

**DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING
COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENTS
(2026-27)**

**SIXTEENTH
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

**REPORT ON THE DEMANDS FOR GRANT NO. 3
FOR THE YEAR 2026-27**

SECOND REPORT

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

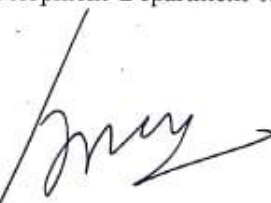
**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006.**

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 **SECOND REPORT** of the Committee on Demands for Grants (Grant No. 3) relating to the Legislative 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 Legislative 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 Legislative 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

CHAIRPERSON ::

SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI, MLA

Chairperson.

MEMBERS:

1. Shri Bhubon Pegu	MLA & Member
2. Shri Kamalakhya Dey Purkayastha	MLA & Member
3. Shri Suren Phukan	MLA & Member
4. Shri Amiya Kanti Das	MLA & Member
5. Dr. Mridul Kumar Dutta	MLA & Member
6. Shri Vijay Kumar Gupta	MLA & Member
7. Shri Jibon Gogoi	MLA & Member
8. 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

SECRETARIAT :

1. Shri Rajib Bhattacharyya, AAS	Secretary
2. Shri Indrajit Mozumder, AAS	Additional Secretary
3. Shri Sudip Roy	Under Secretary
4. Shri Jitumani Bhuyan	Under Secretary
5. Shri Bhaskar Saikia	Librarian
6. Shri Partha Mitra	Committee Officer
7. Shri Ratneswar Saikia	Committee Officer

CHAPTER – I

REPORT

1. Overview of the Department:

The Legislative Department is a distinct and independent Department of the Government of Assam. The erstwhile Law Department was bifurcated into Judicial and Legislative Department under Appointment (B) Departments Notification No.ABM.23/67/60, dated 18/05/76. From then onwards the Legislative Department has been functioning as a separate independent department of the Government of Assam. It is located in Assam Secretariat, Block-E, Second floor, Dispur, Guwahati-6.

2.Functions & Objective of the Department:

Objectives of the Department:

- To strengthen and maintain the standard and quality of the legislative matters and legislative drafting.
- The mission of the department is to function as a vibrant institution of the State to render high quality legal services (legislative as well as advisory) to our clients particularly to the Secretariat Departments for their proper and effective functioning and ensure effective services to the public through its line agencies.
- Hence, it is the endeavour of the department to provide a just, transparent, accountable and human system of governance through excellence in legislative drafting reflecting human standards and administrative needs.

Functions of the Department:

1. To put into technical shape of the projects of legislations, the policy of which has been approved by the Administrative Department.
2. To draft and vet the proposals of Principal legislations and Subordinate legislations received from various administrative departments and finalize the same in conformity with legal & constitutional provisions.
3. To draft and vet the Ordinances to be promulgated by the Governor.
4. To advise different departments on framing of laws and legislative drafting.
5. To draft and vet statutory rules, regulations, Bye Laws, Notifications, Orders, Deeds and Documents etc. to be framed or issued by different Administrative Departments.
6. To take steps for obtaining assent of the Governor or the President, on the Government Bills, passed by the Assam Legislative Assembly.

7. To take steps for publications of the Assam Acts and Ordinances in the Assam Gazette after being assented by the Hon'ble Governor of Assam or the President of India .
8. To supervise translation of Central Acts and State Acts into Assamese and their publication for the benefit of the general public.
9. To provide fund for salary and other administrative expenses, administrative assistance to various authorities and committees constituted under the Legal Service Authorities Act, 1987.
10. To make payment of Defence Pleaders fees bills and Amicus Curie Fee Bills to the Defence Counsels and Amicus Curie appointed under section 304 of Cr. P.C., by the Courts.
11. To act as the nodal department in respect of Legal Aid to the poor.

3. Organizational set up of the Department:

1. Secretary, (Grade-I of Assam Legal Service) Legislative Department. -- 1 no
2. Joint Secretary, (Grade-II of Assam Legal Service) Legislative Department – 1 no
3. Deputy Secretary, (Grade-III of Assam Legal Service) Legislative Department – 2 nos
4. Under Secretary, (Grade-IV of Assam Legal Service) Legislative Department. – 1 no
5. Other Supporting Staff Comprises of Section Officers, Assistant Section Officers, Junior Administrative Assistants, Computer Operators, Peons posted by the General Administration (Secretariat Establishment) Department.
6. Language Officers under both the Official Language Wings and the staffs under the State Law Commission, and other Grade-III and Grade-IV posts under appointed by the Legislative Department.
7. Posts under the Legal Services Authorities and Committees created by the State Govt. and concerned Authorities and Committees by the respective Appointing Authorities.

4. Governance Structure:

The administration of the Legislative Department is transacted by the Commissioner & Secretary or Secretary of the department assisted by one Joint Secretary, two Deputy Secretaries one Under Secretary and other Supporting Staff like are appointed by the General Administration (Secretariat Establishment) Department.

5. Jurisdiction of the Department:

The Legislative Department has the following Wings and Organisation under its Administrative Control –

- a) Official Language Wing, Legislative Department
- b) Assam State Law Commission
- c) Legal Services Authorities and Committees in different levels

Status Report in respect Grant No.3:

Completed and ongoing PROJECT(SOPD-ODG)

Rs. in Lakh

Sl. No	Name of Works	Head of Accounts	Estimated cost	Status of Physical progress	Remarks
1.	Repairing/renovation and color wash of the office building of District Legal Service Authority, Nalbari along with construction of the approach road, earth filling etc.	4075-00-800-1694- Upgradation of Standard of Administration-000-13-01-Major Works-Normal- SOPD-G	49.1530	100 %	completed
2.	Additional works for construction of ADR Centre at Majgaon, Bongaigaon		80.99500	100 %	completed
3	Construction of boundary wall, Iron gate at ADR Centre, Darrang		19.96800	100%	completed
4	Land filling with construction of drain at ADR Centre, Darrang		19.99200	100%	completed
5	Construction of Infrastructural Facilities for the Mediation Centres at District Court, Fekamari in South Salmara, Mankachar district.		15.42700	100%	completed
6	Supplying and installation of 2(two) nos of 1.5 Ton AC Machine at the office of the District Legal Services Authority, South Salmara		3.82088	100%	Completed

7	Construction of parking area and drain for advocates located in front of the Assam State Legal Services Authority premises		15.82369	100%	Completed
8	Civil works in the erstwhile ASLSA Building adjacent to the Gauhati High Court, New Block (Executive Table, file cabinet, blinds and sanitary fittings etc. at the chamber of Secretary with Mediation room, front office of Gauhati High Court Legal Services Committee)		9.49632	100%	Completed
9	Electrical works including installation of Air-Conditioners in the erstwhile ASLSA Building adjacent to the High Court New Block at Gauhati High Court, Guwahati (Ground Floor and First Floor).		29.79657	100%	Completed
10	Providing of Air Conditioner machines with internal electrification of the office of the District Legal Services Authority, Cachar, Silchar		18.00		process is under progress
11	Installation of CCTV Camera at DLSA, Cachar		15.77866		process is under progress
12	Renovation of erstwhile building of the Assam State Legal Services Authority(ASLSA)(Interior Painting of building, granite, kitchen cabinet at pantry, wall panelling in Dining Hall, Flush Door, water supply and sanitary fittings		14.67772	100%	Completed

13	Outside painting of erstwhile ASLSA building and cutting down of unwanted plants in ASLSA Building campus adjacent to High Court, New Block		3.96239	100%	Completed
14	Balance work of ADR court building at atSontipur, Tezpur.		58.39500	70%	process is under progress
15	Installation of 10KW Solar Power Plant(Off Grid) in the ADR Building at Tezpur, Sonitpur.		22.66069		process is under progress
16	Repair/Renovation on newly allotted Office space of ASLSA in the High Court at Old Block and installation of LED Light in the Court No.1.		10.45399	100%	Completed
17	Earth filling and Protection works at ADR Centre, Udalguri		39.52750		process is under progress
18	Repair/Renovation on newly allotted Office space of ASLSA in the High Court at Old Block and installation of LED Light in the Court No.1.		10.45399	100%	Completed

Performance Budget/Annual Report :

The Fund allocation and expenditure incurred under Plan & Non-Plan (including under EE & SOPD) during last 3(three) years are shown below:

Year	Fund under EE Budget (Rs. In lakhs)			Fund under SOPD Budget (Rs.in lakh)		
	Fund Allotted	Fund Utilized	% Utilization	Fund Allotted	Fund Utilized	% Utilization
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2023-24	2605.52	1968.17183	75.53%	90.00	51.39570	57.10%
2024-25	3729.480	2931.06708	78.59%	115.440	22.47303	19.46%
2025-26	3416.097	2311.08431	67.65%	475.00	329.30239	69.33%

The Legislative Department at the instances of various Administrative Departments have made a total 10 nos. of New Acts, amended 56 nos. of Acts and repealed 1 no. of Act in 2025. Additionally, 29 nos. of Rules are vetted by the end of 2025 to date

BUDGET ESTIMATES

After presentation of the Budget Estimates to the House on 10th July, 2026, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly has scrutinized the Demands for Grants for the Financial Year, 2026-2027.

Budget Estimates under Grant No. 3 for the Financial Year is as follows:

(Rupees in Lakhs)

	Revenue	Capital	Total	Remarks
			Budget Estimate for FY 2026-2027	Revised Budget Estimates (2025-2026)
Voted	64922. 50	8317. 98	73240.48	78297.38
Charged	11944.61	855.75	12800.36	13157.57

Voted Budget provision of Rs. **73240.48** Lakhs made for the Financial Year 2026-2027 where Rs.64922.50 Lakhs and Rs.8317.98 Lakhs have been earmarked under the Revenue and Capital Head respectively. It seems that for the Financial Year 2026-2027, an amount of Rs.5056.9 Lakhs has been decreased in Voted amount than that of the previous year's Revised Budget Estimates (2025-26).

However, in Charged Budget, Rs. 11944.61Lakhs in Revenue Head and Rs. 855.75Lakhs in Capital Head with a total of Rs.12800.36 Lakhs have been earmarked in the Budget Provision for the Financial Year, 2026-27. It is observed that for the Financial Year 2026-2027, the charged budget has decreased by **Rs. 357.21 Lakhs** amount than that of the previous year's Revised Budget Estimates (2025-26).

Chapter-II

OBSERVATION & RECOMMENDATION

The Committee comes to know that Legislative Department lacks manpower to carry out the works related to their Department as both of the Judicial and Legislative Department are interlinked as such the Committee directed the Legislative Department to submit in written the requirements before the Committee and if justified, the Committee will send the proposals through the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam for consideration.

The Committee recommends that the Budget Allocations provided under Grant No. 3 (Legislative) for the financial year 2026-2027 be approved by the August House.

The Action Taken Report on the recommendations made in the report may be submitted to the Committee within 90 (ninety) days from the date of its presentation in the House.

ANNEXURE-I

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

Action Taken Report on the Recommendations made by The Departmentally Related Standing Committee in its 1st Report (Grant No.3) of 2025-26

Recommendation: The Standing Committee observed that the Legislative Department is under administrative control of the Judicial Department and recommending for “*bifurcating administrative control from the Judicial Department so as to enhance the working capability and smooth functioning of the Legislative Department.*”

Action :

Against the recommendation of the Standing Committee it has already been placed before the Standing Committee vide letter No. 615697/14 dated 12/01/2026 (copy enclosed) that Legislative Department is already functioning as an independent department of the Government of Assam. The erstwhile Law Department was already bifurcated into the Judicial and Legislative Departments under Appointment (B) Department's Notification No. ABM.23/67/60, dated 18/05/1976. Since then, both Departments have been operating separately and independently. Therefore, no further action is required on this recommendation. This position has already been communicated to the Assam Legislative Assembly with the approval of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

However, in the Departmentally Related Standing Committee (B) meeting of the Assam Legislative Assembly held on 12/01/2026 in relation to the recommendations made for the Legislative Department, the Hon'ble Chairman, DRSC, directed this Department to send a detailed communication to the Judicial Department for obtaining their views on the proposed transfer of the establishment of Assam Legal Services. Accordingly, The proceedings of the meeting along with a detailed communication was sent to the Judicial Department vide letter No. 615697/4 dated 22/01/2026 (copy enclosed) and subsequently, two reminders were also issued on 02/04/2026 and 20/06/2026 (copies enclosed). It may be mentioned here that no response has been received from the Judicial department till date.

A brief note in respect Grant No.3:

Legislative department is not a revenue earning department. Legislative Department provide fund for salary and other administrative expenses, administrative assistance to various authorities and committees constituted under the Legal Service Authorities Act, 1987, make payment of Defence Pleaders fees bills and Amicus Curie Fee Bills to the Defence Counsels and Amicus Curie appointed under section 304 of Cr. P.C., by the Courts.

The Assam Legal Services Authority along with District Legal Services Authorities initiated various programmes like providing legal aid to the targeted beneficiaries, holding of Lok Adalats, Legal Awareness Camps etc to arrive at the goal and objective of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 as mentioned here under :

I. Strengthening the Legal Aid Clinics:

➤ At present, there are 374 Legal Services Clinics in the state of which 79 nos. Legal Services Clinics are working daily and 93 nos. are working on weekly basis.

➤ During the year 2025, **5404** nos. out of 8972 persons who visited different Legal Services Clinics situated at different villages were provided assistance in solving their problems. Similarly, **596** persons who visited the Legal Services Clinics established at the Community Centres, **5302** persons at the Legal Services Clinics of the Courts, **14453** persons at the Legal Services Clinics in various Jails and **15099** persons at various Legal Services Clinics situated at other places including Juvenile Justice Boards (JJB), Colleges and Universities were also provided assistance.

II. Implementation of Legal Aid Defense Counsel System (LADCS):

The Legal Aid Defense Counsel under ASLSA in Assam visited the jails **1184** times in their respective districts during the period from 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025. They were assigned 3838 nos. of Sessions Cases and 7001 nos. of Magistrate Courts Cases for representation during the said period. They were also assigned 10357 nos. of Bail Matters. They disposed of 1561 nos. Sessions Cases, 3300 nos. of Magistrate Court Cases and 10017 nos. of Bail Matters during the period.

III. Holding of Training Programmes for Panel Lawyers, PLVs and Others:

During the period from January to December, 2025, different District Legal Services Authorities have organized 78 nos. of Training Programme for Para Legal Volunteers, where a total of 1266 nos. of PLVs were provided training. Out of those Programmes, 47 nos. of programmes were Basic Training Programme for 672 nos. of PLVs and 31 nos. of Programmes were the Refresher Training Programme for 594 nos. of PLVs.

IV. Organising Mega Awareness Programs on the issues like Child marriage

and gender inequality :

In January, 2024, the DLSAs conducted Mass Awareness Meeting to “Stop Child Marriage” in collaboration with concerned District Administration in the potential and prevailing areas of child marriage in compliance of the Activity Calendar of ASLSA. They focused on the issues like gender inequality, education deprivation, etc. In line with the NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection Scheme), 2015, DLSA, Chirang produced a short film named *Anjali – A Divine Gift* and released in YOUTUBE on 15/08/2024. The video was dubbed in Bodo as well as Assamese language with English sub-titles. The video can be viewed in www.youtube.com/@dlsachirang.

In the year 2025, the DLSAs in compliance to the Activity Calendar of ASLSA, conducted total 5477 nos. of awareness programmes on various subjects including prevention of Child Marriage where 501555 nos. of people participated and got benefitted.

V. Equal Opportunity Policy for Persons with Disabilities:

In the year 2025, DLSAs organized awareness programme on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and conducted Training Programme for the employees in different Court establishments in pursuant to the "Equal Opportunity Policy for Persons with Disabilities" framed by the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court.

VI. Providing Legal Services to the needy people:

A total 97,938 nos. of persons belonging to SC, ST, women, children, persons with disability, industrial workmen and others whose annual income does not exceed the prescribed limit were provided legal services by the DLSAs under the guidance of Assam State Legal Services Authority.

VII. Disposal of cases through Mediation:

A total 9073 nos. of cases were disposed of through mediation at Gauhati High Court Mediation Centre and different District Mediation Centres in the state of Assam in 2025.

VIII. Implementation of Victim Compensation Scheme:

In respect of Victim Compensation Scheme U/S 357-A Cr.PC, the DLSAs received 767 nos. of application in 2025 and decided 876 nos. of applications (including some pending applications of previous year) with a settlement amount of Rs. 21.14,12,497/-.

IX. Acid Attack Victim Support:

A deeply impactful aspect of ASLSA's work involved coordinating efforts to support acid attack victims in Assam ensuring that the victims' rights to rehabilitation and justice were met.

X. Providing legal assistance to a Child-in-conflict with Law:

One of the noteworthy significant achievements is that South Salmara-Mankachar provided legal assistance to a Child-in-conflict with Law, a resident of Jamalpur District of Bangladesh, who accidentally entered into the Indian territory in the year 2021 and had been in Observation Home situated at Boko, Kamrup, Assam in connection with Mankachar PS case No. 892 of 2021. DLSA, South Salmara-Mankachar provided all necessary legal assistance in the process of repatriation. On 26.04.2024, handed over the Child-in-conflict to Border Guard Police, Bangladesh and he was reunited with his family after all these years.

Annexure-II**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT****NOTIFICATION**

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, Bamunimaidan, 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