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

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY)

**REPORT ON THE DEMAND FOR GRANT NO. 43
FOR THE YEAR 2026-27**

DEPARTMENT : CO-OPERATION

TWENTY EIGHTH 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 (E) DEPARTMENT,
2026-27.**

Chairperson :

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| 1. Shri Rihon Daimary, | MLA |
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| 8. Shri Kishor Nath, | MLA |
| 9. Md. Rekibuddin Ahmed, | MLA |
| 10. Smti Baby Begum, | MLA |
| 11. Shri Jakaria Ahmed, | MLA |
| 12. Shri Dharmeswar Ray, | MLA |
| 13. Shri Akhil Gogoi, | MLA |

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2. Smti. Hema Devi, Deputy Secretary
3. Shri Ripen Boro, Deputy Secretary,
4. Shri Madhab Chetri, Estate Officer
5. Md. Fakhar Uddin Choudhury, Under Secretary
6. Shri Lakhi Nath Mardhi, Assistant Research Officer
7. Shri Bimal Kumar Sarma, Committee Officer
8. Shri Sanjay Dutta, Committee Officer

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INTRODUCTION

1. I, as Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on behalf of Members of this Committee and present this **TWENTY EIGHTH REPORT** on Demands for **Grant No. 43** of the **Co-Operation Department** for the financial year, **2026-27**.
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 **Co-Operation Department** on **16th July, 2026**.
4. The Draft Report was considered and approved by the Committee in its meeting held on **18th July, 2026**.
5. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Officials of the **Co-Operation Department** for placing the requisite materials before the Committee and they considered the views in connection with the subjects under deliberation and also thanks the departments of Finance & Transformation & Development for sincere kind co-operation.
6. The Committee would also like to have on record their deep sense of appreciation for the invaluable service and assistance rendered to the Committee by the Officers & Officials of Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat attached to the Committee.

Place : Dispur
Dated: 18th July, 2026

Rihon Daimary
Chairperson,
Departmentally Related Standing
Committee on Development (E) Departments,
Assam Legislative Assembly.

CHAPTER- I

Grant No.43

Co-operation Department

The Budget presented to the House for the Financial Year, 2026-27, on 10th July, 2026, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments in its meeting held on **16th July, 2026** discussed the Grant No.42 relating to the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department.

The total allocation of fund under Grant No. 42 for both Revenue and Capital sector for administration of Welfare of Minorities & Development Department during the financial year 2026-2027 is Rs. **17209.14** lakhs which is presented before the House for approval. The total amount so allocated is proposed to be spent in the Revenue Expenditure.

The detailed Budget allocation for Grant No. 43 as shown below.

Estimate of the amount required for the year ending 31st March, 2027 to defray the expenses in connection with the Administration of **“Co-operation Department”**

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)
VOTED	14364.55	2844.59	17209.14
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

1.1 The detailed Budget Estimates under the Grant No.43 for the Financial Year 2026-2027 are as below :-

Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates 2026-27
2404	Dairy Development	49.00
2425	Cooperation	14315.55
4425	Capital Outlay on Co-operation	2844.59
Grand Total Rs.		17209.14

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

The Committee in its sitting held on **16th July, 2026**, examined the papers & documents received from the Department and took oral evidence from the departmental representatives. At the same time, the Committee considered the **Action Taken Report** against the Recommendations made in its earlier 27th **Report**.

CHAPTER- II

1. PRELIMINARY STATUS PAPER. GRANT NO. 43

(A) Esstt. Expenses: -

The function of the Cooperation Department is registration of Cooperative Societies as per Assam Cooperative Societies Act, 2007. Audit, Inspection of the societies and extending all logistic support towards all-round development of the societies are the responsibility of this department.

There are 2194 Nos. of post in the Cooperation Department under Revenue Budget which include the posts of the office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Assam and Finance and Accounts Officer. An amount of Rs.17761.51 Lakh was allocated as Establishment expenditure in the FY 2025-26.

(B) SOPD-G :-

The Cooperation Department had received an allocation of Rs. 1575.10 lakh under State Owned Priority Development (SOPD) for the year 2025-26, which was earmarked as follows: -

1. Revenue -	Rs. 729.6 lakh
2. Capital -	Rs. 845.5 lakh
Total SOPD allocation	Rs. 1575.10 Lakh

Total SFPD allocation Rs. 2767.93 Lakh

(Rs. In lakh)					
Sl. NO	Name of the Scheme	Amount earmarked	Status of sanction	Amount Released	Remarks
1	Major Works	₹ 285	₹ 285	₹ 285	
2	Share Capital contribution to EAMUL	₹ 285	₹ 0	₹ 0	
3	Establishment of Women Cooperative Market	₹ 19.00	0	0	
4	Assam Co-operative Jute Mill- (Nalbari)	₹ 9.50	0	0	
5	Purchase of hardware	₹ 47.50	₹ 47.50	₹ 47.50	
6	Purchase of Furniture	₹ 47.50	₹ 47.50	₹ 47.50	
7	RIDF-SS	₹ 533.75	₹ 94.072	₹ 94.072	
8	WIF-SS	₹ 700	₹ 700	₹ 700.00	
9	Award in Money/ Award in Kind	₹ 47.50	₹ 47.50	₹ 47.50	
10	Subsidy to Other Cooperatives	₹ 475	₹ 475	₹ 475.00	
11	Managerial subsidy to GPSS	₹ 15.20	₹ 15.20	₹ 15.20	
12	Subsidy to Women Cooperative Society	₹ 30.40	₹ 30.40	₹ 30.40	
13	Advertising, Sales and Publicity Expenses	₹ 19.00	₹ 19.00	₹ 19.00	
14	House Keeping	₹ 47.50	₹ 47.50	₹ 0.00	

STATEMENT OF ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR
2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26

YEAR	PLAN/SOPD-G		%AGE	NON – PLAN/EE		%AGE
	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURE		ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURE	
2023-24	6065.77	718.55	11.85	12617.90	7998.26	63.38%
2024-25	5926.10	785.42	13.25	14868.55	8548.8165	57.50%
2025-26	1423.10	1062.10	74.63	17761.51	10508.96	59.3167%

Establishment Expenses Allocation for the year 2025-26:-

i) Total allocation Rs. 17761.51 lakh

Details of Allocation under Establishment Expenses for the financial year 2025-26

(Rs. in lakhs)				
Sl. NO	Name of the Scheme	Budgeted Amount	Amount Utilized	Percentage
1	Salary And Wages	₹ 17299.83	₹ 10320.99	59.65%
2	Non-Salary	₹ 461.68	₹ 187.97326	40.71%

2. Performance Budget/Annual Report, 2025-26

A vibrant Cooperative Movement for growth of a sound and sustainable economy.

Mandate of the Department as per 97th Constitutional Amendment

To facilitate conducive atmosphere for voluntary formation, democratic functioning, self-reliance and professional management of the Cooperative Societies.

Objectives:

- Registration, supervision, assistance, counselling and all-round development of the Co-operative movement.
- To provide Co-operative Education.
- Implementation of various developmental schemes through Co-operative Societies in different sectors of the economy i.e. agriculture, farming, fisheries, dairy, industries, processing, marketing, housing, etc.

Functions :

- Formation, registration and supervision of Cooperative societies (sec-3).
- Assistance and counselling for all round development of the Cooperative Movement (Sec-3)
- Election and audit of cooperative Societies (Sec-41• & Sec-81).

- Promotion of autonomous functioning, democratic control and professional management of cooperative societies (Art-43B).

Act & Rules :

- The Assam Cooperative Societies Act, 2007 (Act IV of 2012)
- The Assam Cooperative Land Mortgage Bank Act, 1960
- The Assam Money Lenders Act, 1934 (Assam Act – 4 of 1934)
- The Assam Cooperative Societies' Election Rules, 2019

Description of Organisational Structure

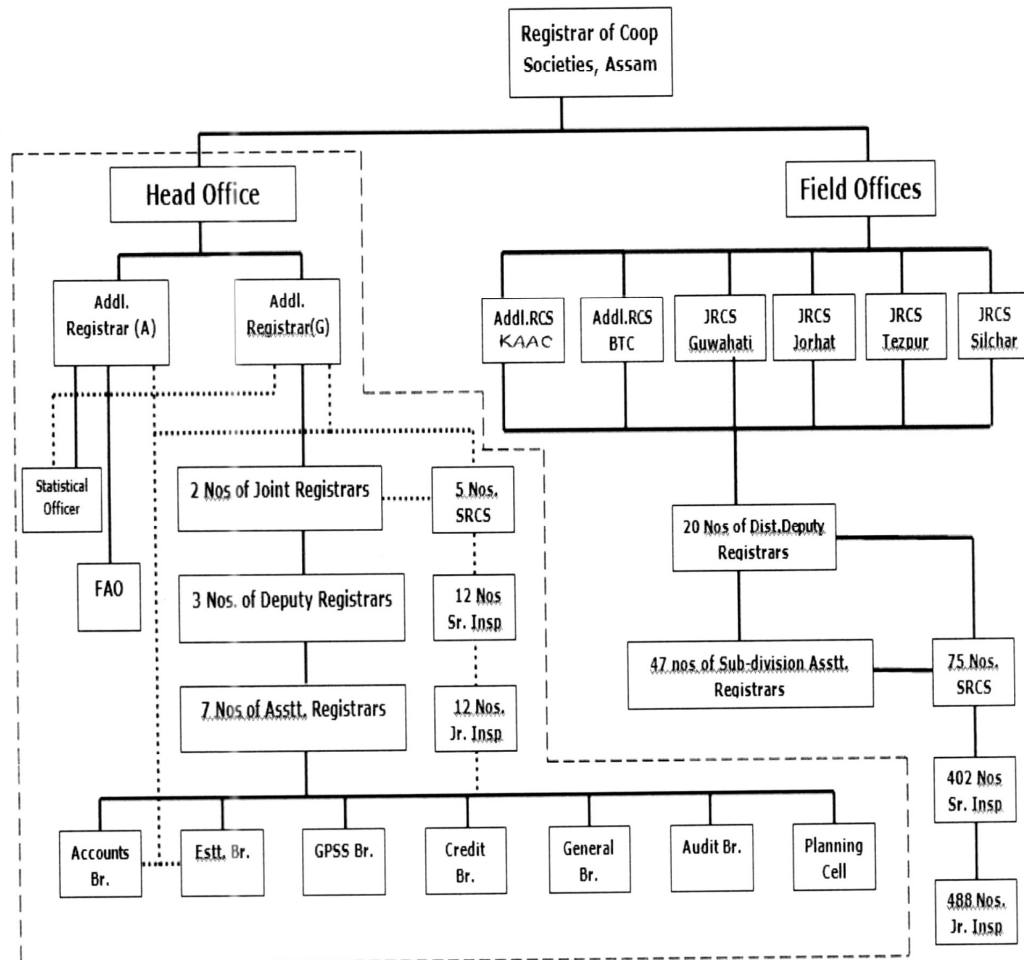
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Cooperation Department is the Administrative Department.

(a) Description of the organizational structure of the Administrative Deptt.

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Hon'ble Minister of Cooperation | - Shri Kaushik Rai |
| 2. Sr. most Secretary | - Shri Ananta Lal Gyani, IAS |
| 3. Secretary | - Smti. Dipa Das, IAS |
| 4. Deputy Secretary | - Shri Dayal Ch. Das |
| 5. Deputy Secretary | - Shri Ranjit Sarma |
| 6. Superintendent | - 4 (Four) Nos. |
| 7. Sr. Administrative Assistant | -5 (Five) Nos. |
| 8. Jr. Administrative Assistant | - 3 (Three) Nos. |
| 9. Computer Operator | - 1 (One) No. |
| 10. Grade IV | - 2 (Two) nos. |

**Organizational structure of the Directorate viz.
Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Assam.**



(b) Directorate under the Cooperation Department:

The office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies Assam is the Directorate under the administrative control of the Co-operation Department, Government of Assam. The Directorate is headed by a Senior I.A.S officer, who is assisted by two Additional Registrars of Coop: Societies, two Joint Registrars of Coop: Societies, three Deputy Registrars of Coop: Societies, one Statistical Officer, one F.A.O, a number of Assistant Registrars and Sub Registrars of Coop: Societies, Senior/Junior Inspectors of Coop: Societies supported by ministerial staff in the head office which is situated at Khanapara, Guwahati-22. Further, for administrative convenience, the entire State has been divided into four (4) Zones headed by Zonal Joint Registrars of Coop: Societies in plains areas. The two autonomous Hill Districts have been placed under an Additional Registrar of Coop: Societies with H.Q. in Diphu and another Addl. R.C.S has been posted under B.T.A.D area with H.Q. at

Kokrajhar. There are Deputy Registrars of Coop: Societies and Assistant Registrars of Coop: Societies in the Districts and Sub-Divisions respectively. There are

20 District Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies in 35 Districts and 39 Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies in 78 sub-divisions. The details of posts under the Directorate is as under:-

Details of Posts, Man in position and vacancy position as on June-2026

Sl. No.	Name of Post (category wise)	Total Strength	Man in position	Vacancy Position
1	Registrar of Coop: Societies, Assam	1	1	0
2	Addl. Registrar of Coop: Societies, (Admin)	1	1	0
3	Addl. Registrar of Coop: Societies (Gen)	3	2	1
4	Joint Registrar of Coop: Societies	6	6	0
5	Deputy Registrar of Coop: Societies	23	18	5
6	Assistant Registrar of Coop: Societies	54	35	19
7	Sub Registrar of Coop: Societies	80	64	16
8	Cooperative Education Officer	1	0	0
9	Statistical Officer	1	1	0
10	Finance & Account Officer	1	1	0
11	Sr. Inspector/Auditor of Coop: Societies	414	378	36
12	Jr. Inspector/Auditor of Coop: Societies	450	314	136
13	P.A. to R.C.S., Assam	1	0	1
14	Superintendent	6	4	2
15	U.D. Asstt.	177	152	25
16	Stenographer	2	1	1
17	L.D. Asstt.	318	248	70
18	Compiler	2	0	2
19	Gram Sevak	3	1	2
20	Cinema Operator	1	1	0
21	Driver	56	36	20
22	Helper	1	1	0
23	P.S.P. (Jarikarak Grade -I & II)	209	177	32
24	Daftary	2	2	0
25	Jamadar	1	1	0
26	Peon cum Chowkider (MTS)	378	302	76
27	Sweeper	1	1	0
Total		2193	1748	444

(C) ORGANIZATIONS OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF COOPERATIVE DEPARTMENT:

All the Cooperative Societies registered under the Assam Cooperative Societies Act, 2007 are under the administrative control of the Cooperation Department. There are 12784 Nos. of different Cooperative Societies in the State. These include Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies i.e. PACS (GPSS and LAMPS), one State Level Apex Cooperative Bank, one State Agriculture and Rural Development Bank (ASCARD) and 8 nos. of Urban Cooperative Bank, Thrift and Credit Cooperatives, Dairy Cooperatives, Farming Cooperatives, Fishermen and Pisciculture Cooperatives, Consumer Cooperatives, Transport Cooperatives, Cooperative Sugar Mills, Spinning Mills, Jute Mill, Housing Cooperatives, Marketing Cooperatives besides many other types of Cooperatives. While geographically the Cooperatives cover almost every village in Assam, functionally they cover almost all economic activities. The cooperatives in the State have attained a noticeable and impressive growth over the past couple of decades in terms of number of Societies, membership, working capital, volume of business, etc.

The details of the various types of Cooperative Societies in Assam as on 29.06.2026 are as under.

- 1) Total No. of Cooperative Societies in Assam – 12784 Nos.
- 2) Total Nos. of State Level Cooperative Societies- 27 Nos.
- 3) Total Nos. of Primary/ District Level Cooperative Societies- (12784 - 27)= 12757 Nos.

There are 2993 nos. of Women Welfare Co-operative Societies in the state for Socio-economic development of women.

These societies are doing some activities like handloom, knitting, embroidery, pickle making for economic upliftment of women members, some of the societies are doing PDS business as an agent of GPSS of their respective area of operation. The Government have taken scheme in the name and style of 'Samannita Mahila Samabai Sabalikaran' and ' Samabai Biponi' for the betterment of the society during the year 2017-18 and 2018-19.

NO. OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES BY TYPES OF CO-OPERATIVES IN ASSAM AS on 29.06.2026:

Sr. No.	Sector	Number of Societies
1	Agriculture & Allied Cooperative	718
2	Agro Processing / Industrial Cooperative	649
3	Bee Farming Cooperative	2
4	Consumer Cooperative	302
5	Credit & Thrift Society	1140
6	Dairy Cooperative	1596
7	Educational & Training Cooperatives	74
8	Fishery Cooperative	649
9	Handicraft Cooperative	25
10	Handloom Textile & Weavers Cooperative	84

11	Housing Cooperative Society	126
12	Labour Cooperative	146
13	Livestock & Poultry Cooperative	879
14	Marketing Cooperative Society	242
15	Miscellaneous Credit Cooperative Society	8
16	Miscellaneous Non Credit	24
17	Multipurpose Cooperative	866
18	PACS/LAMPS/FSS	2101
19	Sericulture Cooperative	52
20	Social Welfare & Cultural Cooperative	17
21	Sugar Mills Cooperative	1
22	Tourism Cooperative	29
23	Transport Cooperative	29
24	Tribal-SC/ST Cooperative	24
25	Urban Cooperative Bank (UCB)	8
26	Women Welfare Cooperative Society	2993
	TOTAL	12784

The Assam Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.

In the State of Assam, the Short-Term Cooperative Credit Structure (STCCS) follows a two-tier system. The Assam Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd. functions as the apex institution at the upper tier, while the GPSS/LAMPS (PACS) constitute the lower tier of the structure.

The Assam Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd. primarily provides agricultural credit and related banking services. At present, the Bank is implementing the reforms under the Short Term Cooperative Credit Structure (STCCS) package. Following the receipt of revival assistance from the Government of India and the Government of Assam, the Bank although incurred losses. During the financial year **2024-25**, the Bank recorded a net loss of **Rs. 29,17,63,460.51** as reflected in its Balance Sheet for the year ended **31 March 2025**.

The Bank operates **67 branches**, excluding its Head Office at Panbazar, Guwahati, across the State of Assam. All branches are fully computerized and operate under a Core Banking Solution (CBS). Like other nationalized and commercial banks, the Apex Bank also provides Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) services. As on **31 March 2025**, the Bank's **Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR)** stood at **9.94%**. Its **net worth** as on the same date was **2.16%**.

Assam State Agriculture and Rural Development Bank Ltd. (ASCARD):-

The Assam State Agriculture & Rural Development Bank Ltd. was registered during the year 1955-56. This Bank is not a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act but the Bank is regulated under the Assam Cooperative Land Mortgage Bank Act, 1960 and the Assam Cooperative Land Mortgage Bank Rules, 1961. The ASCARD

Bank has 28 Nos. of Branches throughout the State. Formerly, there were Primary Land Mortgage Banks (PLMB) in the District Level and later on the PLMBs were reformed as Primary Agricultural Cooperative Bank which were finally merged with the ASCARD Bank Ltd.

At present, the functioning of the Bank has been banned and sealed by the Hon'ble High Court vide an dated 27/06/2022 passed in WP(C)404/2020. At present, there are many cases pending in the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court. The ASCARD is now under liquidation since 27.01.2025 vide order no eCF.351942/19 and the liquidation process is going on.

West Assam Milk Producers Cooperative Union Ltd. (WAMUL):-

Primary Milk Cooperatives are village level cooperatives. There are 439 Nos. of Primary Milk Dairy Cooperative Society in the State. Most of these cooperatives are the members of the Milk Unions, that is, their Federation namely, WAMUL & EAMUL (defunct). These Cooperatives sell their surplus milk to their Union and their Federation.

There are three Regional level Milk Cooperative Union in the State namely, i) West Assam Milk Producers Union Ltd. (WAMUL), ii) East Assam Milk Producers Cooperative Union Ltd. (EAMUL) and iii) Cachar & Karimganj District Milk Producers Cooperative Society Ltd. (CAMUL). The management of WAMUL, EAMUL and CAMUL has been handed over to NDDB, New Delhi. The WAMUL is supplying toned milk which is popularly known as PURABI MILK, Paneer, Curd, Ghee, Lassi and Cream to its customers. The authorized share capital of WAMUL is Rs. 1000.00 lakhs and its paid up share capital is Rs. 94,35,200. Its net worth as on 2024-25 was Rs.8.55 crore. WAMUL has been implementing projects under RIDF and APART.

Assam State Cooperative Housing Federation Ltd. (HOUSEFED):

The Assam State Cooperative Housing Federation Ltd. (HOUSEFED) was registered in the year 1978 under registration no. G 24/1977-78 Dtd. 27/03/1978. The main activities of this federation is to provide housing loans to the primary housing cooperative societies and individuals. HOUSEFED also constructs dwelling houses and flats for sale, purchase land and sell it after development. HOUSEFED is also leasing houses on rent for office accommodation to different Central and State Govt. offices at Housefed Complex, Last Gate, Dispur. HOUSEFED has been constructing infrastructure for office accommodation for various State Govt. and Central Govt. offices including other units as deposit works. It has many housing projects like Natbama Housing Projects, Jorhat Housing Project, Rukminigaon Housing Project, ICTC Project etc. Its authorized share capital is Rs. 3060.00 lakh, paid up share capital is Rs. 1610 lakh and its accumulated loss is Rs. 5000.91 lakh and its net profit is Rs. 37,10,890 upto 31/03/2025.

The Assam State Warehousing Corporation (ASWC):

The Assam State Warehousing Corporation (ASWC) was established in 1958 under the Agricultural Produce (Development of Warehousing) 1956, which was later replaced by the Warehousing Corporation Act, 1962 with the objectives of providing warehousing facilities of agriculture produce and certain other commodities and for activities connected therewith. This Corporation started its venture during 1958 with only 8000 MT warehousing capacity, which has now grown to an organization with capacity of 2.03 lakh MT (own constructed godown) of warehousing places scattered throughout the length and breadth of the State with 42 nos. of warehousing centres and supported by a manpower of 194 employees in different cadres. It is responsible for implementation of the project of renovation of 57 warehouses as well as construction of 4 new warehouses at its own complexes under RIDF XXI.

Eastern Agro Processing and Tea Warehousing Cooperative Society Ltd. Guwahati.

The Eastern Agro Processing and Tea Warehousing Cooperative Society Ltd. was registered in the year 1971 bearing its registration No. G-17 of 170-71. The society is running the business of tea warehousing, mustard oil packaging, grinding of spices etc. The brand name of packed mustered oil is NIVAZ which is very popular in the market. This society is functioning without any financial assistance from the Govt. and is performing well and earning continuous profits. The society has earned a net profit of Rs. 2,33,25,926 during the year 2024-25. Its authorized share capital is Rs. 100.00 lakhs, paid up share capital is Rs.97,25,400 upto 31/3/2025 and its net worth is Rs. 610.99 lakh as of 31/03/2025.

Assam State Cooperative Union (ASCU):-

The Assam State Cooperative Union (ASCU) is an apex level cooperative organization for promotion of cooperative education, training, publicity and propaganda activities in the State of Assam. It was registered vide registration No. ASCU-29/2055-56, dated 12/09/1955. The aims and objectives of ASCU:-

- a) To promote and develop cooperative movement in Assam.
- b) To educate, train and guide people and to assist them in their efforts to build and expand the Cooperative sector.
- c) To serve as an exponent of cooperative union.
- d) To propagate and publicize the cooperative principles and ideas in order to create public opinion in favour of the movement by holding seminars, conferences etc.
- e) To arrange for inter-state study visit of successful cooperatives in other cooperatively developed States of India.

The Assam Cooperative Jute Mills Ltd.

The Assam Cooperative Jute Mills Ltd. at Silghat, Nagaon is one of the most successful cooperative industries in the State. Availing the Revival Package as per the provision of the Assam Accord, this industry in the cooperative sector is earning profits continuously and has been awarded with ISO certificate. During the year 2024-

25, the gross turnover of the Cooperative Mills is Rs. 940460467.20. The net profit earned by the Mill is as under:

Year	Amount
2011-12	Rs. 106.25 lakh
2012-13	Rs. 68.89 lakh
2013-14	Rs. 50.34 lakh
2014-15	Rs. 20.84 lakh
2015-16	Rs. 11.78 lakh
2016-17	Rs. 4.09 lakh
2017-18	Rs. 1.07 lakh
2018-19	Rs. 1.39 Lakh
2019-20	(-) Rs.378.24 Lakh
2020-21	(-) Rs.494.34 Lakh
2021-22	Rs. 183614.27
2022-23	Rs. 148407.06
2023-24	Rs. 739354.59
2024-25	Rs. 105732.18

The Assam Cooperative Jute Mills Ltd. has been marketing its major product of gunny bags through the Director General of Supply & Disposal against Jute Commissioner's requisition order and the rest of the products are sold directly to the local and outside customers. It is to be mentioned here that this cooperative society is free from loans liability.

The Cabinet has approved NCDC loan for setting up of a composite Jute Mill at Bihdubi, Nagaon for an amount of Rs. 3271.69 lakh against the total project cost of Rs. 46.74 crores. Meanwhile, advance possession of 20 bighas of land at Bihdubi under Kaliabor sub division at Nagaon district has been received to set up the composite Jute Mill. During the year 2020-21, the Govt. has sanctioned and released a total amount of Rs. 2669.44 lakh against administrative approval of Rs. 4673.85 lakh to set up a Composite Jute Mill unit with a capacity of 30 MTPD to Assam Cooperative Jute Mill, Silghat. This will also create job opportunities for large number of skilled educated unemployed youth of the region.

Kanaklata Mahila Urban Coop:

Bank Ltd., Jorhat Kanaklata Mahila Urban Coop: Bank Ltd. is the only Women Cooperative Bank in the State registered during the year 1998. Kanaklata Mahila Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd. was organized by women, managed by women and services rendered by women only. Share capital and lending of the bank is strictly for women and other services are open to all. More than 70% customers are illiterate and 85% customer belongs to SC, ST, Minority and other backward classes.

INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE THE FUNCTIONING BY OTHER REFORM MEASURES: -

Construction of godowns under RIDF-XVIII implemented by HOUSEFED

A) Name of work: - CONSTRUCTION OF 139 nos of GODOWN FOR GPSS (PACS/LAMPS) UNDER RIDF (XVIII) 2012-13,

B) Name of work: - CONSTRUCTION OF 105 nos of GODOWN FOR GPSS (PACS/LAMPS) UNDER RIDF (XVIII) 2012-13,

Renovation of existing warehouses and construction of new warehouses under RIDF-XXI being implemented by Assam State Warehousing Corporation (ASWC).

Name of Work :- Project for Renovation of existing Warehouses (57 Nos) in 13 (thirteen) Warehouse complexes in 10 (ten) districts & construction of 4 (four) New Warehouses at 4 Warehouse complexes in 3 districts under the scheme of NABARD's RIDF-XXI being implemented by the Assam State Warehousing Corporation (ASWC). The project details are as follows:

- 1) GOALPARA (Works for both renovation cum new creation of capacity 1000 MT)
- 2) HAIBORGAON in Nagaon District, (only renovation)
- 3) TEA TOWNSHIP, Amingaon, Kamrup (only Renovation)
- 4) ICD, Amingaon, Kamrup (only Renovation)
- 5) MAIDAMGAON, Beltola, Kamrup (M), (only Renovation)
- 6) SILCHAR (only Renovation works)
- 7) TINSUKIA (only Renovation works)
- 8) Lanka in Hojai District (works for both renovation cum new creation of 2000 M.T)
- 9) HOJAI (only New Creation of 5000 M.T)
- 10) BONGAIGAON (both renovation cum new creation of 5000 MT)
- 11) North-Lakhimpur (only Renovation works)
- 12) TEZPUR (only renovation)
- 13) RANGIA (only Renovation)
- 14) KHARUPETIA in Darrang District (only renovation)

3. Fiscal Target achieved during 2023-24 to 2025-26

Department:- Co-operation

Sl. No.	Programme/Schemes	Annual Plan 2023-24				Annual Plan 2024-25				Annual Plan 2025-26			
		Budgeted Allocation	Expenditure	Physical Target	Physical Achievement	Budgeted Allocation	Expenditure	Physical Target	Physical Achievement	Budgeted Allocation	Expenditure	Physical Target	Physical Achievement
1	Incentive to Best Performing Coops:	₹ 34.20	₹ 0.00	0	0	₹ 25.00	₹ 25.00	17	17	₹ 47.50	₹ 47.50	16	16.00
2	Information & Publicity	₹ 0.01	₹ 0.00	NA	NA	₹ 20.00	₹ 4.13	NA	NA	₹ 19.00	₹ 19.00	NA	NA
3	Assistance to Multipurpose Rural Co-operatives (GPSS)	₹ 18.00	₹ 18.00	18	18	₹ 16.00	₹ 16.00	58	58	₹ 15.20	₹ 15.20	10	10
4	Assistance to Women Co-operatives	₹ 13.68	₹ 13.50	27	27	₹ 16.68	₹ 16.68	40	40	₹ 30.40	₹ 30.40	60	60
5	Assistance to Dairy Co-operatives	₹ 12.83	₹ 12.58	17	17			40	40	₹ 95.00	₹ 95.00	25	25
6	Assistance to Other Co-operatives	₹ 900.00	₹ 545.54	196	196	₹ 900.00	₹ 614.00	200	200	₹ 475.00	₹ 475.00	312	312
7	Construction of office Building under Major works	₹ 337.00	₹ 173.36	8	2	₹ 300.00	₹ 291.00	7	1	₹ 285.00	₹ 285.00	9	1
8	Construction of godown,RIDF-SS	₹ 560.00	₹ 346.66	262	0	₹ 1.00	₹ 0.00	262	0	₹ 533.75	₹ 94.07	262	0
9	Construction of godown,RIDF-LS	₹ 18.90	₹ 9.00	262	0	₹ 15.00	₹ 13.33	262	0	₹ 467.69	₹ 165.16	262	0
10	Construction of cold storage facility,WIF-LS	₹ 3,000.00	₹ 1,266.64	2	0	₹ 1,551.00	₹ 737.65	2	0	₹ 700.00	₹ 700.00	2	0
11	Construction of cold storage facility,WIF-SS	₹ 189.00	₹ 15.77	2	0	₹ 82.00	₹ 51.67	2	0	₹ 50.00	₹ 50.00	2	0

5. A brief note in respect of (Grant No. 43) for the year 2025-26

The Cooperation Department has allocated the Budget for the year 2025-26 amounting to a total of Rs. 214221.61 lakh comprising of an amount of Rs. 18534.63 lakh in Revenue Expenditure and Rs. 2887.98 lakh as Capital Expenditure. Among these amounts an amount of Rs. 17299.83 lakh has been allocated for payment of Salaries and wages and Rs 461.68 lakh for other Non-Salary heads that includes other office administrative expenses such as maintenance of vehicles for the officers of the Department, rents for hired buildings, postage stamps, legal services, etc. under Revenue Expenditure.

(A) From the above amount, the following has been proposed to be spent under Revenue Expenditure:-

1) Dairy Cooperatives: - Rs.95.00 lakhs

Financial assistance given to 39 No.s of viable & needy dairy cooperatives for implementing their schemes.

2) Awards /Incentives to best performing Cooperatives: - Rs. 47.50 lakh

An amount of Rs. 47.50 lakhs has been utilized for the FY 2025-26 as the total award money / incentives for the 16 Nos of best performing cooperative societies to keep on motivating the cooperative societies to generate employment and return high profits thus economically empowering their member shareholders.

3) Assistance to GPSS: -Rs. 15.20 lakh

An amount of 15.20 lakhs has been utilized in 8 Nos of Cooperative Societies for establishment of CSC.

4) Assistance to Other Cooperative: -Rs. 475.00 lakh

The amount of Rs. 469.12330 Lakh has been utilized by providing financial assistance to 298 Nos of Cooperative Societies under sub schemes namely a) Installation of Mustard oil mill b) Financial Assistance to College Cooperative under pitch fest. c) Financial assistance for implementation of NCCF/NAFED schemes. d) Financial assistance to other societies engaged in the production and promotion of traditional items. e) Financial assistance to Jan Aushadhi Kendras. f) Financial assistance for implementation of BBSSL schemes g) Financial Assistance to Cooperatives under pitch fest.

5) Assistance to Women Cooperative Societies: - Rs.30.40 lakh

This amount has been utilized in 60 Nos of Cooperative Societies for effective implementation of viable special schemes of various suitable and needy multipurpose women cooperative societies.

(B) The balance fund has been earmarked under Capital expenditure as:-

6) Construction of office buildings of the various field offices which do not have their own buildings: - Rs. 285.00 lakh

The fund is utilized to meet the expenditure for both new and 8 ongoing construction/civil works of various office buildings at District and Sub-divisional level for efficacious public services delivery.

6. New schemes launched by Govt. ---

Number of steps have been taken by the Government, after the formation of the Ministry of Cooperation, to strengthen the PACS economically, includes the following:

- 1. Computerization of PACS:** Centrally Sponsored Project for 'Computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies' is a project funded by one-time assistance from the GoI. PACS, LAMPS etc. will benefit directly through computerization of their credit/ non-credit business activities related to Agriculture and Allied activities.
- 2. Adoption of Model Bye- laws:** Model byelaws prepared and circulated for their adoption as per the respective State Cooperatives Act to enable PACS to undertake more than 25 business activities like dairy, fishery, setting up of godowns, LPG/ Petrol/ Green energy distribution agency, banking correspondents, CSC, etc.
- 3. World's largest Decentralized Grain Storage Program in Cooperative sector to ensure food security:** Government has approved a plan to create warehouses, custom hiring centres, primary processing units and other agri-infra for grain storage at PACS level, by converging various schemes of Government such as AIF, AMI, SMAM, PMFME, etc. This will reduce wastage of food grains and transportation costs, enable farmers to realize better prices for their produce and meet various agricultural needs at the PACS level itself.
- 4. PACS as Common Service Centres (CSC):** MoU signed between Ministry of Cooperation, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, NABARD and CSC -SPV to facilitate functioning of PACS as CSCs to improve their viability, provide e-services at village level and generate employment.
- 5. Formation of new Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) by PACS:** Government has allowed 1,100 additional FPOs to be formed by PACS with the support of NCDC, in those blocks where FPOs have not yet been formed or the blocks are not covered by any other implementing agency. This will be helpful in providing the farmers with necessary market linkage and get fair and remunerative prices for their produce.
- 6. PACS given priority for Retail Petrol/ Diesel outlets:** Government has allowed PACS to be included in the Combined Category 2 (CC2) for allotment of retail petrol/ diesel outlets.
- 7. PACS as PM Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra for improving access to generic medicines at rural level:** Government is promoting PACS to operate Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras which will provide additional income source to them and provide easy access of generic medicines to rural citizens.
- 8. PACS as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PMKSK):** Government is promoting PACS to operate PMKSK for ensuring easy accessibility of fertilizer & related services to farmers in the country.

9. **PACS to carry out O&M of rural piped water supply schemes (PWS):** In order to utilize the reach of PACS in rural areas, on the initiative of the Ministry of Cooperation, Ministry of Jal Shakti has made PACS as eligible agencies to carry out the Operations & Maintenance (O&M) of PWS in rural areas.
10. **New National Multi-State Cooperative Seed Society for certified seeds:** Government has established a new apex multi-state cooperative seed society under the MSCS Act, 2002, namely Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) as an umbrella organization for quality seed cultivation, production and distribution under a single brand.
11. **New National Multi-State Cooperative Export Society for promoting exports:** Government has established a new apex multi-state cooperative export society under the MSCS Act, 2002, namely National Cooperative Export Limited (NCEL) as an umbrella organization to give thrust to exports from cooperative sector.
12. **New National Multi-State Cooperative Organic Society for organic farming:** Government has established a new apex multi-state cooperative organic society under the MSCS Act, 2002, namely National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL) as an umbrella organization to produce, distribute and market certified and authentic organic products.
13. **Procurement of Cooperative under NCCF and NAFED:** Government of India desires to enhance its domestic production and reduce its import dependency to zero level. Accordingly, the MoC has instructed the RCS Office to empanel the PACS in both the procurement portals. In this regard, RCS (HO) has arranged training for the district officials of the various RCS Offices for enrolling the PACS in the NAFED and NCCF portals. Societies to soon takeup procurement of Maize.

Present Status

NCCF

- No. of PACS/Cooperative Societies registered on NCCF Portal: 240
- Total number of Farmer registered on NCCF portal: 85187
- Total Procurement through the Portal (MT) = Maize: 115 MT

NAFED

- No. of PACS/Cooperative Societies registered on NAFED Portal: 60
- Total number of Farmer registered on NAFED portal: 5036
- Total Procurement through the Portal (MT) = Maize: 2186.65 MT

14. Digitalizing the processes of the Department bringing ease of doing business:

In order to realize the vision of "Sahakar-se-Samriddhi", Ministry of Cooperation has taken steps for smooth and efficient functioning of cooperatives in the country for which MoC proposed to develop an integrated digital portal and computerization of office of Registrar of Cooperative societies of States / UTs computerization enabling digital ecosystem for the multi-State cooperative societies.

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT
ON THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE COMMITTEE IN ITS
27th REPORT, GRANT NO.43 FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026.**

After having a threadbare discussion on the preliminary status paper, Action Taken Report, Performance of Budget etc. furnished by the Co-operation Department, Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments has made the following Observation and Recommendation.

Sl No.	Observation and Recommendation	Action taken report
1	The Committee observes that the Cooperation Department has not taken proper measure for the development of Cooperative Societies in the State in spite of having a lot of scope to take advantage of the central schemes to improve lives of the people through Cooperatives. The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that the Department should take necessary action for the improvement of the Cooperative Societies throughout the state. The Committee also recommends that Department should prepare a Roadmap to implement various State and Central schemes throughout the state so that the people would be benefited from such schemes.	Roadmap for implementation: <u>Short Term Goals:</u> 1. “Computerization of RCS Office” Scheme: Development of an integrated web-based platform and a dynamic website. The portal shall automate multiple processes of the Directorate and its field offices to provide public service e.g. Registration of new cooperatives, RTI etc. It must provide a real-time, dynamic, searchable database about all the cooperatives which could be essential for any future policy making. It shall also serve as a repository for all information, data and documents, which are easily retrievable. The development of the integrated web-based platform has been completed, including software development and security audit. Hardware delivery and installation across all RCS offices in Assam have also been completed. The system is currently in the final stage of SMTP integration, after which the platform will be made live for public service <u>Medium Term Goals:</u> 1. Computerization of PACS: The Primary Agricultural Cooperative credit societies (PACS) constitute the lowest tier of the two-tier short-term cooperative credit (STCC) in Assam comprising nearly 14 lakh farmers as its members. This scheme entails bringing all the functional PACS onto an ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) based common software, linking them with NABARD through State Cooperative Banks (StCBs). It will ensure speedy disposal of loans, lower transition cost, faster audit and reduction in imbalances in payments and accounting with StCB. The project comprises development of a cloud based common software with cyber security and data storage, providing hardware support

		to the PACS, digitization of existing records including maintenance support and training. In the first phase, 583 nos. of PACS out of 808 functional PACS are being computerized. For the same, Procurement and delivery of Hardware to all 583 PACS is completed. As far System Integration is concerned, SI is working on system integration for the 583 PACS and till date, ERP Onboarding has been completed for 581 PACS and 580 PACS have gone live. 540 PACS are in ePACs only mode and 6 PACs are doing Dynamic Day End as of date. The 2nd Phase of the project have also started , Hardware for 126 nos. of PACS has been delivered and System Integrator have also started their work in those PACS till date GLSR Completed for 125 PACS out of 126 PACS. 2. Transforming PACS into Common Service Centres (CSCs): To boost the reach of e-governance and service delivery in rural areas through PACS. Under this scheme, 624 PACS are currently active and doing transactions against the target of 583. 3. GPSS as One Stop Hub for All Agricultural Needs A. A huge network of GPSS and LAMPS are operating in the state who have been relentlessly providing service to the poor and the needy by efficiently operating the Public Distribution System. However, their true potential has still remained untapped. The PACS can be converted into Rural Hub in line with the cooperatively developed states, where along with loan disbursal the society also provides agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, irrigation facilities, tractor on rent etc. This is being done through Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PMKSK) scheme. Currently 46 societies are functioning as fertilizer distributor under PMKSK in the state and same has been upgraded as PMKSK. B. Secondly PACS have been encouraged to register themselves with “Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL)”, an apex multi-state cooperative seed society. It acts as an umbrella organization for quality seed cultivation, production and distribution under a single brand. So far 81 PACS has got membership of BBSSL. BBSSL have obtained Seed production and Marketing license and have signed MoU with ASCOF on 12-01 2026.
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		4. Awareness and Hand Holding: A. Initiative of facilitating the Formation of New Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) through PACS, for providing the farmers with necessary market linkage and get fair and remunerative prices for their produce. At present, 25 PACS have been onboarded as FPOs, covering 25 blocks under CBBO support. Capacity building and institutional development are in progress, with 21 business plans prepared and 40 field visits conducted by domain experts. All 25 FPOs have been provided management cost and equity grant support, and are engaged in business activities. Compliance achievements include GST (15 FPOs), Fertilizer License (6), FSSAI License (8), and ONDC certification (12). Strengthening of market linkages are currently underway. B. To give thrust to exports from cooperative sector, an umbrella organization in the form of an apex multi-state cooperative export society, "National Cooperative Export Limited (NCEL)" was formed. PACS have been encouraged to register themselves for the membership of NCEL and avail the benefits of this initiative. Some of the products identified for export are Cane and Bamboo products, Handicrafts, Patishilpa (Mat), Non-Basmati White Rice, Ginger, Turmeric and Spices. So far 18 societies have received the membership of NCEL. C. To give boost to organic farming and certification a new apex multi-state cooperative society, "National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL)" was formed. Under this, WAMUL, a state level Cooperative Society (popularly known as Purabi) has received membership. Due to high membership fees many societies have not applied for membership. D. To fructify Government of India's desires to enhance its domestic production and reduce its import dependency to zero level PACS are being registered in the NCCF (National Cooperative Consumers' Federation Limited) and NAFED (National Agricultural Co-Operative Marketing Federation of India Limited) Portal. So far in NCCF 240 PACS/Cooperative Society and in NAFED 60 Cooperative Societies have been registered.
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		E. “One Panchayat - One Cooperative” initiative: Its aim is to saturate the rural landscape with cooperative ecosystem through formation and strengthening of two lakhs new Multipurpose PACS, Dairy and Fisheries cooperative societies in India over a period of five years. So far under this scheme: 549 M-PACS out of 1042, 713 M-Dairy out of 368 and 87 M-Fisheries out of 80 Have been formed since February 2023. The remaining target for M-PACS and the current year target for M-Dairy and M-Fishery will be achieved. F. Promoting PACS to operate as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras. This will strengthen rural healthcare, provide additional income source to PACS and provide easy access of generic medicines to rural citizens. However, till date only 9 PACS are operating as PM Jan Aushadi Kendras. The low implementation is due to the fact that Assam Pharmacy Council is been under litigation and Pharmacist Registrations is suspended for the time being. <u>Long Term Goals:</u> 1. World's Largest Decentralised Grain Storage: • Complete WDRA registration of No. 2 Pub-Bongshar SS Ltd. • Obtain SDLAC approval for Kapashbari SS Ltd. and Kalyan SS Ltd. • Finalize survey observations for South West Langfer LAMPS. • Prepare district-wise inventory of PACS having land availability and operational viability. • Commence construction of approved godowns. • Secure Hiring Assurance from NAFED/FCI for all viable projects. • Establish district-level monitoring committees. • Conduct training programmes on warehouse management and WDRA compliance. • Establish at least one model PACS warehouse cluster in every district. Status Report on Implementation of Godown Projects in Assam <u>1. No. 2 Pub-Bongshar SS Ltd., Kamrup</u> • Selected as the Pilot Project under the World's Largest Grain Storage Scheme for construction of a 500 MT godown.
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		• Land has already been allocated for the project. • WDRA registration/permission is yet to be obtained. • To expedite the process, a Nodal Officer has been designated for fast-tracking the WDRA registration and related formalities. • The project is presently awaiting completion of WDRA related requirements before commencement of further activities. <u>2. Kapashbari SS Ltd., Hojai</u> • District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DCDC) meeting has been conducted. • Land allotment proposal has been discussed. • Final allotment of land is yet to be approved. • The matter is currently pending before the State Level District Allotment Committee (SDLAC) for necessary approval. <u>3. Kalyan SS Ltd., Darrang</u> • DCDC meeting has been held for consideration of the project. • Land allotment has not yet been finalized. • Proposal remains pending before the SDLAC for approval and subsequent allotment of land. <u>4. South West Langfer LAMPS, Diphu</u> • Land allotment process has been finalized. • A second site survey has recently been conducted by officials of FCI along with other stakeholders. • Further action is expected based on the findings and recommendations of the joint survey.
2.	The Committee observes that Cooperative Societies of the State could not achieve proper growth whereas they have immense scope to venture in to various economic activities by collective efforts. The Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary steps to support the Coop. Societies for diversification in their business activities for a visibility and sustainability considering the sanctity of public interest.	The Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies and Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies in field offices have been directed to take necessary steps regarding the point No. 2 vide letter No. eCMP 412311/7 dated 11-06-2026.

3.	The Committee observes that the Department has not taken proper measures for proper grain storage and accessible market facilities in the State. The Committee recommends that the Department should initiate necessary provisions for grain storage all over the state and explore the possibilities of marketing of the products of the marginal fir farmers/traders.	<u>Overall Status Regarding Grain Storage Scheme:</u> • One pilot project (No. 2 Pub-Bongshar SS Ltd., Kamrup) has progressed to the stage of land allocation and WDRA facilitation. • Two projects (Kapashbari SS Ltd., Hojai and Kalyan SS Ltd., Darrang) are awaiting SDLAC approval for land allotment. • One project (South West Langfer LAMPS, Diphu) has completed land allotment and is undergoing technical/site verification. • Continuous coordination with WDRA, NAFED, FCI, District Administration and other stakeholders is being undertaken to expedite implementation of the Scheme in the State.
4.	During the course of deliberations with the Departmental representatives the Committee observes that 11 thousand societies are registered under the Societies Act, but provisions have not yet been made for the revival of the defunct societies. Consequent upon the non-revival of the defunct societies, the Committee recommends that the Department should take steps for revival of the defunct societies. The Department should also gear-up for registration of new Cooperatives so that each GP of the State has at least on Multipurpose Coop. Societies (Dairy, Fishery etc.)	The Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies and Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies have been directed to take necessary steps for Revival of defunct Cooperative Societies in the State vide letter No. eCMP 412311/7 dated 11-06-2026 regarding point No. 4.
5.	The Committee observes that the head of the Department have not come prepared regarding the Budget of the Year 2025-26. So, the Committee directed the Department to come prepared in the next Meeting.	Noted

**OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS
CO-OPERATION DEPARTMENT
GRANT NO.-43**

After going through the threadbare discussion on the preliminary status paper, Action Taken Report, Performance of Budget etc. furnished by the Co-operation Department to the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments and the Committee has made the following Observations and Recommends the following.

1. The Committee has directed the department to conduct awareness programme regarding registration under BBSSL so that the farmers can take the full benefit of the facilities provided by the Government.
2. The Committee observed that promoting Primary Agricultural Cooperative credit Societies (PACS) to operate as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras to strengthen rural health and easy access of generic medicine, till date 9 such Kendras are operating in the state. The Committee also directed the department to submit the list of the 9 PACS including all details.
3. The Committee observed that at preset 25 PACS have been on board as New Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). The Committee directed to furnish the list of these 25 FPOs through PACS.
4. The Committee also directed to furnish the list of all the 18 societies that have received the membership of National Cooperative Export Limited (NCEL) and also directed the department to conduct awareness campaigns among the societies to avail the benefits of the initiative taken by the Government.
5. The Committee observed that due to high registration fees of the Co-operative Societies, societies are not willing to apply for the membership under National Cooperative Organics Limited. Therefore, the Committee directed the department to reduce the registration fees to encourage organic farming.
6. The Committee recommends the department to carry out effective awareness programme for the joint activities of National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) to purchase the domestic product.
7. The Committee recommends that budget proposal should be increased for proper implementation of the schemes and to organize awareness programmes.

8. The Committee observed that budget allocation provided to the dairy cooperative societies in the previous years is very less. Therefore, the Committee instructed the department to increase the budget provision upto 50 crore in this year.
9. The Committee also recommends that the Budget provision may be kept for construction of the district offices.
10. The Committee observed that the farmers are facing many problems due to lack of godowns. Therefore, the Committee directed the department for construction of the godowns in the places required for storing the production of farmers.
11. The Committee observed that there is an outstanding liability of Rs. 6 crore of the financial year 2012-13 for construction of godown. Therefore, the Committee recommends that budget should be provided to meet the outstanding liabilities.
12. The Committee observed that the current budget allocation for the O/o the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Assam, might not be enough to meet the developmental and operational targets set for the current financial year. Therefore, the Committee recommends for budget enhancement specifically in the following areas -
 - (i) **IEC Activities:** As observed in the meeting, the Cooperation Department has been supporting a major portion of the rural mass to achieve socio-economic growth. But the efforts are invisible and need more awareness through IEC. To achieve the desired outcome, at least an amount of Rs. 10 Crores is required.
 - (ii) **SOPD-G Budget:** The Department executes numerous core developmental schemes vital for grassroots prosperity. To sustain and effectively expand these initiatives, the current allocation might fall short. Therefore, the Committee recommends for enhancing the SOPD-G budget up to Rs. 50 Crores.
 - (iii) **Centrally Sponsored Schemes:** The Committee recommends to ensure the benefits of Centrally Sponsored Schemes effectively reach the intended beneficiaries, targeted IEC activities.
 - (iv) **RIDF-SS Liabilities:** The Department currently holds pending liabilities under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund - State Share (RIDF-SS) which is hindering further infrastructural progress. Hence, the Committee observed that to clear these liabilities and ensure smooth continuation of projects, an amount of Rs. 6 Crores is required.
 - (v) **Revitalization of PACS:** A robust grassroots cooperative structure is critical for rural development. However, several Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) remain non-functional. The Committee further recommends to revitalize these and to constitute new PACS as soon as possible.

- (vi) **Awareness Meetings:** To build synergy and ensure that cooperative programs align with local developmental needs, the Committee recommends to conduct extensive awareness meetings with Hon'ble MLAs and key stakeholders.
- (vii) **Infrastructure Development:** For the efficient delivery of services to the public, a proper administrative working environment is highly necessary. With the creation of several new revenue districts carved out from existing ones, many sub-divisions currently lack dedicated departmental offices. Furthermore, as single DRCS and ARCS offices are often attached to multiple districts, the intended grassroots impact is significantly diminished. Therefore, the Committee recommends for allocation of adequate funds for the construction of new Sub-divisional DRCS and ARCS office buildings in these newly formed districts and unrepresented areas, as well as for the renovation of existing dilapidated field offices.

The Committee observed that the total amount of Rs. 17209.14 lakhs allotted under Grant No 43 Co-Operation Department for the financial year, 2026-27 as approved by the August House. Further, the Committee strongly recommends to enhance the Budget allocation in next financial year to the Cooperation department as mentioned above.

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

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