



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

**SIXTEENTH
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**Report on Demands for the Grant No. 22 & 23
For the year 2026-27**

**DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, TRAINING,
PENSION AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES DEPARTMENT**

SECOND REPORT

Presented to the House on 22nd July, 2026

**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING
COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (D) DEPARTMENTS, 2026-27**

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INTRODUCTION

1. I, as Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this **SECOND REPORT** on Demands for **Grant Nos. 22 & 23** of the **Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department** for the financial year, **2026-2027**.
2. Demands for Grant have been examined by the Committee under Rule 260 J (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.
3. The Committee took evidence of the representatives of the **Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department** on **16th July, 2026**.
4. The Draft Report was considered and approved by the Committee at their meeting held on **18th July, 2026**.
5. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Officials of the **Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department** for placing before them the requisite materials and their considered views in connection with the subjects under consideration.
6. The Committee would also like to place on record deep sense of appreciation for the invaluable assistance rendered by the Officials of Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat attached to the Committee.

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Dated: 18th July, 2026

Shri Bhupen Kumar Borah
Chairperson
Departmentally Related Standing
Committee on Development (D) Departments
Assam Legislative Assembly

CHAPTER- I

Grant No.22

(Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department)

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments took Grant No. 22 incorporated in the Budget which was presented to the House on 10th July, 2026 for the Financial Year, 2026-27 for consideration.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments has made this Report incorporating all the facts and data given in the Budget and Preliminary Status Paper including Action Taken Report furnished by the Transport Department which are briefly focused as follows-

1.1. While examining the papers and documents, as received from the concerned Department in respect of Grant No. 22 and the budget provision made thereto, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments held the said meeting on 16th July, 2026 and took oral evidence from the Departmental representatives for discussing all the points raised by the Hon'ble Members of the Committee. At the same time, the Committee considered the Action Taken Report as received on the recommendation made in its **Second Report** for the year 2026-27.

The Budget provision made under Grant No.22 relating to Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department for the financial year 2026-27 is as given under:

	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Voted	2188.23	806.09	2994.32
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

General Areas

	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Voted	2101.52	732.85	2834.37
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

Bodoland Territorial Council

	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Voted	86.71	73.24	159.95
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Under the following Heads, an estimated Budget Allocation
has been fixed as shown below:**

HEAD OF ACCOUNTS		
2059	Public Works	140.83
2070	Other Administrative Services	1960.69
4059	Capital Outlay on Public Works	329.82
4070	Other Administrative Service	403.03
Grand Total		2834.37

The amount, so allocated is presented before the House and is proposed to be spent in the Revenue Expenditure.

The Committee examined the Major Head of Grant No. 22 and took oral evidence from the Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Departmental representatives. The Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department Department under Grant No.22 comprises/incorporates various schemes taken by the Departments for the financial year 2026-27.

CHAPTER- II

Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department

The Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department has furnished the Preliminary Status and other relevant information relating to Grant No. 22, which are briefly presented below:

1. PRELIMINARY STATUS PAPER:

The Administrative Reforms and Training Department and the Pension and Public Grievances Department were merged to form a new Department namely the Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department. The Department looks after the Administrative Reforms of the State Government, training matters of Officers and Staff of the Government of Assam, matters related to pension and matters of public grievances.

2. BRIEF NOTE IN RESPECT OF GRANT NO. 22

Administrative Reforms Training Pension and Public Grievances Department under Grant No. 22 have three HoDs namely :-

- a) Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara
- b) Assam Information Commission
- c) Assam State Commission for Right to Public Services.

- (a) **ASSAM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE:** It is a premier training institute in the north-eastern region of India. It was established in March 1960 in Shillong (then known as the Administrative Training School) to provide institutional training facilities to State Civil Service officers. It was shifted to Guwahati in 1962 and was renamed as Assam Administrative Staff College in 1981. Since then (from 14th November, 1981), it has been functioning out of its current location at Jawaharnagar, Khanapara. Ever since its inception, it has been acting as a pioneer institute under the overall administrative control of ARTPPG Department, Government of Assam for capacity building of Government functionaries, civil society organizations etc. The Assam Administrative Staff College was also the only Regional Training Centre for imparting training techniques and Training of Trainers (ToT) programmes for the whole of the North-East before other State Institutes grew.

STATUS OF THE INSTITUTE:

- Apex Civil Services training institution of Government of Assam, ARTPPG Department.
- The Regional Training Institute of the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India for imparting training of trainers courses for North-Eastern and Eastern States.
- Secretariat Training School for imparting training to the staff of Assam Secretariat.

VISION:

Be a centre of excellence in the realm of capacity building and training for good governance.

MISSION:

To foster excellence in governance and pursuit of administrative reforms through:

- (1) Developing capacity for Government functionaries at various levels.
- (2) Infusion of Sustained and Systematic Training Interventions for the civil-servants and Non-Government functionaries.
- (3) Developing quality trainers and appropriate infrastructure.
- (4) Providing consultancy to various organizations on capacity building.
- (5) Documentation of innovative ideas and best practices and their repository.

(b) ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION

The Assam Information Commission constituting of one State Chief Information Commissioner and two State Information Commissioners was established by Govt. Notification No. AR.77/2005/38 dated 06-10-2005 and started functioning w.e.f. 02-03-2006. The office of the Assam Information Commission from the inception till inauguration of the new permanent building was accommodated temporarily in the office buildings of old Janata Bhawan from 02-03-2006 to 09-09-2008, old Chief Secretary's block (20-09-2008 to 19-10- 2009), Housefed Complex (20-10-2009 to January, 2015) and Jonakee Complex, Shilpgram Road, Panjabari (January, 2015 to 2022) respectively and now new office building of Assam Information Commission is constructed at Juripar, Panjabari and it is inaugurated on 26/01/2023.

The Assam Information Commission was established under the provisions of RTI Act,2005 with aim and objective to promote transparency and accountability in the working of the Government and helps in containing corruption in the government and work for the people in a better way.

(c) ASSAM STATE COMMISSION FOR RIGHT TO PUBLIC SERVICES

This office namely "Assam State Commission for Right to Public Services" has been set up by the Govt. which was inaugurated on 30/11/2024 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.

3. PERFORMANCE BUDGET / ANNUAL REPORT (2025-26)

- The Performance Budget pertaining ARTPPG Department is explained herewith:
- The total of the Budgeted amount under Grant No.22:- Rs.3060.10 (in lakh)
The detail report covering the items as prescribed in the letter no. DRSC(D)-01/2026/06 dtd.25.06.2026 in respect of each of the three HoDs are furnished below:-

(a) ASSAM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE (AASC)

Director of Training, Assam Administrative Staff College receives funds from Government for Non-Tribal Area (Assam Administrative Staff College) & Tribal Area (Bodoland Administrative Staff College) under Grant No. 22-Administrative Training under the following four major heads of account are :-

1. 2070
2. 4070

3. 2059

4. 4059

The funds received are then distributed to its two DDO's viz.

1. Assam Administrative Staff College (DIS/ART/001)

2. Bodoland Administrative Staff College (KKJ/ART/001)

Budget provision pertaining to Director of Training, Assam Administrative Staff College for FY 2024-25 is as follows:-

EE Voted- Rs. 1533.66 lakh

SOPD Voted- Rs. 833.36 lakh

(Inclusive of C.F. of Rs. 353.56 under EE Voted and Rs. 17.00 under SOPD Voted)

Which totals to **Rs. 2367.02 lakhs**

Sl-2 Performance Budget of AASC for FY 2025-26

Sl. No.	Particulars	Budgeted Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)	Expenditure (in %)	Balance (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3	4	5	6
(A)	Total of EE Voted	1533.66	1223.60565	79.78 %	310.05435
(B)	Total of SOPD Voted	833.36	700.30013	84.03 %	133.05987
Grand Total (A) + (B)		2367.02	1923.90578	81.28 %	443.11422

Sl-3 Fiscal targets achieved during last three years (scheme wise detailed information)

In respect of training related activities, fiscal targets achieved during last three years is furnished below-

Sl	FY	Name of Scheme under HoA 2070-00-003-4701-000-32-99-SOPD-G	Budgeted (Rs. In lakh)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)	Refund to Govt. Exchequer (Rs. in lakh)	% of expenditure
1	FY 2023-24	Grants-in-Aid to AASCS for training & non-training activities	93.00	92.99993	0.00007	100
2	FY 2024-25	Grants-in-Aid to AASCS for training & non-training activities	100.00	100.00	NIL	100
3	FY 2025-26	Grants-in-Aid to AASCS for training & non-training activities	104.50	9.16884		8.77

NOTE: Bills pending for payment from GIA of FY 2025-26 is Rs. 57,39,615/- (approx.)including the estimated expenditure of Rs. 50.00 lakh for the conduct of ongoing 8 Week Foundation Training Course for ACS OT's (2026 Batch)

Sl	FY	Name of Scheme under HoA 2070-00-003-0505-000-26-03-EE- GA-V	Budgeted (Rs. In lakh)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)	% of expenditure
1	FY 2023-24	Training for IAS/ACS Officers	9.88284	9.88284	100
2	FY 2024-25	Training for IAS/ACS Officers	584.00	396.95350	67.97
3	FY 2025-26	Training for IAS/ACS Officers	168.22	120.42327	71.59

Fiscal targets achieved during last three years in respect of construction of training institute for Grade-III & Grade-IV staff

Sl	FY	Name of Scheme under HoA 4070-00-003-5869-000-13-01- SOPD-G*GA-V	Budgeted (Rs. In lakh)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)	% of expenditure
1	FY 2023-24	Setting up of four Training Institute for Gr. III & IV Staff at Guwahati, Majuli, Bongaigaon&Silchar - Major Works – Others	258.74849	180.00	69.57
2	FY 2024-25	Setting up of four Training Institute for Gr. III & IV Staff at Guwahati, Majuli, Bongaigaon&Silchar - Major Works – Others	455.44	455.44	100
3	FY 2025-26	Setting up of four Training Institute for Gr. III & IV Staff at Guwahati, Majuli, Bongaigaon&Silchar - Major Works – Others	366.84	366.84	100

NB- The following details are placed below-

Sl	Location	AA value	Physical progress	Financial progress	Remarks
1	Construction of Training Institute for Gr. III & IV Staff at Silchar	Rs. 4224.39 lakh	93 %	Rs 763.47462 lakh paid tilldate	Work is ongoing as on date
2	Construction of Training Institute for Gr. III & IV Staff atBongaigaon		9%	Rs. 64.81480 lakh paid till date	Matter is under examination at the Govt. level
3	Construction of Training Institute for Gr. III & IV Staff at Guwahati		5 %	Rs. 28.48107 lakh paid till date	Matter is under examination at the Govt. level
4	Construction of Training Institute for Gr. III & IV Staff atMajuli	Rs. 1408.13 lakh	51.40 %	Rs. 512.40651 lakh paid till date	Work is ongoing as on date

There are no new schemes pertaining to AASC.

(a) ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION

1. Budget provision of Assam Information Commission:-

Assam Information Commission receives fund from Government under Grant No. 22 -Administrative training under the following two Head of Accounts:-

1. 2070
2. 4070.

The funds received under the above Head of Account are distributed into the DDO's of

1. DIS/SIC/001

Budget provision pertaining to Assam Information Commission for the Financial year 2025-26 is as follows:-

- 1) EE Voted :- Rs. 366.86000 lakh
 - 2) SOPD voted :- Rs. 132.22000 lakh
- Which totals to Rs. 499.08000 lakh

2. Performance Budget:-Performance of Budget of Assam information Commission for the financial year 2025-26

Sl No.	Particulars	Budgeted amount	Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)	Expenditure %	Balance (Rs. in lakh)
1	Total of EE Voted	366.86000	273.71911	74.61 %	93.14089
2	Total of SOPD Voted	132.22000	111.09470	84.02 %	21.12530
	TOTAL	499.08000	384.81381	77.10 %	114.26619

A) Fiscal targets achieved by Assam Information Commission as follows:-

Setting up of RTI portal of Assam

Sl No.	Particulars	FY	Budgeted amount	Expenditure In lakh	Expenditure %	Remarks
1	Setting up of RTI Portal of Assam	2023-24	34.13	34.13	100%	The portal is live now
		2024-25	34.83	21.12637	60.66 %	
		2025-26	8.55	8.40120	98.26 %	

B) Fiscal target achieved for construction of office building of Assam Information Commission during last three years:-

Sl No.	Particulars	FY	Budgeted amount	Expenditure In lakh	Expenditure %	Remarks
1	Construction of office building of Assam Information Commission at Panjabari, Guwahati -37	2023-24	270.00	270.00	100%	
		2024-25	106.16	52.00	48.98 %	
		2025-26	24.85	24.85	100 %	

C) Fiscal target achieved for upgradation of video conferencing system in the office of AIC

Sl No.	Particulars	F/Y	Budgeted amount (amount in lakh)	Expenditure (amount in lakh)	% of Expenditure	Remarks
1	Upgradation of videoconferencing system in the office of AIC under SOPD-G	2025-26	76.00	76.00	100%	Administrative approval received in the year 2024-25. Total cost is Rs. 79.99 lakh

3. No new scheme was launched by Assam Information Commission.

ASSAM STATE COMMISSION FOR RIGHT TO PUBLIC SERVICES (ASCRTPS)

Assam State Commission for Right to Public Services received fund from Government under Grant No. 22 under the following head of Account:-

1. 2070

The funds received are then distributed in DDO's viz DIS/ART/003

Budget provision pertaining to Assam State Commission for Right to Public Services is as follows:-
EE-Voted = Rs. 194.00 lakhs

2. Performance Budget of ASCRTPS for FY 2025-26

Sl. No.	Particulars	Budget Amount (Rs. In lakh)	Expenditure (Rs. In lakh)	Expenditure (in %)	Balance (Rs. In lakh)
(A)	Total of EE-Voted	194.00	77.38	39.89 %	116.62

3. Fiscal targets achieved by Assam State Commission For Right To Public Services (ASCRTPS) as follows:- Does not arise.

4. No new scheme was launched by Assam State Commission For Right To Public Services (ASCRTPS).

Action Taken Report on the recommendation of the DRSC on Development (D) Department, Assam Legislative Assembly in its report of 2025-26,

(Is presented below as received from the concerned Department)

The Department Related Standing Committee (DRSC) in its First Report, strongly recommended to take necessary steps for a SD proposal for an additional fund of Rs.200.00 lakh for a seamless conduct of trainings in various categories at AASC proposed in the FY 2025-26. But due to cancellation of some training programmes such as “Two-Week Mid-Career for ACS Officers (Eligible for promotion to Joint Secretary) including outstation component in collaboration with other ATI/CTI from other states” etc., additional fund was not required for conduct of the training programmes.

Hence, SD proposal was submitted for two non-training HoAs such as “2059-60-053-1486-000-17-01 EE GA V” and “2059-80-052-1486-000-17-03 EE GA V” for an amount of Rs.17.93892 lakh and Rs.153.92428 lakh respectively totalling to Rs.171.86320 lakh only to clear urgent pending liabilities under the two HoAs. At the end of the Winter Session, 2025 of the Assam Legislative Assembly, AASC received Rs.50.00 lakh (Rupees Fifty Lakh) only under the HoA “2059-80-052-1486-000-17-03 EE GA V” as SD Budget which was fully utilised during the FY 2025-26.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant no.22

After a great deal of careful consideration of the papers/documents submitted by the Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department and clarification made by the Departmental representatives during the course of tendering their oral evidence the Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments has made the following Observations and Recommendations.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments observes that there are vacancies in the senior levels, for instance Chief Information Commissioner of Assam Information Commission and Chief Commissioner of Assam State Commission for Right to Public Services etc, which may be crucial in regard to the functioning of the respective Department.

The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that the Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department should take immediate action to fill the senior level vacancies accordingly.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments observes during the deliberation that training for different levels of officials are very much necessary for overall departmental performance. It is further noted that the officials of different levels are not keen to participate in trainings after due nomination and approvals etc.

The Committee, therefore, firmly recommends that the Department should take necessary steps to make it mandatory for all levels of Officials to attend training programs, after due official nomination and approval.

With these observations and recommendations as mentioned aforesaid, the Committee recommends that the Budget provision amounting to Rs 2994.32 Lakh during the financial year 2026-27 under the Grant No. 22 be accepted.

The Action taken on the report may be submitted to the Committee within 90 (ninety) days from the date of presentation of the Report to the House.

CHAPTER- III

Grant No.23

(Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department)

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments took Grant No. 23 incorporated in the Budget which was presented to the House on 10th July, 2026 for the Financial Year, 2026-27 for consideration.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments has made this Report incorporating all the facts and data given in the Budget and Preliminary Status Paper including Action Taken Report furnished by the Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department which are briefly focused as follows-

1.1. While examining the papers and documents, as received from the concerned Department in respect of Grant No. 23 and the budget provision made thereto, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments held the said meeting on 16th July, 2026 and took oral evidence from the Departmental representatives for discussing all the points raised by the Hon'ble Members of the Committee. At the same time, the Committee considered the Action Taken Report on the recommendation made in its **First Report** for the year 2025-26.

1.2. The Budget provision made under Grant No.23 relating to Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department for the financial year 2026-27 is as given under:

	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Voted	2450000.00	0.00	2450000.00
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Under the following Heads, an estimated Budget Allocation
has been fixed as shown below:**

Head Of Accounts		
2071	Pension and Other Retirement Benefits	2423089.35

Grand Total

Rs. 2423089.35

The amount, so allocated is presented before the House and is proposed to be spent in the Revenue Expenditure.

The Committee examined the Major Head of Grant No. 23 and took oral evidence from the Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Departmental representatives. The Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department under Grant No. 23 comprises/incorporates various schemes taken by the Departments for the financial year 2026-27.

CHAPTER-IV

Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department.

The Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department has furnished the Preliminary Status and other relevant information relating to Grant No. 23, which are briefly presented below:

(GRANT NO. 23 – PENSION & OTHER RETIREMENT BENEFITS)

1. Preliminary Status Paper

The Administrative Reforms and Training Department and the Pension and Public Grievances Department were merged to form a new department namely the Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department. The Department looks after the Administrative Reforms of the State Government, training matters of Officers and Staff of the Government of Assam, matters related to pension and matters of public grievances.

Grant No. 23 pertains to Administrative Reforms Training Pension & Public Grievances Department (PPG wing) which is the nodal department for formulation of policies relating to pension and other retirement benefits of Assam Government employees. The Department administers and monitors the policies, rules and regulations relating to pension, General Provident Fund, Group Insurance Scheme, Commutation of Pension, Special Family Pension for which it exercises the Financial Powers as the Administrative Department and acts as the Referral Department for interpretation of the Acts/rules governing pension and other related matters.

All works relating to the Directorate of Pension, Assam are monitored by ARTPPG Department (PPG Wing). Further, sanction orders relating to commutation of pension (medical cases) are issued by the Department based on authorities received from the Office of the Accountant General, Assam and Directorate of Pension, Assam.

VISION – The Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department aims to create an environment for accountable, transparent ethical and responsive governance. Further it is working with a vision of ensuring active and dignified life for pensioners. The goal is to ensure payment of all retirement dues and delivery of Pension Payment Order (PPO) to retiring employees on the day of retirement itself and facilitate prompt redressal of public grievances.

MISSION - To foster excellence in governance and pursuit of administrative reforms through:

- i. Building capacity and competence at various levels of Government,
- ii. Reforms in Administrative Structures and streamlining procedures and processes,
- iii. Developing and implementing innovation in governance,
- iv. Documentation and dissemination of best practices,
- v. Act as Nodal Agency for Administrative Reforms in Government,
- vi. Promoting citizen centric governance with emphasis on grievance redressal, accountability and promotion of ethics and value.
- vii. Timely and smooth payment of pension and other retirement benefits.
- viii. Constant review of rules, regulations and procedures.
- ix. Prompt redressal of public grievances thereby promoting the welfare of pensioners in particular and citizens in general.

2. Key Stakeholders

1. Directorate of Pension, Assam
2. State Government Pensioners
3. Administrative Departments
4. Citizens (Public Grievances)

3. Performance Budget / Annual Report (2025-26)

- i. The Annual Administrative Report for the Financial Year **2025-26** pertaining to ARTPPG Department has been prepared.
- ii. The actual expenditure under Grant No. 23 during the Financial Year **2025-26** amounted to **Rs. 21,945 crore** against the Budget Estimate of **Rs. 20,895 crore** and Revised Estimate of **Rs. 20,949 crore**, as reported by Finance Department.
- iii. The disbursement of pension and retirement benefits to Government employees and pensioners is a committed liability of the State Government. Accordingly, expenditure incurred under Grant No. 23 is not target-oriented and cannot be determined beforehand. Payment of pension and other retirement benefits is made as and when such benefits become due, ensuring timely disbursement of admissible benefits.
- iv. Payments under most components of Grant No. 23 are made under Global Heads of Account and are maintained by the Finance Department. Consequently, there is no mechanism within the Administrative Department to monitor expenditure under such heads directly, except in respect of **Commuted Value of Pension** and **National Pension System (NPS)/Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)**, where expenditure is incurred against specific budget provisions.
- v. Contingency Fund proposals under Grant No. 23 are moved to the Finance Department from time to time whenever additional funds are required for meeting committed liabilities.
- vi. As per the prevailing budgeting guidelines, projections for the ensuing financial year are generally based on the previous year's expenditure trends and anticipated liabilities, subject to specific justifications for additional requirements.
- vii. The requirement of pension-related funds varies annually depending upon several factors, including the number of pensioners, retirement rates, revision of pensionary benefits, implementation of Government decisions and statutory entitlements.
- viii. The **Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, Assam** has been designated as the Nodal Office for implementation and monitoring of the **National Pension System (NPS)** and **Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)** under the Government of Assam.
- ix. Minor Heads other than **102 – Commuted Value of Pension**, **117 – Government/Employer's Contribution under NPS**, and **121 – Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)** are maintained as Global Heads by the Finance Department.

Total Budget Allocated under Grant No. 23 for **FY 2025-26: Rs. 20,89,489.52 lakh**

Details shown below;

GENERAL AREAS- Rs. 1731988.96 lakhs

Category	Allocation for FY 2025-26 (Rs. Lakh)
101- Superannuation & Retirement Benefits	950000.00
-Medical Reimbursement of Pensioners	
-Travel Expenses to Retired Employees	200.00
- Pension Revision Arrears	16.50
	330.00

102- Commuted Value of Pensions	89180.00 (split across Treasuries) (P&PG= 25000.00 AG= 30000.00 DoP= 34180.00)
103- Compassionate Allowances	6.96
104- Gratuities	280000.00
105- Family Pensions -Medical Reimbursement of Family Pensioners. - Family Pension including Compassionate Family Pension.	262300.00 242.00 2420.00
115- Leave Encashment Benefits	147293.50

The Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, Assam has furnished the Performance Budget/Annual Report in respect of NPS and UPS under Grant No. 23 for the Financial Year 2025-26. The details of budget provision, expenditure and balance are shown below:

Head of Account	Allocation for FY 2025-26 (Rs. Lakh)	Expenditure (Rs. Lakh)	Balance (Rs. Lakh)
2071-01-117-5962-000-21-07-EE-GA-V (NPS)	254100.00	240670.83	13429.17
2071-01-117-5963-000-21-07-EE-GA-V (NPS Lite)	0.01	0.00	0.01
2071-01-121-7474-000-21-07-EE-GA-V (UPS)	80000.00	80000.00	0.00

Proposed Budget for the Year 2026-27

The Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2026-27 under Grant No. 23 have been submitted to Finance Department, excluding estimates for the National Pension System (NPS) as the requirement of Govt. share of NPS have to be submitted directly by the Director of Accounts and Treasuries, Assam. The proposed budget considers past shortfalls and anticipates additional requirements as the actual number of pensioners and the rate of pensionary benefits payable, including family pension, compassionate family pension, medical reimbursement, commuted value of pension and additional quantum of pension on attaining the age of 80 years and above, cannot be ascertained in advance, as the budget is under Global Head of Account this Department has no mechanism in place for monitoring expenditure under Global Head.

The total proposed budget for the Financial Year 2026-27 under Grant No. 23 under the Head of Account 2071, including General Areas and Sixth Schedule Areas, is: **Rs. 2315574.53 lakh.**

GENERAL AREAS

Proposed amount – Rs. 2005008.90 Lakh

4. Fiscal Targets Achieved (Last 3 Years)

No schemes are being implemented by ARTPPG Department (PPG Wing) under Grant No. 23. However, details of budget allotted and expenditure incurred in providing retirement benefits to pensioners of the State during the last three financial years are shown below:

Year	Budget Allotted (Rs. crore)	Total Expenditure (Rs. crore)
2023-24	16,203	17,654
2024-25	17,806	18,769
2025-26	20,895	21,945

For NPS: (the requirement of Govt. share of NPS is submitted directly by the Director of Accounts and Treasuries, Assam and expenditure in this regard is monitored by them.)

Financial Year	Head of Account	Budget Estimate (Rs. Lakh)	Expenditure (Rs. Lakh)
2023-24	NPS	210000.00	144122.43
2024-25	NPS	231000.00	192587.57
2024-25	NPS Lite	0.01	0.00
2025-26	NPS	254100.00	240670.83
2025-26	NPS Lite	0.01	0.00
2025-26	UPS	80000.00	80000.00

Further, as reported by the Director of Pension, Assam, the total budget provision for Commutation of Pension during FY 2025-26 was Rs. 467.30 crore, against which expenditure of Rs. 163.80 crore has been incurred, leaving a balance of Rs. 303.50 crore.

5. Brief Note on Grant No. 23

Grant No. 23 is allocated for the disbursement of pensions and retirement benefits to Government employees and their families. Major allocations cover superannuation allowances, commuted value of pensions, compassionate allowances, gratuities, family pensions, leave encashment benefits and NPS (maintained by Director of Accounts and Treasuries, Assam). Substantial allocations are also made for Sixth Schedule Areas.

Major Head 2071–Pension and Other Retirement Benefits:

Sub- Major Head 01–Civil

Minor Heads: 101- Superannuation and Retirement Allowances;

102- Commuted Value of Pensions;

103- Compassionate Allowances;

104- Gratuities;

105- Family Pensions;

115- Leave Encashment Benefits;

117- NPS Government/Employer's Contribution under NPS.

6. New Schemes Launched

No new scheme has been launched under Grant No. 23 during FY 2025-26. However, several enhancements have been undertaken under the KRITAGYATA pension processing system, including strengthening of end-to-end online pension processing workflow, integration with FinAssam for automatic addition of retiring employees, introduction of enhanced monitoring and pendency tracking mechanisms, and improvement of accountability and grievance redressal features for timely processing of pension cases.

Action Taken on the Recommendations of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) for FY 2024-25- Attached Below as received:

1. System-based Financial Monitoring: As recommended by the Hon'ble Committee, the matter regarding implementation of a system-based financial monitoring mechanism for expenditure under Grant No. 23 was taken up with the Finance (Budget) Department for examination of the feasibility of providing access to relevant financial monitoring features under the FinAssam portal, so as to enable real-time monitoring of pension expenditure by the ARTPPG Department. In this regard, the matter is under process and ARTPPG Department has been taking up the matter with Finance Department for a suitable solution.

2. Enhancement of Budgetary Provision: In pursuance of the recommendation of the Committee regarding enhancement of annual budgetary provision, the matter was taken up with the Finance (Budget) Department. Accordingly, while preparing the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2026-27, an enhancement of approximately **15%** over the previous year's budget provision has been proposed under Grant No. 23, considering the increasing pension liabilities of the State Government.

3. Manpower and Infrastructure: The issue relating to shortage of manpower and infrastructure was taken up with the General Administration (Secretariat Establishment) Department. Consequently, **two Junior Administrative Assistants (Jr. AAs)** have been provided to the Department. Further augmentation of manpower and office infrastructure has also been requested for efficient functioning of the Department.

4. Improvement and Strengthening of KRITAGYATA Portal: The Department, in consultation with NIC, Assam, has initiated several measures for strengthening and further digitization of the KRITAGYATA pension processing system. These include:

- i. The **KRITAGYATA Pension Processing System** has been further strengthened to facilitate end-to-end online processing of pension cases involving Departments, Directorate of Pension, Accountant General (A&E), Assam and Treasury Offices.
- ii. A **penalty mechanism** for delayed processing of pension cases has been notified to ensure accountability through system-generated workflow and timelines.
- iii. A **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)** for pension processing under KRITAGYATA has been prepared to ensure timely and uniform disposal of pension cases.
- iv. Steps have been initiated for incorporation of **digitally signed documents and authorities** in KRITAGYATA.
- v. The Department has initiated integration of KRITAGYATA with **DigiLocker, SewaSetu and FinAssam**, including automatic addition of retiring employees twelve months prior to retirement.
- vi. The existing integration of KRITAGYATA with **State Treasury, Accountant General (A&E), Assam, MMLSAY and the Chief Minister's Dashboard** has been further strengthened.
- vii. The Department has also initiated pilot implementation of **electronic Service Books through e-HRMS (Manav Sampada)**.
- viii. NIC, Assam has proposed further enhancement of KRITAGYATA through **API-based integration with DigiLocker, e-Pramaan and Karma Setu (e-HRMS)**, development of a dedicated **mobile application for pensioners**, and introduction of **AI-based validation of pension proposals**.
- ix. The security framework of KRITAGYATA has been strengthened through implementation of **two-factor authentication and other security measures**.

5. Pension Portal with Enhanced Security

The Department, in collaboration with NIC, Assam, has initiated development of a dedicated pensioners' portal titled "**Anubhuti**", envisaged as a centralized, secure and transparent digital platform for pensioners. The portal aims to facilitate viewing and verification of pension-related information, tracking of pension payments and access to various pension-related services. The portal will incorporate **Aadhaar-based authentication**, integration with pension disbursing banks for retrieval of pension payment data and a feedback mechanism enabling pensioners to submit testimonials and suggestions for further improvement of pension administration and service delivery.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION

Grant no.23

After a great deal of careful consideration of the papers/documents submitted by the Administrative Reforms & Training, Pension and Public Grievances Department and clarification made by the Departmental representatives during the course of tendering their oral evidence the Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments has made the following Observations and Recommendations.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments makes the observation during the discussion that **KRITAGYATA Pension Processing System** is a very user friendly and favorable digital platform for the Govt employees.

Accordingly, the Committee, makes a recommendation that KRITAGYATA Pension Processing System may be further strengthened by implementing the proposed enhancements and integrating it with other Government digital platforms. Necessary technical and financial support may also be provided for introducing additional features to simplify pension processing, reduce delays and improve transparency in pension administration and distribution.

The Committee during the deliberation observes that a financial supervision for budget allocation and expenditures is important to be under the FinAssam or any digital platform in respective Department for reduction in excess expenditures.

The Committee, therefore, firmly recommends A dedicated financial monitoring mechanism to be developed to enable the ARTPPG Department to monitor budget allocation and expenditure under Grant No. 23 on a real-time basis. Necessary access to the relevant modules of **FinAssam** or any other suitable digital platform may be provided by the Finance Department to facilitate effective monitoring and budget management, and reduce the excess expenditure.

The Committee observes that additional and customary budget allocation is required for the respective Department keeping in view the increasing number of pensioners and the growing pension liability of the State Government.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that adequate budget provision of minimum 15% under Grant No. 23 may be ensured every year, keeping in view the increasing number of pensioners and the growing pension liability of the State Government which will help to ensure timely payment of pensioner benefits and avoid shortage of funds during the financial year.

The Committee makes the observation that there should be steps to strengthen the digital pension services for improving service delivery, transparency and convenience for pensioners.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the initiatives for strengthening digital pension services may be expedited which should include early implementation of the "Anubhuti" Pensioners' Portal, integration of KRITAGYATA with DigiLocker, SewaSetu, FinAssam and other stakeholder platforms, implementation of electronic Service Books, and adoption of other digital solutions for improving service delivery, transparency and convenience for pensioners.

The Committee observes that Effective implementation of Digital Life Certificates through Jeevan Pramaan is necessary for obtaining accurate statistics of all active pensioners.

So, the Committee recommends the Department for taking necessary steps for Enforcing mandatory implementation of DLC submission by Pensioners through the Jeevan Pramaan platform in all the Pension Disbursal Agencies (Banks). Further to take following steps for: -

- Termination of acceptance for all alternative channels (physical/digital) for Life Certificate submissions in use (other than Jeevan Pramaan).
- immediate awareness campaigns are to be implemented across all branches of Banks for DLC Submission through the Jeevan Pramaan platform and apps.
- Banks to resolve issues in DLC submission failures due to mismatch in e-KYC details of pensioners (Aadhaar-seeding).

With these observations and recommendations as mentioned aforesaid, the Committee recommends that the Budget provision amounting to Rs 2450000.00 Lakh during the financial year 2026-27 under the Grant No. 23 be accepted.

The Action taken on the report may be submitted to the Committee within 90 (ninety) days from the date of presentation of the Report to the House.

(Annexure-Y)

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

No.LADRSC (D).02/2026/15

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 (D) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.

1. Shri Bhupen Kumar Borah	MLA & Chairperson
2. Shri Rupesh Gowala	MLA & Member
3. Shri Bijoy Malakar	MLA & Member
4. Shri Jitu Goswami	MLA & Member
5. Shri Mayur Borgohain	MLA & Member
6. Shri Ritu Baran Sarmah	MLA & Member
7. Smti Niso Terangpi	MLA & Member
8. Smti Rupali Langthasa	MLA & Member
9. Shri Aftab Uddin Mollah	MLA & Member
10. Dr. Joy Prakash Das	MLA & Member
11. Dr. Tapan Das	MLA & Member
12. Shri Sabharam Basumatary	MLA & Member
13. Shri Sherman Ali Ahmed	MLA & Member

And in pursuance of Sub-Rule (3) of the Rule 260-I of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Speaker has been pleased to appoint Shri Bhupen Borah, MLA and Member of the Committee as the Chairperson of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) 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/-Rajib Bhattacharyya, AAS
Secretary,
Assam Legislative Assembly

Memo No. LADRSC (D).02/2026/16-28

Dated Dispur, the 10th July, 2026

Copy forwarded for kind information to :

1. Shri Bhupen Kumar Borah, MLA & Chairperson, Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly for favour of his kind information.

I.	Shri Rupesh Gowala	MLA & Member	} for kind information
II.	Shri Bijoy Malakar	MLA & Member	
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2. The Director, Assam Govt. Press, Bamunimaidam, 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.
3. The Principal Accountant General, Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati-29.
4. The P.S. to Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for information of the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly.
5. The P.S. to Deputy Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for information of the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly.
6. The P.S. to Leader of the Opposition, Assam Legislative Assembly for information of the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition, Assam Legislative Assembly.
7. The Chief Reporter Cum Editor of Debates & Ex- Officio- Joint Secretary. Assam Legislative Assembly for information and necessary action.
8. The Sr. Financial Adviser, In-Charge Accounts Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly for information and necessary action.
9. The Officer In-Charge, Nazarat Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly for information and necessary action.
10. The Officer-in Charge All Legislature Committees, Assam Legislative Assembly for information.
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