



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

**SIXTEENTH
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**Report on Demands for the Grant No.51
For the year 2026-27**

DEPARTMENT: SOIL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

TWENTY THIRD REPORT

Presented to the House on 22nd July, 2026

**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING
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INTRODUCTION

1. I, as Chairperson 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 **TWENTY THIRD REPORT** on Demands for **Grant No.51** of the **Soil Conservation Department** for the financial year, **2026-2027**.
2. Demands for Grant have been examined by the Committee under Rule 260 J (1) (a) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.
3. The Committee took evidence of the representatives of the **Soil Conservation 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 **Soil Conservation 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

R E P O R T

Grant No. 51

Soil Conservation

The Preliminary Status Paper along with the Action Taken Report has been received by the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments on Grant no 51 from the Soil Conservation Department, wherein the respective Department has expounded various information with relevant data which are as follows:

Soil Conservation is one of the most dynamic sectors for the agriculture and allied sectors of Assam. The Land and Water resources together with wildlife as well as all forms of life create a promising troposphere for perpetuation of life forms and protection of environmental equilibrium. Soil Conservation Department is engaged for all Soil and Water Maintenance measures with a view to accomplish all forms of erosion caused by a varied aspect. Soil Conservation is the procedure of loss of the top layer of the soil from erosion or diminished fertility for unwarranted use of soil, acidification, salinization or other chemical adulteration. Fast industrialization and population growth has taken a hefty charge on the ecological balance. Both land & water resources have been subjected to huge burden causing land degradation, floods, soil erosions, loss of fertility of agriculture land, air & water pollution etc. which is a concern to be addressed with immediate attention.

For endurance of mankind, land & water resources must be managed methodically for application of land on a justifiable basis for fruitful resolutions. The Soil Conservation Department is working very vigorously in this direction and numerous schemes executed by the department aims at management of land & water resources on sustainable basis as well as, for creating income opportunities for rural people.

With time, it has been comprehended that for persistence of humankind, land & water resources must be managed scientifically for use of land on a self-sustainable basis for productive purpose. The Soil Conservation Department is active in this direction and various schemes as implemented aims at management of land & water resources on a continual basis for generating income for rural people.

Chapter – II

Grant No. 51 (SOIL CONSERVATION)

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments took Grant No. 51 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 Soil Conservation 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. 51 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 recommendations made in its **Twenty Second Report** for the year, 2025-26.

The Budget provision made under Grant No 51 relating to Soil Conservation Department for the financial year 2026-27 is as given under:

	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Voted	5663.83	9567.02	15230.85
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

HEAD OF ACCOUNTS		Rupees in Lakhs
2402	Soil & Water Conservation	5300.77
2415	Agricultural Research & Education	363.06
4402	Capital Account	9567.07
Total		15230.85

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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. 51 and took oral evidence from the Soil Conservation Departmental representatives. The Soil Conservation Department under Grant No. 51 comprises/incorporates various schemes taken by the Departments for the financial year 2026-27.

1.2 Thrust Areas of the Department:

The Soil Conservation Department has identified the following important areas for enactment of various schemes:

- ❖ Protection of top fertile Agricultural land from all sorts of Erosion and Land Degradation.
- ❖ Improve productivity of Agricultural land by adopting Water Harvesting and Water Distribution Techniques.
- ❖ Reclamation of Cultivable Wastelands like Fallow land, Wasteland, Waterlogged areas, land affected by sand deposits due to floods etc. by suitable Soil Conservation measures.
- ❖ Taking up Soil and Water Conservation Works in degraded 'Jhum' land in order to control Shifting Cultivation in the two hill districts of Assam.
- ❖ Nature Conservation & Climate Change adaptation.

1.3 Nature of projects being implemented:

Various types of projects taken up by Soil Conservation Department are described below:-

- A. Gully Control Project
- B. Land Development Project
 - i. Field Bunding & Contour Bunding
 - ii. Bench Terracing
 - iii. Land Development By Drainage
- C. Protective Afforestation Works
- D. Water Harvesting
- E. Stream Bank Erosion Control Project
- F. Cash Crop Development
- G. Water Distribution Works
- H. Nature Conservation Works
- I. Wetland Development

WDC-PMKSY :WDC-PMKSY (Watershed Component) previously known as Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) is implemented by the department of Land Resources (DoLR) under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD). The former WDC-PMKSY was closed in September/2020 and the new version of WDC-PMKSY 2.0 was launched in January, 2021 by the DoLR.

The objectives of Watershed Development Projects are –

- To improve productive potential of rainfed / degraded land through integrated watershed management.
- To strengthen community based local institutions for promotion of livelihoods & watershed sustainability.
- At macro level, the project is to accelerate the economic growth rate of agriculture in the less endowed rainfed areas of the country.
- At watershed level, the development plan shall be guided by the need to achieve higher incomes for farmers, expanded livelihood option for landless, equity in distribution of benefits, community ownership and management, and ecologically sustainable action plan.

1.4 A BRIEF NOTE IN RESPECT OF GRANT NO. 51

The Soil Conservation Department has furnished the preliminary status relating to schemes proposed for the year 2026-27 with the particular prominence under Grant No.51 as follows:

BUDGET AS PER SECTORAL ALLOCATION FOR THE YEAR 2026-27

(Rs. In Lakh)

Sl. No.	Head	Budget/ Sectoral Allocation 2026-27	Remarks
1	Nature Conservation	47.50	
2	Building & Approach Road	342.49	
3	Protection of Riverine Land	115.84	
4	Protective Afforestation	42.09	
5	Wetland Development	48.38	
6	Gully Control Project	409.02	
7	Land Development	45.71	
8	Land Reclamation & Water Distribution	13.43	
9	Disaster Risk Deduction	40.00	
10	SOPD-FDR	0.37	
Sub Total for SOPD-G		1104.841	
11	TSP (LR & WD)	8.18	
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12	SCSP (LR & WD)	1.78	

13	SCSP (GCP)	0.01	
Sub- Total for SCSP		1.79	
Total for SOPD		1114.80	
14	RIDF-SS	107.00	
15	RIDF-LS	3237.00	
Total for RIDF		3344.00	

B: WDC-PMKSY:**(Rs. In Lakh)**

Sl. No.	Head	Budget received during 2026-27 (VoA & C.F.)	Proposed budget Expenditure for 2026-27	Grand Total
1	2	3	4	(3+4)=5
1.	WDC-PMKSY (Central Share)	2217.996	6654.006	8872.002
2.	WDC-PMKSY (State Share)	246.444	739.334	985.778
	Total for WDC-PMKSY	2464.44	7393.34	9857.78

1.5 INFORMATION RELATING TO NEW SCHEME

At present, a total of 28 (Twenty-Eight) nos. of project under SDMF have been approved by Revenue & D.M. Department during the year 2024-25 & 2025-26.

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	District	Amount (Rs. In Lakh)
During 2024-25			
1.	Mitigation of pluvial flood and erosion at Uttar Karipara village under SDMF for 2023-24	Tamulpur	203.72
2.	Re-direction of stream to its original course by excavating channel at Golighat Pathar of Depi River under SDMF 2023-24	Dhemaji	78.732
3.	Re-direction of stream to its original course by excavating channel at Nahor Nalla by vegetative and engineering method under SDMF during 2023-24	Dhemaji	227.000
4.	Re-direction of stream to its original course by excavating channel at Tengani River by vegetative and engineering method under SDMF during 2023-24	Dhemaji	121.000
5.	Prevention at Mallnipur GP from flash flood by boulder revetment with hexagonal wire net using mitigation measures under SDMF for the year 2023-24.	Dhemaji	50.00
6.	Dhansiri River Bank Anti-Erosion Project at Dhansiripar Koiborta No.1 village in Golaghat	Golaghat	220.00
7.	Gelabill River Bank Anti-Erosion Project at KanfolaBhokot	Golaghat	220.00

8.	Kohiora River Bank Anti-Erosion Project near Sankardev Sishu Niketon	Golaghat	86.78
9	Doigurung River Bank Anti-Erosion Project at Ponkiel	Golaghat	200.00
10.	Mitigation of Flash Flood to Reducing Sediment and Water Yield at Jyotinagar Watershed in Sunsali Hills through Ecological Management Practices (EMPs) for the SDMF during 2022-23.	Kamrup (M)	209.08100
11.	Mitigation of Flash Flood to Reducing Sediment and Water Yield at Giripath in Geetanagar Hill Watershed through Ecological Management Practices (EMPs) for the SDMF during 2022-23.	Kamrup (M)	185.70400
12.	Construction of Gahigaon Water Harvesting cum Water distribution Project by Vegetative and Engineering Method	Biswanath	190.00
During 2025-26			
13.	Mitigation of Flash Flood and Landslides by Application of Mechanical and Biological Measures at Bhelamari village	Tamulpur	107.60
14.	Integrated Measures for Flood and Landslide Mitigation through Bioengineering Practices at Motigaon village	Tamulpur	225.855
15	Mitigation of Flash Flood by Reducing Sediment Load through Mechanical and ecological Management Practices (EMPs) in Laupara village	Tamulpur	238.45
16	Mitigation of Flash Flood and Land Reclamation in No.2 Khusungjuli village through Biological and Engineering Measures	Tamulpur	239.00
17	Anti-Erosion Management in Dholajan Stream at Dholagaon	Golaghat	190.00
18	Anti-Erosion Management in Dhansiri River at Na Pamua village	Golaghat	515.00
19	Anti-Erosion Measures and River-Bank Protection Work in Gelabil River	Golaghat	515.00
20	River bank Erosion Management in Gelabil River at Bilotia Kaibartta village	Golaghat	513.66
21	Construction of Water Distribution channel to Combat Drought like Situation at Chukia Pathar, Sarupathar Co-District- Golaghat	Golaghat	278.00
22	Mitigation of Flash Flood to Reduce Sediment and Water Yield at Salbari, Bhawanipur in Sunsali Hill Watershed through Ecological Management Practices (EMPs)	Kamrup (M)	391.40
23	Integrated Reiverbank Protection work cum Horticulture Plantation for Ecological Balance vis-à-vis Livelihood Generation (Part-I) at Harmudisa village	Dima-Hasao	248.76
24	Integrated Reiverbank Protection work cum Horticulture Plantation for Ecological Balance vis-à-vis Livelihood Generation (Part-II) Harmudisa village	Dima-Hasao	250.78
25	Integrated flood Mitigation Project at Rangagora village Paddy Field	Udalguri	152.36250
26	Mitigation of problems caused by flood of Dimou River through Ecological Management Practices (EMP) Project at Dhemechi area of Dibrugarh	Dibrugarh	172.38565
27	Bali Jokaibowa Riverine Land Protection cum Land Development Project	Majuli	150.00
28	Jengrai Chapori Riverine Land Protection cum Land Development Project	Majuli	300.00
Total			6480.27

(Annexure-X)

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

Furnished by the Soil Conservation Department on the observation and recommendation contained in the last twenty second Report of the DRSC on Development (B) Departments on Grant No 51 of the Budget 2025-26

Sl. No.	Observations and Recommendations	Action Taken Report
1	The Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments observes that Soil Conservation Department deals with the management of 3 natural resources i.e. land, water & vegetation in draught prone area, water logged area and flood prone area. There is a need for taking up a project at Patharughat to commemorate the martyrs of historic Patharughat Famer's Agitation, 1894. The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that the Department should take necessary steps to implement the project at Patharughat and the same may be named as "Patharughat-Patidarrang Integrated Drainage Line Treatment". The Deptt. should proposed for allocation of Rs. 200.00 Crore through SD, which will solve the problem of water logging of a vast area and this will also increase the net sown area.	As per the 22nd DRSC recommendation, a proposal for allotment of additional budget for an amount of Rs. 50.00 Crore has been prepared. But, during the year 2025-26, the Finance Department did not make provision for submission of S.D. against these items. Therefore, the Department could not submit the S.D. proposal to the Finance Department. A concept paper of the project namely "Patharughat-Patidarrang Integrated Drainage Line Treatment" amounting to Rs.9.20Crore (Rupees Nine Crore Twenty Lakh) only has been prepared. Department will consider the project as per availability of sufficient budget provision during the financial year 2026-27.
2.	The committee during the meeting observes that the recurring flood & bank erosion by the river Dipota under Sonitpur district causes damage to standing crop and livestock every year. So, the Committee recommends to take up series of stream bank erosion & soil conservation measures along both the banks of the river Dipota. The Committee recommends that the Deptt. should propose for allocation of an additional sum of Rs. 50.00 Crore for successful completion of the project through SD.	On behalf of the recommendation, it is to be mentioned here that, the Department had already implemented following 2 (Two) nos. of projects during 2023-24 at Dipota River. i) Agri. Bund with Hume Pipe Culvert at Arimora Paddy Field (Pt.-B) under SOPD amounting to Rs. 16.00 Lakh, ii) Anti-Erosion Measure of Kholakati Kacharigaon village at Dipota River under RIDF-XXIX amounting to Rs. 89.99 Lakh. Further, as per DRSC recommendation, a proposal for allotment of additional budget for an amount of Rs. 50.00 Crore has been prepared. But, during the year 2025-26, the Finance Department did not make provision for submission of S.D. against these items. Therefore, the Department could not submit the S.D. proposal to the Finance Department. Department will consider the project as per availability of sufficient budget provision during the financial year 2026-27.

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3	The Committee makes the observation during the meeting that scheme of erosion protection works at Balijhar High School as well as cremation ground under Kamrup (R) district at Boko area is highly in need to be undertaken by the Department concerned in regard to the erosion caused by the Singra River. Therefore, the Committee recommends the Department to take up the erosion protection works on the Signra River to protect the Balijhar High School as well as cremation ground under Kamrup (Rural) district at Boko area on priority basis.	As per the 22nd DRSC recommendation, the department has identified one project namely “Erosion Protection work on Signra River at Balijhar High School and Cremation Ground” amounting to Rs. 25.00 Lakh. Subject to availability of fund, the Soil Conservation Department will take up the erosion protection work at Singra River in order to protect both Balijhar High School and cremation ground. During the financial year 2025-26, additional budget proposal for S.D. had already been prepared for submission to the Finance Department. However, Finance Department did not make provision for submission of S.D. against these items. Therefore, the Department could not submit the S.D. proposal to the Finance Department.
4	The Committee observes that there is a need for the protection of Soil erosion of the paddy field at Durgapur and Makragaon Villages of Durgapur under Sidli LAC. Therefore, the committee recommends that the Department concerned should take necessary steps for additional fund through SD proposal for the soil erosion protection works at Durgapur under Sidli LAC.	As per the 22nd DRSC recommendation, the Department identified one project namely “Makragaon River Training Project at Makragaon village amounting to Rs. 1.00 Crore to protect bank erosion, restore and strengthen the agricultural land and also improve the soil moisture status. Subject to availability of fund, the Soil Conservation Department will take up the project. During the financial year 2025-26, additional budget proposal for S.D. had already been prepared for submission to the Finance Department. However, Finance Department did not make provision for submission of S.D. against these items. Therefore, the Department could not submit the S.D. proposal to the Finance Department.
5.	The Committee again discussed the Action Taken Report of the last meeting about the scheme at Rajapani Chanda under Kamrup (M) which could not be implemented due to insufficient budget allocation under SOPD during F/Y 2024-25. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the scheme at Rajapani Chanda under Kamrup (M) should be taken up and completed by the Department concerned with a SD proposal for additional budget, as applicable.	As per the 22nd DRSC recommendation, the Department has identified one project namely “Boulder Revetment and Water Distribution Project at Rajapani Chanda, Rani near BSF Camp, Kamrup (M) District amounting to Rs.103.22 Lakh Subject to availability of fund, the Soil Conservation Department will take up the project. During the financial year 2025-26, additional budget proposal for S.D. had already been prepared for submission to the Finance Department. However, Finance Department did not make provision for submission of S.D. against these items. Therefore, the Department could not submit the S.D. proposal to the Finance Department.

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6.	The DRSC committee observes that during the FY 2025-26, the budget allocation in respect of Soil Conservation Department is not sufficient in comparison to previous year's liabilities under SOPD & RIDF. So, the Committee recommends to submit Supplementary Demand amounting to Rs. 40.00 Crore (Rupees Forty Crore) only under SOPD and Rs. 40.00 Crore (Rupees Forty Crore) under RIDF	As per the 22nd DRSC recommendation at Point No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, following proposals for Supplementary Demands (SD) are prepared under different head of accounts as detailed – <table> <tr> <td>i) L/R & WD–(Patharughat - Patidarrang)</td><td>–</td><td>Rs. 5000.00Lakh,</td></tr> <tr> <td>ii) PRL – (DipotaRiver)</td><td>–</td><td>Rs. 5000.00 lakh,</td></tr> <tr> <td>iii) PRL - (SingraRiver)</td><td>–</td><td>Rs. 25.00Lakh,</td></tr> <tr> <td>iv) PRL – (Makragaon)</td><td>–</td><td>Rs.100.00 Lakh</td></tr> <tr> <td>v) PRL - (Rajapani Chanda)</td><td>–</td><td>Rs. 103.22lakh,</td></tr> <tr> <td>vi) Gully Control Project</td><td>–</td><td>Rs. 925.96 Lakh,</td></tr> <tr> <td>vii) Protection of Riverine Land</td><td>–</td><td>Rs. 800.00Lakh,</td></tr> <tr> <td>viii) Land Reclamation & Water Distribution</td><td>–</td><td>Rs. 400.00Lakh,</td></tr> <tr> <td>ix) Wetland Development</td><td>–</td><td>Rs. 306.30 Lakh,</td></tr> <tr> <td>x) Nature Conservation</td><td>–</td><td>Rs. 254.04 Lakh,</td></tr> <tr> <td>xi) Building & Approach Road</td><td>–</td><td>Rs. 900.00 Lakh,</td></tr> <tr> <td>xii) TSP</td><td>–</td><td>Rs. 150.00 lakh,</td></tr> <tr> <td>xiii) SCSP (GCP)</td><td>–</td><td>Rs. 113.70 Lakh.</td></tr> <tr> <td>xiv) SCSP (LR & WD)</td><td>–</td><td>Rs. 150.00 Lakh.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>–</td><td>Rs.14228.22 lakh</td></tr> </table> N.B.: Total amount under: <table> <tr> <td>(i) Protection of Riverine Land (PRL)</td><td>-</td><td>Rs.6028.22Lakh</td></tr> <tr> <td>(ii) Land Reclamation & Water Distribution (LR &WD)</td><td>-</td><td>Rs.5550.00 lakh</td></tr> </table>	i) L/R & WD–(Patharughat - Patidarrang)	–	Rs. 5000.00Lakh,	ii) PRL – (DipotaRiver)	–	Rs. 5000.00 lakh,	iii) PRL - (SingraRiver)	–	Rs. 25.00Lakh,	iv) PRL – (Makragaon)	–	Rs.100.00 Lakh	v) PRL - (Rajapani Chanda)	–	Rs. 103.22lakh,	vi) Gully Control Project	–	Rs. 925.96 Lakh,	vii) Protection of Riverine Land	–	Rs. 800.00Lakh,	viii) Land Reclamation & Water Distribution	–	Rs. 400.00Lakh,	ix) Wetland Development	–	Rs. 306.30 Lakh,	x) Nature Conservation	–	Rs. 254.04 Lakh,	xi) Building & Approach Road	–	Rs. 900.00 Lakh,	xii) TSP	–	Rs. 150.00 lakh,	xiii) SCSP (GCP)	–	Rs. 113.70 Lakh.	xiv) SCSP (LR & WD)	–	Rs. 150.00 Lakh.	Total	–	Rs.14228.22 lakh	(i) Protection of Riverine Land (PRL)	-	Rs.6028.22Lakh	(ii) Land Reclamation & Water Distribution (LR &WD)	-	Rs.5550.00 lakh
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7.	The Committee observes the need for adequate involvement of the local MLAs in the process of selection of schemes for implementation. Therefore, the Committee strongly recommends that selection of schemes to be taken up by the Department concerned with the involvement/consultation of the local MLAs.	As per the recommendation, the department consults with the local MLA's while selection of the project. Up till now, 38 nos. of project under WDC-PMKSY 2.0 has been approved by the DoLR, Govt. of India and concerned local MLA's of the project area are aware about the execution of the project. The Department has also directed the Director of Soil Conservation, Assam vide letter No. E-229760/445, dtd.27/11/2025 to instruct his subordinate officers to actively involve with the local MLA's in execution of works under SOPD, RIDF etc. of the Department.																																																			

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Grant no. 51

After a great deal of careful consideration of the papers/documents submitted by the Soil Conservation 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 Soil Conservation Department deals with the management of 3 natural resources i.e. land, water & vegetation in draught prone area, water logged area and flood prone area. Further, there is need to carry out important activities under the scope of the relevant Department which could not be fulfilled due to fund crunch.

The Committee recommends provision for more budget allocation, at least 30.00 crores for SOPD, so that the department could take up projects as per requirement in the field.

The committee during the meeting observes that the department could not take up projects in all LACs in last financial year.

Therefore, committee recommends that each and every LAC should be allocated a project on rotation basis, so that rationality is maintained.

The committee during the meeting observes that the recurring flood & bank erosion by the river Dipota under Sonitpur district causes damage to standing crop and livestock every year.

So, the Committee recommends taking up series of stream bank erosion & soil conservation measures along both the banks of the river Dipota. The Committee recommends that the Deptt. should propose for allocation of an additional sum of Rs. 50.00 Crore for successful completion of the project through SD.

The Committee makes the observation during the meeting that scheme of erosion protection works executed by the department is highly effective but due to low budgetary allocation the projects could not be materialised.

The Committee therefore, recommends focus on vegetative protection measures which is cost effective and can be more result oriented.

The Committee observes the there is urgent need for adequate involvement of the local MLAs in the process of selection of schemes for implementation for optimum result in greater interest of the general public.

The Committee thus recommends that the MLAs involvement should be emphasized during the scheme selection for optimum result etc.

With these Observations and Recommendations as mentioned aforesaid, the Committee recommends that the Budget provision amounting to Rs.15230.85 Lakhs during the financial year 2026-27 under the Grant No.51 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.

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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 Kumar 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 II. Shri Bijoy Malakar III. Shri Jitu Goswami IV. Shri Mayur Borgohain V. Shri Ritu Baran Sarmah VI. Smti Niso Terangpi VII. Smti Rupali Langthasa VIII. Shri Aftab Uddin Mollah IX. Dr. Joy Prakash Das X. Dr. Tapan Das XI. Shri Sabharam Basumatary XII. Shri Sherman Ali Ahmed	- MLA & Member - MLA & Member - MLA & Member - MLA & Member - MLA & Member - MLA & Member - MLA & Member - MLA & Member - MLA & Member - MLA & Member - MLA & Member - MLA & Member	}	for kind information
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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.
11. The P.S. to Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly for information of the Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly.
12. The Office In-Charge Website Branch for uploading in the official website.
13. The Office In-Charge IT-cell Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly for information.



Deergha Baruah, AAS
Joint Secretary,
Assam Legislative Assembly