticultural crops and raising their productivity is the greatest challenge before the Directorate and a good beginning has been made in this direction.
- In order to achieve this, the most important aspect is availability of quality planting materials of fruits, vegetables and flowers etc. within easy reach of farmers.
- Encourage nurseries to produce quality planting materials from genuine mother plants using latest technology.
- Import quality planting materials from ICAR farms for propagation at departmental and private nurseries

- Rejuvenation of senile orchards for enhancing productivity of fruit crops.
- High density planting for more return per unit area
- Special emphasis on protected and off season cultivation.
- Thrust on micro irrigation for judicious use of available irrigation water through sprinkler and drip system.
- Precision farming
- Popularization of High Value Crops like Capsicum, Orchid, Anthurium, Strawberry, Apple Ber, Dragon fruit, Cashew Nut etc.

Major initiatives taken up by the Directorate -

- ❖ Massive area expansion programme of thrust crops like Orange, Pineapple, Banana, Apple-Ber, Ginger, Turmeric, Dragon fruit, Strawberry and flower crops etc.
- ❖ Introduction of Protected Cultivation of off season vegetables by using low cost Bamboo Polyhouses in the farmers' field.
- ❖ Maximum focus on raising productivity of various commercially potential crops of Assam through use of better technology, management practices, bee keeping and planting materials is being given
- ❖ Establishment of Model Horticulture Nursery at Byrnihat, Guwahati where Root Stock Block and Mother Block of various new varieties of fruit crops has been established.
- ❖ Up-gradation of private nurseries with Government subsidy under specific guidelines to generate adequate quality planting materials of horticultural crops
- ❖ Formation of FPOs and FPCs has been encouraged for doing the Agri-Business among the small holders.
- ❖ Post-harvest aspects like pre-harvest treatment, scientific harvest, setting up of pack houses, collection centres with grading facilities and transport facilities are given due importance.
- ❖ The concept of organic farming is induced in the mindset of farmers and cultivation is started in ten clusters covering nine districts. The districts are-Sonitpur, Dhemaji, Golaghat, Majuli, Kamrup, kamrup(M), Chirang, Cachar, Nalbari , Kokrajhar, Udalguri, Lakhimpur, Morigaon
- ❖ Pack houses are constructed in production pockets.
- ❖ Bee keeping is given due importance and training conducted at various level
- ❖ Mushroom cultivation is getting due importance
- ❖ Green houses provided to farmers for off season production of vegetables and raising of seedling

- ❖ Introduction of new and high remunerative crops like Strawberry, Apple Ber and Musk melon, Dragon fruit, etc.
- ❖ Installation of Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation Systems for increasing water use efficiency in the farmers field which enhances water saving and conservation in the existing water source.

NEW SCHEMES LAUNCHED BY THE DIRECTORATE UNDER SOPD-G

1. Supply & Distribution of planting materials of Horticultural crops. (Estd. amount= Rs. 500.00 lakh)
2. Extension of Kaziranga Orchid Park. (Estd. amount= Rs. 100.00 lakh)

BUDGET PROVISION

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT (GRANT NO. 67)

After the presentation of the Budget in the House for financial year 2026-27 on 10th July, 2026 the Departmentally Related Standing Committee held the meeting on 16th July, 2026 to discuss on Grant No.- 67 relating to Horticulture Department. At the same time, the Committee also considered the action taken report on the recommendation made on 2025-26 in its 27th report presented to the House on 21st March, 2025.

The Budget provision made under Grant No.-67 relating to the Horticulture Department 2026-27 is as follows:-

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakh)	Remarks
			Budget Estimates (2026-2027)	Budget estimate 2025-26
VOTED	23648.55	866.15	24514.70	34400.58
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Out of the total budget provision of Rs. 24,514.70 lakh made for the financial year 2026-27, Rs. 23,648.55 lakh and Rs. 866.15 lakh have been earmarked under the Revenue and Capital Head respectively. It seems that for the financial year 2026-27 an amount of Rs. 9885.88 lakh has been decreased than that of the previous year's Budget Estimates (2025-2026).

The Budget estimate under Grant No.48 is Rs. 24,514.70lakh presented before the House for approval. The total allocated money is proposed to be spent in the Revenue and Capital expenditure respectively.

CHAPTER II

OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee thoroughly discussed all the paras under the grants nos 48 & 67 and observed the action taken report on the recommendations of the DRSC on Development (B) Departments for the year 2025-26. After threadbare discussion the Committee admitted recommendations made as under-

GRANT NO. 48 & 67

1. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation no. 1 mentioned in the 26th Report pertaining to the cultivation of millets in the state. Millets are nutritious and require sustainable cultivation which can contribute to food and nutritional security in the State.

Therefore the Committee recommended that the Department should take necessary measures for the production, promotion, and popularization of millets across the State. Appropriate initiatives may include providing quality seeds, technical support, and market facilities to encourage farmers to adopt millet cultivation in Assam.

2. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation no. 2 mentioned in the 26th Report regarding relaxation of moisture content limits Assam from 8% to 12% for procurement of Mustard seed at MSP by the Govt. of Assam.

Therefore the Committee recommended that the Department should intimate the Govt. of India to allow relaxation in moisture content limit from 8% to 12% in case Mustard seed considering the climatic condition of Assam. The Committee also recommended that the Department should communicate the matter with the Govt. of India for taking for additional measures for putting up **dryers** and other advanced equipments in the Mustard storages in the State.

3. The Committee observed that the Government of India has undertaken the National Mission on Edible Oils–Oil Palm to promote the cultivation of oil palm in the State. However, the Committee observes the myths and rumours circulating among the public that large-scale oil palm cultivation may adversely affect soil quality and lead to depletion of groundwater levels.

The Committee, therefore, recommends that the Department should initiate a comprehensive scientific research on the cultivation of oil palm to assess its environmental impact, particularly with regard to soil health, groundwater levels, and overall ecological sustainability. The study may be undertaken by competent research institutions in collaboration with IIT, Agriculture Universities and other expert agencies.

The Committee further recommends that the findings of the study be widely disseminated among farmers and the general public to address misconceptions and to ensure that future promotion of oil palm cultivation is based on scientific evidence and environmental safeguards.

4. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation no. 5 mentioned in the 26th Report pertaining to insufficient numbers of cold storages in the state for which farmers lost their capitals during the peak seasons of crop and vegetable cultivation.

Therefore the Committee recommended that the Department should take initiatives for establishing cold storages in the state using advanced technology throughout the State. The Committee has decided to visit other States to study the functioning of cold storages and advanced technology used by them.

5. After threadbare discussion the Committee has recommended that the Agriculture Department to appoint one Agricultural Development Officer (ADO) at the Zila Parishad level, ensuring that all villages under the jurisdiction of the ADO fall within the same Assembly Constituency for better administrative coordination and effective delivery of agricultural services.

The Committee recommends that the budget allocation provided under the Grant No. 48 (Agriculture) and the Grant no. 67 (Horticulture) for the financial year 2026-27 be approved by the August House.

The Action Taken Report on the recommendation may be submitted to the Committee within 90 (Ninety) days from the date of presentation of the Report in the House.

ANNEXURE-I

**Action taken on recommendation contained in the 27th report of the Departmental
Related Standing Committee (DRSC) of Development (B) Departments,
Assam Legislative Assembly for the year 2025-26**

Department: Agriculture, Assam

Grant : 48

Sl. No	Observation and recommendations	Action taken report
1	The committee reiterates its earlier recommendation no.2 to incorporate the APART project (Assam Millet and Assam Fodder Mission Schemes) in the State Budget for the FY 2025-2026. (Recommendation No 2 of 26th DRSC - The Committee observes that APART project is scheduled to be closed in September. Therefore, the committee recommends that the Assam Millet and Assam Fodder Mission Schemes should be included in the State Budget for the FY 2024-25. The Committee also recommends that an amount of Rs.20.75 Crore under SOPD and 6.92 Crore from Govt. of India under Millet Mission and Rs.7.00 Crore and under SOPD and Rs.10.25 Crore from Govt. of India under Assam Fodder Mission should be incorporated in the State Budget for the FY 2024-25.) Further, the committee recommended that the concerned department should take initiatives to complete the construction of ADO offices and Knowledge Centers in the state under the APART project.	Fodder Mission was included and implemented under SOPD during 2025-26 which was earlier implemented by APART project till 2024-25. Under Fodder mission Rs500.00 Lakhs was allocated against the scheme "Extensive Maize cultivation for fodder purpose nearby Bank of Brahmaputra" under SOPD, 2025-26. Out of the total allocation, an amount of Rs. 2,24,56,178/- was utilized towards committed liabilities pertaining to the implementation of the same scheme during 2023-24 under SOPD and during 2025-26 the scheme was successfully implemented in 12 districts of Assam by covering an area of 3328 ha through fodder maize crop demonstration. Accordingly, financial sanction for an amount of Rs. 2,57,93,872/- was also accorded for the scheme during 2025-26. However, owing to the non-receipt of the Fixation of Ceiling (FOC), the payment could not be released during the financial year, resulting in committed liabilities amounting to Rs. 2,57,93,872/-, which remained as outstanding. So, in this regard necessary budget provision has been sought for payment of the outstanding amount. Here it may be mentioned that Rs 17.5 lakhs meant for manpower, operations and mission management in the scheme remained unutilized. Construction of ADO office building Target -93 nos., Completed -93 nos. Construction of Knowledge Centre Target -96 nos. Completed-78 nos. Remaining 17 nos. will be completed by Aug 2026. Due to demise of the contractor balance 1 no will be completed by Nov 2026.
2	The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation no.3 regarding relaxation of moisture content limit in	1) Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Assam have submitted a memorandum to the Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India on

	Assam from 8% to 12% for procurement Mustard seed at MSP by the Govt. of Assam. (Recommendation No 3 of 26th DRSC - During the course of discussion of committee observed that as per the guidelines of Govt. of India, maximum moisture content for procurement of Mustard at MSP is being fixed at 8%. But due to the climatic condition of the State moisture content, saleable Mustard seed cannot be brought below 12%. Therefore, the committee recommended that Govt. of India may be intimated by the Govt. of Assam for allowing a relaxation in moisture content limit from 8% to 12% in case of Mustard seed considering the climatic condition of Assam.)	08/01/2025 proposing to raise the permissible moisture content of mustered from 8% to 12% for procuring at MSP (Annexure-I). 2) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India, have constituted a committee to review the existing prescribed limit of 8 % moisture content in mustard for the procurement under price Support Scheme vide letter dt. 15/04/2025. It has asked to nominate one senior Officer for Agriculture Department, Assam and Scientist from AAU for the Committee. (Annexure-II). 3) Department of Agriculture, Government of Assam has sent the nomination vide letter no. AGRI-18/27/2023/6 Dt.05/05/2025 to Govt. of India. (Annexure-III). 4) The Committee recommended for enhancing the moisture content of mustard seed up to 12 % in its meeting held at 3 pm on 15th May, 2025 (Annexure IV) and was informed to Joint Secretary to the Government of India by Dr Vijjay Veer Singh Director, ICAR-IIRMR, Bharatpur, Rajasthan & Chairman of the said committee on 26.05.2025. As of now there is no further communication from Govt. of India regarding enhancement in moisture content in Mustard. 5) However, it may be mentioned here that 77 .25 MT of Mustard seed has been procured during (February to May 2026) RMS 2026-27 following the Fair Average Quality (FAQ) grade specifications of rapeseed & mustard seed procurement under price support scheme wherein maximum tolerance limit of moisture content had to complied with 8 % by weight per quintal (Annexure V)
3	The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation no. 7 regarding Crop Insurance in the state which needs to be settled within a specific time. (Recommendation No 7 of 26th DRSC - The Committee observes that the farmers did not get Crops Insurance within specific time. Therefore, the committee recommends that the Crops Insurance should be settled within specific time.)	Pradhan Mantri Fasal BimaYojana (PMFBY) is executed and implemented on the basis of Operational Guideline issued by Ministry of Agricultural & Farmer Welfare, Govt. of India. Crop Insurance is time bound scheme and enrolment of farmers cannot be done after cutoff date. For Kharif 2026 crop season the cutoff date for notified crop is- Jute: 10th July 2026 Summer Paddy: - 31st July 2026 Black Gram: -15th September 2026 Strict timeline is followed for farmer's enrolment under the scheme with mandatory use of Farmers ID (Exempted in 11 districts) and prior consultation is

		taken from districts regarding crop sown area for notified crops and other inputs before releasing notification. Till date total approx 25,000 numbers of applications are enrolled for the Kharif 2026 season under PMFBY. Further, Claim settlement process through Digi Claim module on pmfby.gov.in portal directly to the bank account of all eligible farmers are ongoing simultaneously.
4	During the course of discussion, the Committee observed that the distribution of fertilizers in Kharupetia is not adequately maintained by the Department. Therefore, the committee recommended that the Department should undertake an enquiry about it and take steps for equal distribution of fertilizers among the farmers.	The assessment for requirement of fertilizer for a district is done by Directorate of Agriculture as per discussion with concerned District Agricultural Officer. After approval from the Ministry of Fertilizer, Govt. of India, the Department of Fertilizer, Govt. of India allocate the quantity of fertilizer to various companies. The companies distribute the fertilizer to the retailers for sale. The companies prepare the retailer list after due consultation with the concerned District Agriculture Officers. The Directorate of Agriculture reviews the fertilizer allocation to retailers at each location of the district from time to time. In the same way Darrang district also receive the fertilizer and thereafter District Agricultural Officer, Darrang allocates it to the retailers of the district including Kharupetia as per demand in the field. For entire Assam Directorate of Agriculture, Assam, is implementing a rigorous, multi-tiered framework to ensure transparent, leak-proof, and equitable fertilizer distribution through four core pillars: 1) Strict E-POS Enforcement: Mandatory biometric/Aadhaar authentication for all retail sales, backed by a central dashboard to track real-time transactions and flag stock discrepancies automatically. 2) Accountable Field Inspections: Physical inspections of retailers by Agricultural Development Officers (ADOs). 3) End-to-End Digitization: Complete digital tracking of the supply chain from wholesalers to retailers, eliminating manual ledger manipulation and integrating all sales with the Integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS).

		4) Pre-emptive Online Booking System: Launching this year, with pilot being done in Nalbari and Bongaigaon this system allows farmers to pre-book fertilizers based on landholdings. It ensures demand-driven district allocation, eliminates artificial scarcity, and alerts farmers directly via SMS to bypass middlemen. Enforcement: Zero-tolerance policy. Any violation will result in the immediate suspension of the dealer's license and prosecution under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.
5	The Committee observes that there are not sufficient numbers of cold storage in the State as a result; farmers lost their capitals during the peak season of crop and vegetable cultivation. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Department should establish small cold rooms in each and every development block of the state.	In the Annual Action Plan of Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) scheme for the year 2025-26, establishment of 40 (Forty) Solar powered Cold Rooms were approved. Though 15(fifteen) no of Solar powered cold rooms were supposed to be conversed with Assam State Designated Agency under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India but only 4 (four) no of Solar powered Cold rooms were approved and installed in the FPC's field. Rest of the 36 Solar powered Cold Rooms where subsidy were 50% of total cost, only 4 no of Solar Powered Cold Rooms have been installed by the beneficiaries. In the AAP for 2026-27, there is provision for 18 (eighteen) no of Solar Powered Cold Rooms of 10 MT capacity with 50% subsidy of total project cost of Rs.25.00 lakh. It is worth mentioning that under the HMNEH scheme, 4(four) no of Cold Storage are likely to be completed within 4 (four) months- one each in the district of Jorhat with 2000MT capacity, Sivasagar with 1000MT capacity, Dibrugarh (Moran) with 1500 MT capacity and Kamrup with 3000MT capacity in private sector with 50% Govt share as per MIDH norms
6	During the meeting, the Committee observed that the level of commercialization of agricultural products among the small farmers in the State is very low. Therefore, the committee recommended that the Department should initiate necessary awareness programmes among the farmers to popularise multiple cropping and business oriented farming across the State.	1) Area expansion of high value crops such as Dragon fruits, strawberry etc. is being taken up under HMNEH and RKVY scheme on commercial basis. 2) Training as well as awareness program on cultivation of high value crops are organized for the interested farmers at district as well as sub-divisional levels. 3) Considering the high price of vegetables during off season, cultivation of off-season vegetables under protected structure are taken up in different districts and steps are being taken up for aggregation and marketing of the produce in

		nearby town/cities 4) Under MOVCD-NER Scheme the FPCs are being encouraged and supported to grow high value crops like Ginger, Turmeric, Pineapple, Banana, Black Peeper, Cocoa, Joha Rice, Red Rice, Black Rice, Kumal Rice etc. are being grown organically. Till date an area of 20,000 hectares has been converted into organic. 5) All the FPCs have developed their own Organic Brand and Marketing of the Organic Products is done under the State Organic brand "ASOMA". 6) The FPCs are given handholding for marketing by sending them to national and international level exhibitions and buyer seller meets. A significant achievement has been attained in marketing of the organic products in domestic and international markets. 7) Under RKVY, provision has been made to farmers to get benefit for cultivation of 2-3 crops in a year to popularize multiple cropping among farmers. 8) Solar Bubble Dryer and Oil expeller for Mustard are provided to FPCs / FPOs to make farming business oriented. 9) Cropping System Based demonstrations has been provided to the beneficiaries for cultivation of double cropping under NFSM.
7	During the course of discussion, the committee observed that the hybrid seeds supplied by the Department are not properly germinated subject to loss of the farmers during cultivation. Therefore, the committee recommended that Department should supply good quality seeds to farmers for more production. The committee also recommended for the preservation of local breeds to boost the yields and ensuring healthy crops.	Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd. ensures inclusion of stringent technical criteria for qualifying in the technical bid during hybrid seed procurement. Moreover, to ensure supply of quality Hybrid seed, Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd ensures for quality test of each and every lot by Assam Seed and Organic Certification Agency. For preservation and promotion of the locally adapted high yielding breeds, the Directorate of Agriculture has identified the locally popular indigenous seed varieties and has also incorporated the same in the on-going tender for procurement of seeds called by Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd.
8	The Committee observes that the state is still lacking behind in application of Agricultural machineries and tools in the field of Agriculture. Therefore, the Committee recommended for establishment of a separate Engineering Directorate for massive application of Agricultural machineries, improvement of irrigation process and the products.	The Central Share of Sub-Mission of Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM) increased to Rs.8901.00 lakh in the year 2025-26 as compared to Rs.2225.00 lakh in the year 2021-22. Under SMAM priority is being given to establish Village Level Farm Machinery banks (VLFMB) across the state. Apart from SMAM even in RKVY, NFSM and Pulses Mission machinery is being provided.

9	The Committee observes that farmers often burn haystack after harvesting of crops to clear their fields for the next crop causing air pollution and causes health hazard. Therefore, the Committee recommended that the Department should execute some new scheme to convert the haystack into "Waste to Wealth" promoting alternative uses of the haystack for fodder, bio-fuel or bio-compost to control pollution and for healthy environment.	The Department of Agriculture, Assam is implementing the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF). In this mission, awareness is being created among farmers to keep the farm waste in the field itself instead of burning and plough the field once so that the waste is burrowed down the soil. These waste will automatically decompose, thereby improving the soil health by providing organic matter and increasing the number of soil microbes. This farm waste utilized as mulching material in vegetables, spices and fruit crops etc. which helps in conservation of soil moisture provide shelter to soil microbes, reduce weeds growth etc.
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ANNEXURE-I

Action taken report in respect of Agriculture Department on the 26th Observation and Recommendation of Committee of Development (B) Department, Assam Legislative Assembly, for the year 2025-26.

Grant No.67

SL NO.	Observation and Recommendation	Action Taken
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SL NO.	Observation and Recommendation	Action Taken
2	During the meeting, the Committee observed that the level of commercialization of agricultural products among the small farmers in the State is very low. Therefore, the committee recommended that the Department should initiate necessary awareness programmes among the farmers to popularize multiple cropping and business oriented farming across the State.	1) Area expansion of high value crops such as Dragon fruits, strawberry etc. is being taken up under HMNEH scheme on commercial basis. 2) Training as well as awareness program on cultivation of high value crops are organized for the interested farmers at district as well as sub-divisional levels. 3) Considering the high price of vegetables during off season, cultivation of off-season vegetables under protected structure are taken up in different districts and steps are being taken up for aggregation and marketing of the produce in nearby town/cities 4) Under MOVCD-NER Scheme the FPCs are being encouraged and supported to grow high value crops like Ginger, Turmeric, Pineapple, Banana, Black Peeper, Cocoa, Joha Rice, Red Rice, Black Rice, Kumal Rice etc. are being grown organically. Till date an area of 20,000 hectares has been converted into organic. 5) All the FPCs have developed their own Organic Brand and Marketing of the Organic Products is done under the State Organic brand "ASOMA". 6) The FPCs are given handholding for marketing by sending them to national and international level exhibitions and buyer seller meets. A significant achievement has been attained in marketing of the organic products in domestic and international markets.

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No.MIN/AGRI/2025/23

Dated 8th January, 2025

To,

Shri Shivrani Singh Chouhan ji

Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Respected Sir,

On behalf of the 27 lakh farm families of Assam and the Department of Agriculture, Assam, we submit this memorandum requesting the much-needed support of the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, for the agriculture sector in the state. Assam is predominantly an agrarian state, with a large portion of its population dependent on agriculture and allied activities for their livelihood.

The total geographical area of the State is 78.44 lakh ha while the total cultivable land is 30.10 lakh ha and gross cropped area is 40.33 lakh ha. Net sown area is 27.44 lakh ha and cropping intensity is 147%.

The state is self-sufficient in rice and has a surplus of fruits and vegetables. However, it faces deficiencies in wheat, pulses, and oilseeds.

The fertile land & favorable agro-climatic conditions, in Assam hold immense potential for agricultural development. Despite this, the state has been hindered by a number of constraints that have impeded its progress toward achieving self-sufficiency and fostering overall economic development. We seek the Ministry's support in overcoming these challenges to unlock the full agricultural potential of the state as per the following requests:

1. **Improvement of Irrigation potential:** Irrigation coverage in Assam is limited, with only 28.45% of the net cropped area under irrigation, primarily through Shallow Tube Wells (STWs). Expanding irrigation systems, including the installation of solar and electric pump sets, is crucial for enhancing agricultural productivity in the state.
2. **Relaxation of Moisture Content for Mustard in Assam:** Farmers in Assam are currently unable to access the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for mustard due to its higher moisture content. We propose raising the permissible moisture content for mustard from 8% to 12%, which would enable farmers to avail themselves of the MSP and enhance their earnings.
3. **Resolution of NPS Contribution Issue for KVKs:** Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) play a pivotal role in the agricultural sector. Assam has 23 KVKs under Assam Agricultural University, fully funded by ICAR. However, the release of NPS contributions for KVK employees has been halted since May 2022. We request that ICAR resume NPS contributions for KVK staff and ensure uniform service conditions for all KVKs, irrespective of their host institutions.

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12. Support for Protected Cultivation and Transport Subsidies in Peri-Urban Areas:

The Agriculture Department of Assam has launched a pilot project in six peri-urban districts to grow off-season vegetables under protected conditions using polyhouses made with UV-protectant polythene and low-cost bamboo. This initiative aims to address the summer vegetable shortage while providing farmers with stable, remunerative incomes. We request the Government of India's support for constructing these protected structures and providing logistics assistance, including transport subsidies, to ensure the success of this project.

13. Establishment of Pesticide and Fertiliser Testing Laboratories: The establishment of laboratories for research and development, quality control, and pesticide and fertilizer analysis is essential to ensure the availability of safe and effective plant protection chemicals and nutrition in Assam. We propose setting up pesticide and Fertiliser testing laboratories in various agro-climatic zones across the state to address region-specific agricultural needs. Additionally, investing in R&D to develop instant pesticide testing kits would enable farmers to quickly assess whether pesticide levels exceed Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs).

14. Top-Up Subsidies for Cold Storage Establishment and Entrepreneur Attraction:

Large cold storage units have struggled in Assam due to high maintenance costs and power shortages. To overcome this, the Agriculture Department proposes establishing small cold rooms (5-10 MT capacity) at the farm gate level, using grid, solar, or hybrid systems. To incentivize entrepreneurs and farmers to adopt this solution, we request a top-up subsidy on the existing 50% subsidy provided by the Government of India under schemes such as the HIMNH and RKVY. This additional financial assistance is crucial to make small cold storage units viable and to support the growth of agro-processing businesses in the state.

Yours Sincerely

(Atul Bora)

Minister of Agriculture & Horticulture, Assam

F No.L-15018/16/2025-MPS (e-161117)
 Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
 Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
 Investment and Price Support Division

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Date: 15.04.2025

To

1. The Principal Secretary
Department of Agriculture, Government of Assam
2. The Secretary,
Department of Agricultural Research and Education & DG: Indian Council of
Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi
3. The Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Guwahati, Assam
4. MD, NAFED

Subject: Constitution of a Committee to review the existing prescribed limit of 8% moisture content in mustard for the procurement under Price Support Scheme-reg.

Sir,

Reference is invited to the minutes of the review meeting held on 08.01.2025 under the Chairmanship of Honble Agriculture Minister, Government of India where it was decided vide point no. 9 of the minutes that ICAR, Department of Agriculture, Assam and the DA&FW will review the relaxation in the moisture content in mustard from the prescribed limit of 8% to 12% for the procurement under Price Support Scheme. It was also decided that a Committee be constituted by involving all the relevant stakeholders including Department of Agriculture, Assam, ICAR, DA&FW and others to review the existing prescribed limit of 8% moisture content in mustard.

2. In view of above, the composition of the Committee would be as follows:

- i. Senior Officer from ICAR-Chairman
- ii. Senior Officer from NAFED - Member
- iii. Senior Officer, Department of Agriculture, Assam-Member
- iv. Scientist, Agriculture University, Assam through Department of Agriculture, Assam-Member

3. The terms of reference for the Committee would be as under:

Senior members may be nominated as members in the committee to deliberate upon the existing prescribed limit of 8% moisture content in mustard for the procurement under Price Support Scheme and submit its recommendations within a period of one month.

4. This has the approval of competent authority.

Yours sincerely,



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No: AGRI-18/27/2023/6

Dated 5 May 2025

From : Sri. Tripurendra Pator, ACS
Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Agriculture Department

To : Mr. Samuel Praveen Kumar
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India
Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Subject: Constitution of a Committee to review the existing prescribed limit of 8% moisture content in mustard for the procurement under Price Support Scheme-reg.

Ref : Your letter dated 15/04/2025, F No.L-15018/16/2025-MPS (e-161117)

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 15/04/2025 on the subject regarding the Committee to be constituted to review the existing prescribed limit of 8% moisture content in mustard, I have the honour to submit herewith the nominations from the Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam and Assam Agricultural University as mentioned below –

Shri Bipul Das, ACS Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Department	Member
Shri Hamen Kalita, Principal Scientist, Assam Agriculture University	Member

This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,
Digitally signed by
TRIPURENDRA PATOR
Date: 05-05-2025
Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Agriculture Department

Memo No: AGRI-18/27/2023/6-A

Dated 5 May 2025

Copy to:

- (1) The Director of Agriculture, Assam, Krishi Bhawan, Khanapara, Guwahati-22, for kind information.
- (2) PS to Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam, Agriculture Department and APC, Assam for kind appraisal of Commissioner & Secretary and APC..

(e-signed)
Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Agriculture Department

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डॉ. विजय वीर सिंह
 DR. Vijay Veer Singh
 निदेशक
 Director

Dated: 26.05.2025

Sh. Samuel Praveen Kumar
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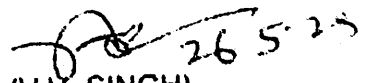
Sub: Proceeding of the meeting of the Committee to review the existing prescribed limit of 8% moisture content in mustard for the procurement under price Support Scheme in Assam- reg

Sir,

This is in reference to your letter F.No. L-15018/16/2025-MPS (e-161117), dated-15.04.2025. Please find attached herewith the proceedings of the meeting of committee held online on 15.05.2025 to review the existing prescribed limit of 8% moisture content in mustard for the procurement under price Support Scheme in Assam for your kind perusal and necessary action.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully


 (V.V. SINGH)

CC Deputy Director General (CS), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Food & Public Distribution

O/S Secretary, Government of India

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 27.09.2019

E-Office No. 446234

To,

The Secretary,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
Government of.....
(All State Governments/UT Administrations)

Date: 20/9/2019

Sub: Uniform specifications of paddy, rice and coarse grains for Kharif Marketing Season 2019-20.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the uniform specifications of paddy, rice and coarse grains for procurement under Central Pool during Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2019-20.

It is requested that wide publicity of the Uniform Specifications be made among the farmers in order to ensure that they get due price for their produce and rejection of the stocks is avoided. The procurement of paddy, rice and coarse grains during KMS 2019-20 may be ensured by all the States/Union Territories and Food Corporation of India strictly in accordance with the uniform specifications.

Further, standards of rice for issue to States/UTs for distribution under TPDS and Other Welfare Schemes based on the uniform specifications of rice for KMS 2019-20 are also enclosed.

Encl: as above.

Yours faithfully,

(Vishwajeet Halder)
Deputy Commissioner (S&R)

Tele # 23382820

Copy to:-

1. The Chairman and Managing Director, Food Corporation of India (FCI), New Delhi.
2. Executive Director (Commercial)/Executive Director (QC), FCI HQ, New Delhi.
3. General Manager (QC)/GM (Marketing & Procurement), FCI, HQ, New Delhi.
4. All Executive Director (Zones), FCI.
5. Managing Director, CWC, New Delhi.
6. The Secretary, Department of Agri. & Coop, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. Sr. PPS to Secretary (F&PD)/PPS to AS&FA/JS (P&FCI)/JS (Impex, SRA & EOP) / JS (Stg.)/JS (BP&PD).
8. Director (P)/Director (FCI)/Director (PD)/Director (Finance)/DC (S&R).
9. All QCC/IGMRI offices.
10. US (Py. I, II, III, IV)/US (FC A/c).
11. AD (S&I)/AD (QC)/AD (Lab).
12. Director (Technical), NIC with the request to put the information in the Ministry's website.

Fair Average Quality (FAQ) Grade Specifications of Rapeseed/Mustard seed for procurement under Price Support Scheme (PSS)

Sr. No.	Special Characteristics	Maximum limits of tolerance (% by weight per qtl.) for FAQ
1.	Impurities/ Foreign matter including Taramira	2
2.	Admixture with other types including Toria	10
3.	Unripe, Shrivelled or immature	4
4.	Damaged & weevilled	2
5.	Small atrophied seeds	10
6.	Moisture content	8

Note: Presence of all non-edible oilseeds, like Castor, Mahua, Neem etc. is prohibited.
Presence of Argemone seeds is also prohibited.

Definitions:

1. Impurities or Foreign matter includes dust, dirt, stones, lumps of earth, chaff, stems/ straw, taramira and any other impurity;
2. Admixture means other types of Sarson (including Toria);
3. Unripe and shrivelled or immature seeds are those which are not properly developed;
4. Damaged & weevilled seeds are those which are internally damaged or discoloured, damage and discolouration materially affecting the quality.
5. Small atrophied seeds means seeds which are not retained in sieves with 14 meshes per liner inch (1" = 2.54 cms). This factor will not be applicable to the juncea or nigra group of seeds.

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

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No.LADRSC(B). 1/2026/519

Dated Dispur, the 10th July, 2026.

In pursuance of the Rule 260-I (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly has been pleased to nominate the following Members to constitute the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.

1. Shri Pradyut Bordoloi	MLA & Chairperson
2. Shri Bhupon Pegu	MLA & Member
3. Shri Kamalakhya Dey Purkayastha	MLA & Member
4. Shri Suren Phukan	MLA & Member
5. Shri Amiya Kanti Das	MLA & Member
6. Dr. Mridul Kumar Dutta	MLA & Member
7. Shri Vijay Kumar Gupta	MLA & Member
8. Shri Jibon Gogoi	MLA & Member
9. Shri Wazed Ali Choudhury	MLA & Member
10. Shri Abdur Rahim Ahmed	MLA & Member
11. Shri Dipak Kumar Das	MLA & Member
12. Shri Maheswar Boro	MLA & Member
13. Md. Badruddin Ajmal	MLA & Member

And in pursuance of Rule 260 I (3) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Speaker has been pleased to appoint **Shri Pradyut Bordoloi**, MLA and Member of the Committee as the Chairperson of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.

The term of the Committee shall be for a period of one year with effect from the 10th July, 2026.

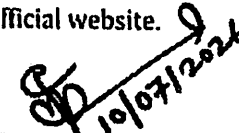
Sd/- R. Bhattacharyya
Secretary,
Assam Legislative Assembly

Memo No.LADRSC(B). 1/2026/520-32

Dated Dispur, the 10th July, 2026.

Copy forwarded for kind information to:

1. Shri Pradyut Bordoloi, MLA & Chairperson, Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.
2. All concerned Members of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.
3. The Director, Assam Govt. Press, Bamunimaldan, Guwahati-21 for favour of publication of the above notification in the next issue of the Assam Gazette in Part-I. Five Spare copies of the same may be pleased supplied to this necessary action.
4. The Principal Accountant General, Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati 29.
5. The P.S to Speaker for information of the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly.
6. The P.S. to Deputy Speaker for information of the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, ALA.
7. The P.S. to Leader of the Opposition for information of the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition, Assam Legislative Assembly.
8. The Sr. Financial Adviser, Accounts Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat.
9. The Chief Reporter Cum Editor of Debates & Ex- Officio- Joint Secretary, ALA.
10. The P.S. to Secretary for information of the Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly.
11. The Officer In-Charge, Nazarat Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly.
12. The Officer-In Charge All Legislature Committees, Assam Legislative Assembly.
13. The Office In-Charge Website Branch for uploading in the official website.


Additional Secretary