



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

**SIXTEENTH
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**Report on Demands for the Grant No. 9
For the year 2026-27**

DEPARTMENT: TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

TWENTY EIGHTH REPORT

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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 Eighth Report** on Demands for **Grant No. 9** of the **Transport 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 **Transport 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 **Transport 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.9

(TRANSPORT)

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development(D) Departments took Grant No. 9 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. 9 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 **Twenty Seventh Report** for the year 2026-27.

The Budget provision made under Grant No.9 relating to Transport Department for the financial year 2026-27 is as given under:

	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Voted Voted	36620.40	12163.42	48783.82
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

General Areas		
Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates 2026-27
2041	Taxes on Vehicles	5270.98
2070	Other Administrative Services	186.76
3055	Road Transport	13237.93
3056	Inland Water Transport	17695.40
5055	Capital Outlay on Road Transport	1863.39
5056	Capital Outlay on Inland Water Transport	10300.03
Grand Total		Rs. 48554.49

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. 9 and took oral evidence from the Transport Departmental representatives. The Transport Department under Grant No. 9 comprises/incorporates various schemes taken by the Departments for the financial year 2026-27.

CHAPTER-II

Transport Grant No-9

(I) The Commissioner of Transport:

A Brief note on Grant No. 9:-

The Commissionerate of Transport, Assam is one of the major revenue earning sectors in the State. Being one of the major revenue earning departments, the Commissioner of Transport, Assam has been contributing a substantial amount of M.V Revenue to the State exchequer. An amount of Rs. 1977.00 Crore is already realized as M.V revenue in the previous financial year i.e. 2025-26, which is 7.46% higher than the same corresponding period of the preceding financial year i.e. 2024-25(it was Rs. 1839.80 Crore). Further, an amount of Rs. 494.60 Crore is already realized as M.V Revenue in the current financial year i.e. 2026-27(upto June, 2026), which is 11.31% higher than the same period of the previous financial year i.e. 2025-26(upto June, 2025 it was Rs. 444.34 Crore). It may be mentioned that all revenue receipts by the department since 1st September 2020 is only through online mode, thereby encouraging digital transaction of money in the State as well as bringing transparency in the official works. Through the use of Technology, the scope for Revenue leakage has also been considerably reduced.

In addition, the Commissionerate of Transport, Assam has been focusing more emphasis on improvement of road safety in the State by effective implementation of road safety measures through enforcement of Law, road safety awareness and education programs etc.

The Commissioner of Transport, Assam has taken up the following works/projects/schemes:-

- I. The Transport Department has taken initiative for providing service delivery at the door steps of public in a contactless manner without requirement to visit DTO Offices by launching 73 Contact less and faceless Online services. The Transport Department empowered and notified the authorized Automobile Dealers in the state as Registering Authority for registration of fully built Vehicles (both Non- Transport and Transport) on first sale, which enabled purchasers of new vehicles to complete the task of registration of vehicles at dealer-point itself without requirement to visit DTO offices. On the other hand, issuance of Driving License and Registration Certificate in Electronic, self-printable PDF format nowadays which can be digitally stored in mobile phones or can be downloaded and printed form anywhere, any time at users' end with effect from 15th September, 2023 is another citizen friendly initiative.
- II. The workflow, CM-TRANS (CM-Transport Randomised Allocation Networked System) is another innovation for transparency, which ensures randomized-allocation of works (online application) equally among the District Transport Officers where it is not known to the concerned applicant and the parent DTO to which DTO office a particular application is routed for scrutiny and verification. As a result, there remains no scope for any middleman to come in between public and the office, thereby ensuring transparency in the service delivery.

- III. In order to encourage voluntary submission of old and polluting "End of Life" vehicles and also to ensure proper dismantling & scrapping of operations of End of Life Vehicles, the Vehicle Scrappage Policy of Assam, 2022 has been introduced, which is the first comprehensive policy notified by any State in the Country with specified incentivizing measures like MV Tax concessions, incentives for setting up of Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility (RVSF) etc. Subsequently first Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility (RVSF) of Eastern and North-eastern India for carrying out dismantling and scrapping operations of "End of Life" vehicles has been setup at Rangia, Kamrup (Rural), Assam in 2022 followed by setting up of another 4 (Four) RVSFs. Till date, more than 14000 vehicles have been scrapped at RVSFs.
- IV. On the other hand, to discourage people from continuing the use of their old and polluting Vehicles, as per policy decision of the Vehicle Scrappage Policy of Assam, 2022, specified "Green Tax" is levied on Transport Vehicles above 10 years and Non-Transport Vehicles above 15 years. At the same time, to encourage penetration of more numbers of non-polluting Electric vehicles, 2% MV Tax subvention on purchase of new non- transport Electric Vehicles is also given to all purchasers till 31-03-2026. Such new Electric Vehicles are also exempted from payment of registration fee.
- V. Strict enforcement against different violations of MV Act and Rules are ongoing on regular nature. Electronic enforcement and monitoring against over-speeding of vehicles (accounts for about 65% of the accidents) is done with the use of 46 nos of Traffic Interceptor Vehicles (TIVs) in the districts throughout the State. Regular drives against drunken driving have been conducted through the use of breath analyzers.
- VI. To do away with the scope of human intervention in the process of issuance of Fitness Certificates, while fitness testing of all types of vehicles of Barak valley districts is already made compulsory at the available fitness testing facilities of NIAMIT (previously called NaTrip) Silchar, Five Automated Testing Station (ATS) for fitness testing of vehicles are operational at Kendukona, Kamrup Rural, Dibrugarh, North Salmara, Jorhat and Biswanath. On the other hand, civil construction of MoRTH funded Inspection and certification centre (I&C) at ISBT, Lokhora is almost completed, which will be operationalised once required machineries are installed.
- VII. Further, to do away with the scope of human intervention in the process of issuance of Driving Licenses and to ensure scientific training and testing of driving skills, accredited Driver Training Centre (ADTC) at 5 locations, namely Moran (Dibrugarh), Nagaon, Biswanath, Kamrup Rural and Barpeta with automated driving test infrastructure are already operational.

(II) Inland Water Transport Assam:

The Directorate of Inland Water Transport Assam, functioning under Transport Department, Govt of Assam, has been engaged with the water transportation activities in the river routes throughout Assam, primarily focusing on passenger ferrying and cargo transportation in river Brahmaputra, Barak mainly, and in major tributaries.

Inland Water Transport is involved with efficient and environmentally sustainable mode of transport that complements the road and rail network. It reduces congestion on conventional transport systems, facilitates the movement of passengers and goods, and provides vital connectivity to remote areas inaccessible by road or rail.

The Inland Water Transport Department, Assam, is continuously strengthening the sector through the development of modern terminal infrastructures with installation of Marine engines in 850 nos of vessels/Boats for efficient & effective transportation of passengers and cargo. Inland Water is lately engaged with enhancement of river safety measures, effective implementation of the Assam Inland Water Transport Regulatory Act, strengthening of the enforcement wing, and modernization of the Crew Training Centre (CTC) under World Bank Project. The Guwahati Gateway Terminal is the outcome of this mega project along with the Jibondinga (Marine engine installation in erstwhile mechanically propelled Country Boats)

At present, the Directorate of Inland Water Transport, Assam, operates in 90 Government-notified ferry services amongst which 72 nos of Ferry Service are functioning in the river Brahmaputra (NW-2) and 18 nos. in the Barak (NW-16) waterways. The Crew Training Centre, Guwahati, has so far trained 1,274 private boat operators, primarily beneficiaries of the Jibondinga Scheme. GP Rating Certificates are issued to successful candidates upon completion of the prescribed training and examination.

Under the Jibondinga Scheme, 850 marine engines have been distributed to registered Boat/Vessel owners being the beneficiaries to promote safe, secure and sustainable ferry services. The Gateway of Guwahati (GGG) Terminal and Jetty, inaugurated on 7 November 2025, is India's first modern all-weather floating river ferry terminal. The facility has significantly improved river connectivity and is expected to promote tourism on the Brahmaputra.

Under the IWAI Central Sector Scheme (100% Grant-in-Aid), construction of 10 RPL passenger vessels for the Barak River, 2 terminal pontoons, and 2 shallow draft passenger boats

(III) Assam State Transport Corporation:

Assam State Transport Corporation, a leading Organization in the north-eastern part of India, has been playing a pivotal role in the transport sector since 1970 and as a State Transport Department since 1948. The Corporation has initiated major Infrastructure development projects like Construction of ISBT at Khanapara in Guwahati, Construction of ISBT at Tezpur and Construction of EV charging station for E-Vehicles. At present, 100% (as per revised estimate) progress has been achieved for construction of ISBT project at Khanapara in Guwahati and 94% (as per original estimate) progress has been achieved for construction of ISBT project in Tezpur. During the financial year 2025-26, an amount of-

Rs. 519.15367 Lakhs (Rupees Five Crores Nineteen Lakhs Fifteen

Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Seven only) was earmarked in the State Budget for the ongoing project of construction of ISBT at Tezpur out of which Rs. 300.00 Lakhs (Rupees Three Crores only) were released, further Rs. 50.84 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand only) was earmarked in the State Budget for the construction of ISBT at Khanapara, out of which Rs. 50.84 Lakhs was released; Rs.189.75 Lakhs (Rupees One Crore Eighty Nine Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand only) was earmarked in the State Budget for Development of Transport Infrastructure and upgradation of existing ISBTs and ASTC Stations, out of which Rs. 189.75 Lakhs was utilized; Rs.190.00 Lakhs (Rupees One Crore Ninety Lakhs only) was earmarked in the State Budget for Construction of EV charging station for E-Vehicles, out of which Rs. 190.00 Lakhs was utilized. Once completed this will significantly enhance Assam's public transport system while contributing to environmental sustainability and reducing the state's dependence on fossil fuels.

Further it is to be noted that even though the financial position of ASTC has improved recently yet ASTC has been facing difficulties since long to pay the salaries of the employees of ASTC, also in addition the Corporation is also facing difficulties in clearing the pending past liabilities of employees which is partially pending since 2016, as the Corporation is able to make partial payments only after the receipt of Govt. fund.

Although an amount of Rs 5000.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty Crores) only has been earmarked for the financial year 2025-26, only ₹ 3000.00 Lakhs (Rupees Thirty Crores) only were released. Currently, ASTC has worked out the accumulated amount of liabilities payable to the employees who retired between January, 2016 to Apr 2026 as ₹ 1,63,95,10,605/- (Rupees One Hundred and Sixty Three Crore Ninety Five Lakh Ten Thousand Six Hundred And Five Six) only which is inclusive of Gratuity, Unutilized Leave Salary, CPF Final and EPFO.

New Schemes launched by the Government, if any:-There is no New Scheme launched under the Department

Preliminary Status relating to Grant No.9 schemes proposed for the SOPD 2025-26.

The Transport Department placed proposals under SOPD for the year 2025-26.
The details of which is as under:-

(I) **Commissioner of Transport:**

Sl No	Major Head	Name of the Scheme	Budget Provision (BE) for 2025-26 under SOPD (Rs.in Lakh)		Budget Provision (BE) for 2026-27 under SOPD (Rs in Lakh)	
			Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital
1	3055 - 00 - 001 - 1394 - 128 - 32 - 01 - SOPD-G GA V	Assam State Road safety Fund-Assam Motor Vehicle Road Safety Cess	950.00	0.00	1230.92	0.00
2	3055-00-001-1394-129-32-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Assam Motor Vehicle Road Safety Compounding Fee	423.95	0.00	423.95	0.00
3	3055-00-001-2443-462-32-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-Airport	1014.33	0.00	1000.00	0.00
	3055-00-190-4514-000-32-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Viability Gap for E-Vehicles	1050.70	0.00	1485.00	0.00
4	3055-00-190-2359-000-32-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Dharmajyoti	95.00		100.00	0.00
5	5055-00-050-1536-088-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Construction & Up-gradation of DTO Offices in Assam	0.00	760.0	0.00	906.14
6	5055-00-050-1536-089-13-05-SOPD-G-GA-V	Land Acquisition for Construction of Airports in Assam	0.00	717.94	0.00	45.72
7	5055-00-050-1536-094-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Development of Transport Infrastructure, up-gradation of existing ISBT and ASTC stations	0.00	190.00	0.00	66.67
8	5055-00-050-1536-940-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Construction of Automated Driving Testing Track in Assam	0.00	0.95	0.00	0.00
9	5055-00-050-1536-942-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Repairing and renovation M.V Check gate in the state	0.00	0.95	0.00	38.113 62
10	5055-00-050-5291-056-42-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	A.S.T.C.-Charging Station for E-Vehicles	0.00	190.00	0.00	63.33
11	5055-00-800-2443-463-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-Heliport	0.00	47.50	0.00	0.01
12	5055-00-800-5896-201-99-02-SOPD-G-GA-V	E- Transport (Computerization) Project-Procurement of IT equipment & E-	0.00	28.50	0.00	50.00

		governance				
13	5055 – 00-800-5896 – 201-99-01–SOPD- G -GA -V	Software Development	0.00		0.00	230.00
Total			3533.98	1935.84	4239.87	1399.98

(II) Inland Water Transport, Assam:

A. ON-GOING SCHEMES (SOPD-G) Rs. in Lakh

Sl. No	Name of schemes	Head of Accounts	Estimated cost	Budget provision 2024-25	Status of Physical progress	Remarks
1.	Procurement of FRP Boats to be utilized as River Taxi Development of Guwahati to North Guwahati IWT ferry service	5056-00-104-0172-165-13-01-SOPD-G	250	118.75	100 %	100% physical and financial target has been achieved
2.	Procurement of marine engine and gear box of 15 (Fifteen) machineries and equipment as 30% state share for implementation of Jibondinga Scheme	5056-00-104-0172-159-15-01-SOPD-G	NA	415.15	100%	100% physical and financial target has been achieved
3.	Construction of total 8 nos Divisional officer and site officer under IWT Division Guwahati and Jorhat	5056-00-800-1396-016-13-01-SOPD-G	660.601	330.60	NIL	Total AA received for Rs. 660.601 Lakhs has received from Govt.

B. EAP (World Bank Funding) Rs. in Lakh

Sl No	Name of scheme	Head of Accounts	Estimated cost	Budget provision 2024-25	Remarks
1.	Capital outlay on inland water transport under World Bank for Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society (AIWTDS) -EAP for IWT Development-Grants-in-aid General (Non-Salary)-Others	Head: 5056-00-104-5772-827-32-99-EAP(CS)	INR 770	11960.65	<u>State Share (20%)</u> Fund proposed against World Bank funding for the Assam IWT Project to be implemented by Assam IWT Development Society..

	Capital outlay on inland water transport under World Bank for Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society (AIWTDS) -EAP for IWT Development-Grants-in-aid General (Non-Salary)-Others Head: 5056-00-104-5772-827-32-99-EAP(SS)	Head: 5056-00-104-5772-827-32-99-EAP(SS)	Crores	3435.95	<u>Central Share (80%)</u> Fund proposed against World Bank funding for the Assam IWT Project to be implemented by Assam IWT Development Society..
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C. Ongoing C. S. Scheme (100 % Grant-in Aid)

Rs. in Lakh

Sl. No	Name of schemes	Head of Accounts	Estimated cost	Budget provision 2024-25	Status of Physical progress	Remarks
1.	Construction of 15 nos. of 17.0M long floating Terminals at 15 ghat on the river Barak (NW-16) under CSS	5056-00-101-5548-151-13-01-CSS	636.91	92.86	----	Due to delay in execution of the work,the order has been cancelled and the scheme foreclosed.

(III) Assam State Transport Corporation: (Rs. In Lakhs)

Head	Sl No	Type (EE/S OPD/ CSS)	Head of Accounts	Particulars	Budget Amount released in FY 2025-26 (₹ in Lakhs)	Expenditure in FY 2025-26 (₹ in Lakhs)	% of Expenditure / Utilisation of released amount	Remarks
Revenue	1	EE	3055-00-190-5291-000-31-99-EE-GA-V	Salary Grant in Aid	2,400.00	2,400.00	100	For Salaries of ASTC Employees

Revenue	2	EE	3055-00-190-5291-071-26-09-EE-GA V	ASTC MACT (Motor Accident Claims Tribunal)	239.81	239.81	100	For Clearin g the outstan ding dues of MACT cases
	3	EE	3055-00-190-5291-000-31-98-EE-V-GA	Past Liabilities	3,000.00	3,000.00	100	For clearin g the outstan ding dues of the retired emplo yees of ASTC
	4	SOPD	3055-00-190-2359-000-32-01-SOPD-GA-V	Dharmajyoti Scheme	95	95	100	Subsid ies for transpo rtation of pilgrim s
Capita l	1	SOPD	5055-00-050-1536-094-13-01-SOPD-G-VGA	Development of Transport Infrastructure and up gradation of existing ISBT and ASTC Stations	189.75	189.75	100	For Develo pment of existin g ISBTs and other station s
Capita l								
	2	SOPD	5055-00-050-1536-093-13-01-SOPD-G-V-GA	Construction of Inter State Bus Terminals (ISBT) in Assam	351	351	100	For Constr uction and Develo pment

								of ISBT Tezpur and ISBT Khana para
	3	SOPD	5055-00- 050-5291- 056-42-01- SOPD-G	EV Charging Station	190	190	100	For Constr uction of EV Chargi ng Station
	1	CSS		PM eBusSewa- Civil Depo Infra (AS308)	533.75	533.75	100	Centr al Share: Rs. 480.00 Lakhs State Share: Rs. 53.75 Lakhs

2. Performance Budget/Annual Report of the Department (relating to Grant No.9)

(I) Commissioner of Transport:

The Fund allocation and expenditure incurred under EE & SOPD during last 3(Three) years and the current financial year are shown below :-

Year	Fund under EE. Budget (Rs. in lakhs)				Fund under SOPD (Rs. in lakhs)			
	Fund Allotted	Fund received	Fund Utilized	% Utilization	Fund Allotted	Fund received	Fund Utilized	% Utilization
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2023-24	7963	5527.12	5527.12	69.41	10566.83	7803.88	7803.88	73.85
2024-25	14467.6	11587	11587	80%	6441.43	4662.75	4662.75	72.36

2025-26	14982.8	11130.7	11130.7	74.28	5469.82	2528.489	2528.489	46.22
2026-27 (VoT) (June,2026)	3430.06	1508.74	1508.74	44%	1511.85	Nil	Nil	Nil

(II) Inland Water Transport, Assam:

Year	Fund under Capital Budget (SOPD/CSS/EAP) (Rs. in Lakhs)				Fund under Revenue Budget (Rs. in Lakhs)			
	Fund Allotted	Fund Received	Fund Utilized	% Utilization	Fund Allotted	Fund Received	Fund Utilized	% Utilization
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2023-24	28342.56	17518.97	17518.97	61.81%	19948.82	15881.10	15881.10	79.61%
2024-25	20599.86	16154.16	16154.16	78.42%	19790.85	13697.53	13697.53	69.21%
2025-26	16261.10	9214.88	9214.88	56.66%	19428.08	17017.31	17017.31	87.59%

(III) Assam State Transport Corporation:

Year	Fund under Capital Budget				Fund under Revenue Budget			
	Fund allotted	Fund received	Fund utilized	% Utilization	Fund allotted	Fund received	Fund utilized	% Utilization
2022-23	815	570	570	100%	9599	9509	9509	100%
2023-24	1116	853.13	853.13	100%	10799.08	9265.29	9265.29	100%
2024-25	500	57.32	57.32	100%	8051	6737.5	6737.5	100%
2025-26	7430.51	4160.56	4160.56	100%	6385.51	3334.81	3334.81	100%

(Annexure –I)

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

The action taken report on Recommendations contained in the Twenty Seventh Report of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly, Relating to Grant No.9 (Transport Services) with regard to the Commissioner of Transport, Assam (Point No. 1,7 and 11) is placed as received:

Commissioner of Transport, Assam:

Sl No.	Observations & Recommendations	Action Taken/Status Report
1 (Point No. 6 of the recommendation in Twenty Seventh Report of DRSC)	The Committee observes, during the meeting the importance of extensive Road Safety Awareness Campaigning in the greater public interest. So, the Committee makes the recommendation that the concerned Department should focus on intensifying Road Safety Campaigns to curtail the fatalities in road accidents for an optimum result-oriented effort continually.	In this context, the Head of Lead Agency on Road Safety, Assam has submitted the following details:- • Chota Cop programme sensitized approximately 4.5 lakh children across all 30+ districts of Assam, positioning it among India's largest child-centric road safety initiatives. 4.5 lakh Chota Cop cards were distributed for children to collect and record, with participation tracked through online portals (see district-wise breakdown in Annexure A). • 150 kiosks and 500+ auto billboards delivered 10 core safety messages, generating an estimated 7 lakh+ impressions through print, digital, and on-ground channels, engaging 2 lakh+

1 (Point No. 6 of the recommendation in Twenty Seventh Report of DRSC)		commuters directly. • The Don't Drink & Drive campaign, active at 30+ high-footfall pubs since December 2023, generated an estimated 3 million+ potential views annually (based on an average of 300 visitors/pub/day across 20 pubs over 365 days reported anecdotal toward cab usage over self-driving. • Republic Day tableaux and skitsorganised across 25+ districts engaged approximately 2 lakh+ attendees through creative, localized messaging, including dedicated road-safety skits performed at district level (e.g., Chirang, Baksa). • The Amazing Race 5.0 rally, conducted with the support of the Young Indians Guwahati Chapter, engaged 300+ car enthusiasts/participants in a city-wide road safety treasure hunt, distributing safety cards to non-helmet users and receiving traffic police recognition for the initiative. • Media coverage amplification: Campaign visibility was further reinforced through print media coverage in Pratidin Times and DainikPurvodai, contributing an estimated 1 lakh+ readership/viewership, with specific district features on the Art
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1 (Point No. 6 of the recommendation in Twenty Seventh Report of DRSC)		Exhibition (Hailakandi), Chota Cop (Tinsukia), Amazing Race (Kamrup Metro), and Don't Drink & Drive (Kamrup Metro) initiatives. Apart from that the Transport Department's road safety campaign, executed with implementation support from partner organizations on select initiatives, has proven effective at generating outreach and public visibility for road safety. The next phase of this effort will focus on directing that reach toward measurable fatality reduction — by targeting high-risk districts using existing iRAD data, institutionalizing temporary campaign infrastructure into permanent safety measures, replicating proven models (such as Amazing Race) across a wider geography, and establishing outcome-based tracking alongside the reach-based metrics already in place. This will allow the Department to sustain and continually improve road safety outcomes efficiently
2.(Point No.8 of the recommendation in Twenty Seventh Report of DRSC)	The Committee observes during the course of meeting about the all-inclusive measures undertaken by the respective Department to make user friendly door step contact less and faceless online services to offer various services to the public. So, the Committee appreciates on record the concerned Department about various steps taken to offer online services for different categories of Transport Department initiatives and encourages the time relevant approach, particularly after the covid stricken works.	Noted. The Transport Department is trying its best to make more user friendly door steps contact less and faceless online services to offer various services to the public in the days to come. It may be mentioned that as of now, a total 73 Contactless online services (45 under Vahan and 28 under Sarathi) have been operationalized.

Director of Inland Water Transport, Assam:

Sl.	Action to be taken on observation /Recommendation	ActionTaken
1.(point no. 7 of twenty seventh Report)	The Committee therefore recommends that the Department should take necessary Steps to undertake feasibility study to launch a new ferry service interconnecting Burha Chapori and Tezpur along with an urgent focus to repair the existing IWT office at Tezpur Jahajghat within the current Financial Year itself.	As per recommendation of DRSC, Communication has been made with the District Commissioner, Sonitpur vide letter No. GC/32/RM/201920/3677, Dt.21-05-2025 requesting for necessary approval from the Forest department to introduce a new ferry service connecting BurhaChapori and Tezpur as the Burha Chapori point falls within the jurisdiction of Forest Department. Report of NOC from Forest Department is still awaited as per the initial reports. Matter has been taken-up with DC, Sonitpur to expedite the process. Further, it is to inform that necessary initiatives have been taken to renovate the existing I.W.T. Office at Tezpur Jahajghat for improving operational efficiency and service delivery. Administrative Approval for an amount of Rs36.81Lacs is already accorded.

Assam State Transport Corporation:

Sl	Observations & Recommendation	Action Taken/ Status Report
1	The Departmental Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments observes that there is a tendency everywhere in the entire State for the ASTC land/property encroachment in general and in particular the Committee noted about the issue of property encroachment in the ASTC Bus Station at Sipajhar, Dist-Darrang. The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that the concerned Department should take necessary steps together with the Local Land Revenue Authority to free the ASTC properties from encroachment with a special focus on ASTC Bus Station at Sipajhar, Dist-Darrang.	Upon receipt of the letter ref (i) from the Government, the undersigned stated that regarding the encroachment issue at Sipajhar, the ASTC had issued a number of letters to Local Land Revenue Authority videno. ASTC/SS/MLD/LAND/2019-20/642, dtd.18/02/2020 ASTC/TEZ/DS/ESTATE/2021/246, dtd.02/08/2021. Considering the recommendations of the DRSC, the Transport Department has communicated with the District Commissioner, Darrang, urging immediate action on the eviction process vide letter no. ASTC/CE/1357/2025/160 dtd-23/05/2025
2	The Departmental Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D)	In the above, the South Kajalgaon station building, a tender was floated for the work vide no :

	Departments during the deliberation makes the observation about the status of work order issued for various ASTC Station Building with a priority on South Kajalgaon, Dist Chirang in respect of the work of "Construction of ASTC Station Building at Chirang". The Committee recommends that the Transport Department should take necessary steps to look into the matter of the status of recent work orders issued for different Construction of ASTC Station Buildings, with an immediate urgency on South Kajalgaon, Dist - Chirang.	ASTC/CE/2011/1083/830 dt 09.02.2012 with an estimated cost of Rs. 5,00,00,000.00. The same was awarded to Sri Pulen Brahma with a contract amount of Rs. 4,58,59,148.00 as per his bidding rate. Further, the following are the running bill amount the contractor submitted to this office; 1. 1st Running Bill- Rs. 26,32,921.00 2. 2nd Running Bill: Rs. 42,04,665.00 3. 3rd Running Bill : Rs. 15,00,000.00 4. 4th Running Bill: Rs. 20,05,934.00 5. 5th Running Bill: Rs. 21,45,037.00 The work has now been terminated vide letter no.ASTC/CE/2011/1084/959 dtd-17-01-2026 Payment Summary Break down below. • Total amount Paid to Contractor (Up to 4th RA Bill) : Rs. 1,03,43,520.00 • Now process is going on to release Rs. 2,00,000.00 against the work. The remaining balance amount of Rs. 19,45,037.00 will be released in favor of the contractor on an installment basis.
3	The Departmental Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments during the deliberation makes the observation about the lack of public transport connectivity via ASTC Bus Services in the following routes: a)Tengabari via Deomornoi/Patidarang to Bhangagarh/Dispur. b) Namkhola via Dipila/Khotora Satra to Baihata Chariali. c) Silchar ISBT via Udharbond to Khumba The Committee therefore, strongly recommends that the Transport Department should take necessary steps to carry out a Commercial Viability assessment in the above mentioned routes on priority basis to introduce Bus Services.	The recommendation of the Hon'ble Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) has been duly noted. ASTC has examined the feasibility of introducing bus services on the aforementioned routes. However, at present, the proposed services could not be operationalized due to the non-availability of diesel buses, as no new diesel buses have been procured by the Corporation. Further, owing to the route distances and the existing charging infrastructure, deployment of electric buses on the routes, (a) Tengabari via Deomornoi/Patidarang to Bhangagarh/Dispur and b) Namkhola via Dipila/Khotora Satra to Baihata Charialiis presently not operationally feasible.
4	The Departmental Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments during the deliberation takes note of the significance of early completion of ISBT, Tezpur. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the respective Department should take necessary steps to expedite the construction process and to complete it within 2025-26 on priority basis.	In regard to ISBT Tezpur, necessary steps are being taken in accordance with the Twenty-Seventh DRSC report, particularly under Grant 09, Point No. 04. The department remains committed to expediting the construction process, ensuring its completion within the stipulated timeline of 2026-27. To clear physical obstructions and facilitate smooth project execution, a successful eviction drive was completed in June 2026 to dismantle the unauthorized stalls located in front of the premises. Furthermore, a formal notice has been served to the contractor vide letter no. ASTC/CE/2015/1231/Pt-I/193 dated 02-07-

		2026, directing them to mobilize resources and complete the remaining balance of work within the stipulated time frame.
5	The Departmental Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments during the meeting discusses about the present financial condition of ASTC and the aspects of own revenue sources and the salary regularity etc. After a threadbare discussion, so the Committee, recommends that the necessary steps are to be taken to focus on regular salary disbursement to the Employees of ASTC with ample focus on own revenue generation scope.	In compliance with the recommendations of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC), Assam State Transport Corporation (ASTC) has taken necessary measures to strengthen its financial management with a focus on ensuring regular disbursement of salaries to its employees while simultaneously enhancing its own revenue generation. As a result of the financial improvement initiatives undertaken by ASTC, the requirement of salary support from the Government of Assam has been substantially reduced. During the Financial Year 2024–25, the Corporation required ₹3,600.00 lakh as salary assistance from the Government of Assam. However, during the Financial Year 2025–26, the requirement has been reduced to ₹2,400.00 lakh, resulting in a reduction of ₹1,200.00 lakh in Government support towards salary expenditure. This reduction reflects the Corporation's improved financial position and enhanced capacity to meet its salary obligations from its own resources, thereby reducing its dependence on Government assistance. Further, ASTC has been ensuring the regular disbursement of salaries to its employees.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant No.9

After a careful consideration of the papers/documents submitted by the Transport 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 on Development(D) Department observes that there are many complaints and other issues regarding not having of driving license of students. Further, it is observed that a strict licensing system is currently implemented through Accredited Driver Training Centers (ADTCs), equipped with Automated Driving Testing Tracks (ADTTs) having facility for video analytics and scientific assessment of driving competence. Two facilities are already operational and one with construction completed (to be inaugurated soon) the process is ongoing to set up more, aiming to cover at least one in each district.

Though the Committee appreciated the initiatives but also strongly recommends of issuance license to students and take stringent measures to be adopted for Learner's License and to ensure that the competent candidates are granted the same.

The Committee observes that the road accidents are increasing day by day where many people have to lost their lives.

So, the Committee recommends issuance of license and also creation of a dedicated Road Safety Authority under the State Road Safety Council, with adequate powers to deal with all road safety measures/activities.

The Committee observes that the traffic has been increasing day by day within the Guwahati City and also on the Highway no-27 Khanapara to Jalukbari.

So, the Committee recommends to explore all the options for traffic mitigation and re-registration which requires due evaluation for practicability.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development(D) Departments observes that there is chaos in Highways and other roads because of E-Rikshaws.

Therefore, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development(D) Departments recommends that to control, there should be enforcement rules regarding the E-Rickshaws as they are posing real threats to the commuters.

The Committee restates that there is generous predisposition for ASTC land/property encroachment across the State of Assam.

So, the Committee firmly recommends to assess the ASTC properties, and take necessary steps together with the Local Land Revenue Authority to control the same.

The Committee observes that there is need of co-ordination among the IWAI (Inland Waterways Authority of India), AIWCL (Assam Inland Waterways Company LTD.) and DIWT to proper implementation of projects.

So, the committee recommends IWAI to consult with AIWCL and DIWT before undertaking any project especially dredging near River banks.

The Committee had a threadbare discussion on the matters related to frequent accidents in ferry services.

So, the Committee highlighted the importance of using all the safety measures recommended by the department in the ferries and boats as only after a fatal accident occurs the measures come into full force which is somewhat overlooked during other times. Further, the Committee recommends strict compliance & enforcement of all such measures to be checked by officials posted in ghats.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments discussed thoroughly about the accident-prone areas/hotspots in the State.

So, the Committee recommends substantial action on vulnerable/accident-prone stretches all over the state with immediate effect to curtail road accidents.

The Committee discussed about the non-availability of trauma centers to take care after the critical accidents.

So, the Committee recommended to take up the matter for establishment of trauma care centers, with adequate manpower and equipment, with the Health Department.

The Committee during the deliberation thoroughly noted the persistent threat of water logging on both sides of the road from Sonapur College Gate to Dharbam (Jagiroad Constituency Border). Due to the sudden accumulation of water, the road becomes extremely hazardous for commuters mostly during rainy season, and frequent fatal road accidents have been observed along that particular stretch.

Therefore, the Committee strongly recommends to take instantaneous steps, including proper investigation, improvement of the drainage system, repair of the road, and implementation of all other necessary safety measures to prevent/avert unfortunate Road Accidents in the greater interest of the general public, in consultation with all relevant line departments.

With these observations and recommendations as mentioned aforesaid, the Committee recommends that the Budget provision amounting to Rs. 48783.82 Lakh during the financial year 2026-27 under the Grant No. 9 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 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	MLA & Member	} for kind information
II.	Shri Bijoy Malakar	MLA & Member	
III.	Shri Jitu Goswami	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.
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.
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Joint Secretary,
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