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DEVELOPMENT (E) DEPARTMENTS**

2026-2027

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY)

REPORT ON THE DEMAND FOR GRANT NO. 40

FOR THE YEAR 2026-27

DEPARTMENT : SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

FOURTH REPORT

Presented to the House on 22nd July, 2026

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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED
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2026-27.**

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

1. I, the 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 their behalf, present this **Fourth Report** on the Demands for **Grant No. 40** of the **Social Justice and Empowerment 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 **Social Justice and Empowerment 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 **Social Justice and Empowerment Department** for placing before them the requisite materials and their considered views in connection with the subjects under consideration and also thanks to Finance & Transformation & Development Department for their kind co-operation.
6. The Committee would also like to place on record their deep sense of appreciation for the invaluable assistance rendered to them by the 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
Report
Grant No. 40

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. 40 relating to the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department.

The total allocation of fund under Grant No. 40 for both Revenue and Capital sector for administration of Social Justice and Empowerment Department during the financial year 2026-2027 is Rs. **48870.55** 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. 40 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 **“Social Justice and Empowerment Department”**

	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	43726.43	5144.12	48870.55
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Under the following heads, an estimated budget allocation has been fixed as shown below :

2225	Welfare of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes	Rs. 38593.07
2235	Social Security & Welfare	Rs. 5133.36
4225	Capital Outlay on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes	Rs. 4652.09
4235	Capital Outlay on Social Security and Welfare	Rs. 492.03
	Grand Total	Rs. 48870.55

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 **3rd Report**.

CHAPTER –II
Report
Grant No- 40

PRELIMINARY STATUS PAPER RELATING TO GRANT NO.40 UNDER SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT, ASSAM

The Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment was notified on 1st December, 2021 and the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment was bifurcated from The Social Welfare Department on 8th June, 2022.

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Assam is one of the major Departments in the State that plays key roles in implementing various schemes for Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, Transgender Community, and Narcotics & Psychotropic Substances, and Other Related Issues, in the State. As of now, the Department comprises the schemes under the Ministries of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.

The status report of the schemes implemented by the Directorate of Social Justice & Empowerment, Assam for the Financial Year 2024-25 is as follows:

BRIEF NOTE IN RESPECT DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT. ASSAM

The Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment, Assam, is one of the major Directorates in the State and plays a key role in Implementing various schemes for Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, the Transgender Community, and matters relating to Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances and other related issues in the State.

Welfare schemes relating to Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, the Transgender Community, and Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, are implemented by the Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment, Assam, under the administrative control of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Assam.

Schemes implemented by the Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment, Assam

(A) Welfare of Persons with Disabilities.

- (a) Deen Dayal Divyangjan Punarsanthapan Achoni
- (b) State Scholarships to Students with Disabilities.
- (c) Financial assistance to voluntary organizations for running of MI & MR Homes
- (d) Real Home for Persons with Disabilities.
- (e) Govt. Special Schools for students with differently abled.
- (f) Financial Assistance to Voluntary organizations working with Students with differently abled.
- (g) Government Braille Press for embossing textbooks for visually impaired students

- (h) Regional Rehabilitation Centres (RRCs)
- (i) Registration of NGOs under RPWD Act. 2016.

(B) Welfare schemes for the Elderly:

- (a) Senior Citizens Welfare Council, Assam.
- (b) Govt. Old Age Home, Sonapur.

(C) Welfare of Transgender Community:

- (a) Implementation of Assam State Policy for Transgender Persons.
- (b) Transgender Welfare Board, Assam.
- (c) Tritiyo Niwas- Shelter Home for Transgender Persons.

D) Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances and other related issues

- (a) Assam State Anti-Drugs and Prohibition Council, Assam
- (b) Establishment of six De-addiction-cum-Rehabilitation Centres in Barpeta, Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Sonitpur and Golaghat.

(E) Implementation of Central Sector Schemes

- (a) State Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction under National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction.
- (b) State Action Plan for Senior Citizen under Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY).
- (c) Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) Project

Acts and Rules related to schemes:

- 1) Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016
- 2) Rights of Persons with Disability Rules, 2017
- 3) Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007
- 4) Rules under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007
- 5) Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.
- 6) Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020.
- 7) Assam Policy for Transgenders, 2020.

The Grant No. 40 of the Assam Budget relates to the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment which is the Administrative Department to control the Budget for (4)

Directorate of Social Justice & Empowerment (B) Commissioner-ate of Person with Disabilities and (C) Directorate of Welfare of SC & BC.

The Budget provision and expenditure for the years 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 and also the Budget provision 2026-27 under the control of the Social Justice & Empowerment Department is given below:

Year	Budget provision (Rs. In Lakh)			Expenditure (Rs. in Lakh)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2023-24	59998.094	2700.536	62698.63	41201.8225	1672.9456	42874.7681
2024-25	51806.9019	4020.512	55827.4139	41945.3311	2264.599	44209.9301
2025-26	4284.55	3824.855	46679.405	25174.437	2807.141	27981.578
2026-27	40340.96	3558.88	43899.84	-	-	-

Commissioner-ate of Persons with Disabilities;

In pursuance of the section 79 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 the state Government has appointed State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities as a statutory body in Assam. The main function of the office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is monitoring the implementation of the Persons with Disabilities Act in the State. The office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is a Quasi-Judicial Body that can exercise the power of a Civil Court under Section 82 of the Act for the redressal of the grievances of the Persons with Disabilities. Functions of State Commissioner as per section 80 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

Status Report on schemes implementation during the financial year 2025-26

(A) Welfare of Person with Disabilities.

Name of Scheme and status:

1. Deen Dayal Divyangjan Punarsanthapan: Achoni : During FY 2025-26, 297.00 lakh was released to the Assam Skill Development Mission implementation of the Deen Dayal Divyangjan Punorsansthapan Scheme, benefiting a total of 541 beneficiaries.

2. State Scholarships to Students with Disabilities. : During FY 2025-26, 21.60 lakh was released to 60 differently abled students pursuing Medical and Technical Education.

3. Financial assistance to voluntary organizations for running of MI & MR Homes: During FY 2025-26, financial assistance amounting to ₹100.00 lakh was released to 26 NGOs operating Homes for Mentally III (MI) Persons. In addition, ₹50.00 lakh was released to 18 NGOs operating Homes for Mentally Retarded (MR) Persons.

4.Real Home for Persons with Disabilities : During FY 2025-26, financial assistance amounting to 77.90 lakh was provided to 7 NGOs for operating shelter homes for destitute persons with disabilities under the Real Home for Persons with Disabilities scheme.

5. Govt. Special Schools for students with differently abled.

(a) BDS Govt. HS School for Hearing: Impaired, Kahilipara. : At present, 520 children with hearing impairment are enrolled from Pre-Primary to Class XII. Out of these, 430 children with hearing impairment are availing free hostel facilities.

(b) Jorhat Blind Institute, Jorhat : At present, 75 children with visual impairment are enrolled from Class I to Class XI and are availing free hostel facilities. At present, 75 children with visual impairment are enrolled from Class I to Class XI and are availing free hostel facilities. At present, 75 children with visual impairment are enrolled from Class I to Class XI and are availing free hostel facilities.

(C) School for Hearing Impaired, Jorhat : At present, children with hearing impairment are enrolled from Class I to Class VIII and are availing free hostel facilities.

6. Financial Assistance to Voluntary organizations working with Students with differently abled. : During FY 2025-26, financial assistance amounting to 45.00 lakh was released to 31 NGOs operating special school for differently abled students.

7. Regional Rehabilitation Centres (RRCs) : Fund Release during FY 2025-26, Salary: Rs. 62.50 lakh, Non-Salary: Rs.18.00 lakh.

(B) Welfare scheme for the Elderly :

1. Senior Citizens Welfare Council, Assam : During FY 2025-26, financial assistance amounting to Rs. 20.60 lakh was released to the Senior Citizens Welfare Council, Assam, towards honorarium for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and other staff of the Council.

2.Govt. Old Age Home, Sonapur : During FY 2025-26, financial assistance amounting to Rs. 65.50 lakh was released to the Govt. Old Age Home, Assam, towards maintenance costs. At present, 52 inmates are availing the services of the Old Age Home.

(C) Welfare of Transgender Community:

1. Transgender Welfare Board, Assam: Transgender Welfare Board constituted vide notification no. E.SJED. 303059/2023/456 dated 01/08/2023.

2. Tritiyo Niwas- Shelter Home for Transgender Persons: During FY 2025-26, financial assistance amounting to Rs. 63.59 lakh was released to Tritiyo Niwas - Shelter Home for Transgender Persons towards maintenance costs. An amount of Rs. 2.98 lakh was released to SnehBandhan, an NGO, for organizing an awareness camp in Silchar as part of the

implementation of the Assam State Policy for Transgender Persons during FY 2025-26. At present, 25 inmates are availing the services of the home.

(D) Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances and other related issues:

1. Assam State Anti-Drugs and Prohibition Council, Assam: Fund release during the FY-2025-26, Salary: Rs. 262.83 Lakh, Non-Salary: Rs.50.00 Lakh.

2 Establishment of six De-addiction-cum-Rehabilitation Centres in Barpeta, Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Sonitpur and Golaghat. : 902 inmates admitted.

840 discharged after recovery.

62 inmates are under treatment.

(E) Implementation of Central Sector Schemes:

1. State Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction under National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction: During FY 2025-26, an amount of Rs. 314.75 lakh was utilised for implementation of the State Action Plan. A total of 79,412 persons were covered under awareness programmes. A total of 816 persons were covered under capacity-building programmes.

2. State Action Plan for Senior Citizen under Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) : During FY 2025-26, an amount of Rs. 252.00 lakh was utilized for implementation of the State Action Plan for Senior Citizens.

3. Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) Project: Total Application: 3,24,659,

Total UDID Generated: 2,50,473,

Total Rejected: 56,77,

Total Pending: 17,415,

95 Special Camp organized w.e.f March to June 2026 for immediate disposal of pending applications.

STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT

The Committee directs to provide a statement with detail reasoning about the new project under the sub head of 789 in which no funds allocation during 2023-24, 2024-25 and again in 2024-25 instead of which new Budget allotted Rs 1994.00 Lakhs viz reference made at page No. XII-126 of demands for Grants for the year 2025-26.

STATEMENT: Finance department has changed the sub-head 800 to 789 in the financial year 2025-26. Hence, mention of sub-head 789 in the financial year 2023-24 & 2024-25 is not found. In the financial year 2025-26, under sub-head 789 allocations of Rs. 1994.00 lakhs was made which is shown as below.

New HoA in the FY 2025-26	Project Name	Fund Allocation for FY 2025-26
4225-01-789-0821 456-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Infrastructural Dev/Const of SC Community Hall and other infrastructure	Rs. 1200 lakh
4225-01-789-5920-000-13-01SOPD-G-GA-V	Grants for Construction of Ambedkar Bhawan at Sub Divisional Level Construction of Auditorium Cum Ultra-Modern Public	Rs. 200 lakh
4225-01-789-0821-103-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Community Hall in the Memory of Baishnab Pandit Acharyy alla ram Das	Rs. 264
4225-01-789-5921-000-13-01-SOPD-G	Signature scheme for construction of scheduled caste multi complex unit	Rs. 330 lakh
	Total :-	Rs. 1994 lakh

STATEMENT: In the FY 2024-25, there was budget provision for an amount of Rs. 10,00,000/-

In page No. XII-128 of Demands for Grant for the year 2025-26, it is mentioned that under sub-head 02 Telephone Charge, there is huge change in Budget allocation for the year 2025-26 in compare to previous years. Keeping the fact in mind, the expenditure details statement should be submitted for the previous year i.e. 2024-25. (Rupees ten lakh) only. As per Govt. instruction, office work had been converted from hard file to e-Office mode, for which NIC net was required. BSNL, was moved to provide NIC Net facility. For the process of providing NIC Net facility BSNL. required an amount of Rs. 3,70,225/-(Rupees three lakh seventy thousand two hundred and twenty-five) only for hardware installation. BSNL. submitted bill for an amount of Rs.3,31,762/- (Rupees three lakh thirty-one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two) only being the expense for internet connection for the year 2024-25 and 2025-26 and Rs. 3,70,225/-(hardware installation) total amount Rs.7,01,987/-(Rupees seven lakh one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven) The said amount was utilised from the budget amount of Rs. 10,00,000/-lakhs.

The Committee directs to submit the details statement of One Time Special Grant for Development of OBC community under head of account 2456 sub head, 26 other charges and 99 others, for schemes included for the year 2025-26.

STATEMENT: In the FY 2024-25, there was budget provision of Rs.5000 lakh and an amount of Rs.2500 lakh was utilized as the liability of the FY 2023-24 for the scheme "OneTime Special Grant for Dev. of OBC Community". In the FY 2025-26, a proposal was submitted for procurement and distribution of "Agricultural Essential Kit" & "Sewing Machine with Accessories" to OBC Community of the State under the scheme of "One time Special Grant for Dev. of OBC Community. On receipt of approval, work order was issued but due to non receipt of materials, the fund could not be utilised.

Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. Assam

Preliminary Report relating to Grant No: 40

In pursuance of the section 79 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 the State Government has appointed State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities as a statutory body in Assam. The main function of the office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is monitoring the implementation of the Persons with Disabilities Act in the State. The office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is a Quasi Judicial Body that can exercise the power of a Civil Court under Section 82 of the Act for the redressal of the grievances of the Persons with Disabilities. Functions of State Commissioner as per section 80 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

- (a) identify, suo motu or otherwise, provision of any law or policy, programme and procedures, which are in consistent with this Act, and recommend necessary corrective steps;
- (b) inquire, suo motu or otherwise deprivation of rights of persons with disabilities and safeguards available to them in respect of matters for which the State Government is the appropriate Government and take up the matter with appropriate authorities for corrective action;
- (c) review the safeguards provided by or under this Act or any other law for the time being in force for the protection of rights of persons with disabilities and recommend measures for their effective implementation;
- (d) review the factors that inhibit the enjoyment of rights of persons with disabilities and recommend appropriate remedial measures;
- (e) undertake and promote research in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities;
- (f) promote awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities and the safeguards available for their protection;
- (g) monitor implementation of the provisions of this Act and schemes, programmes meant for persons with disabilities;
- (h) monitor utilisation of funds disbursed by the State Government for the benefits of persons with disabilities; and

(i) perform such other functions as the State Government may assign.

The office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Assam is a statutory and regulatory authority with quasi judicial power. However, this office has kept no stone unturned for effective implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 so that persons with disabilities are not deprived of their legitimate rights

Directorate of Welfare of SC& BC:

This Directorate implements socio-economic, educational and infrastructural development scheme for welfare of SC people in SC dominated areas of the State, out of SCSP fund and the fund received from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India under SCA to SCSP fund implemented through SDWO of concerned Sub-Divisions under the proper guidance of Sub-Divisional SC Dev. Board and Sub-Divisional OBC Dev. Board. During 2025-26 the Budget provision of Rs. 41455.5 lakh for implementation of various scheme for welfare of SC& OBC. Detail schemes implemented.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT
ON THE OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE THIRD
REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE
ON DEVELOPMENT & DEPARTMENTS RELATING TO GRANT NO. 40

Sl. No.	Recommendations	Action Taken
1.	The committee observed that MLA's are often involved in various schemes being implemented by the Social Justice & Empowerment Dept. Therefore the Committee recommends that should be involved as ex-officio members in the different field level Committees set up for the Implementation and monitoring of schemes in publicity and selection of beneficiaries in the districts. In addition to the recommendation made in earlier, it shall be noted that at the time of selection of beneficiaries in various schemes the concerned local MLA shall be informed and it should be mandatory accordingly.	As per Govt. notification dt.6/9/2021 the Sub divisional Development Boards for SC and OBC have been given the responsibility of selection of beneficiaries with respect to a particular scheme as well as oversee implementation and monitoring of schemes, Hence, as proposed by the Committee regarding MLA's to be involved as ex-officio members, Govt. may decide on the matter.
2.	The committee commends the Department to construct waiting sheds and drinking water facilities in the funeral grounds of the SC dominated areas in different places of districts and sub districts.	In the financial year 2023-24 against the budget provision, Govt had decided construction of Mini outdoor stadiums in SC areas. Work against the mini stadiums started in the year 2023-24 and hence, budget available was utilized for clearance of liability. However, District Commissioner have been instructed to ensure that sanitation and drinking water facility is available in SC villages having SC population 40% and above under Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana.
3.	The committee recommends that the Vigilance and Monitoring Committees in the districts should be activated to ensure proper execution and monitoring of the schemes under Social Justice& Empowerment Dept., further the committee recommends that the Vigilance & Monitoring Committees should sit regularly. And also recommends meeting to be convened in each 3 months.	As per instruction issued regarding formation of District Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee at the district level, Committees have been formed and Minutes of the meeting have been received from 13 District. Moreover, in the meeting through VC held with Districts on 19/05/2026, instruction was issued to hold the meetings as per Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1989. Till date, Minutes of the meeting has been received from 3 districts, namely, Kamrup, Bajali

		and Karbi Anglong.
4.	The Committee recommends to submit Utilization statement along with Action Taken Report for sub-head 793 Special Central Assistance for Scheduled Castes Component Plan within 3 (there) months from the date of lying of this Report in the House which is pointed at page no. XII-138 of the Demands for Grants for the year 2025-26.	Utilization statement placed at Annexure-B
5.	The Committee observed that the Budget allocation in current Financial Year is lesser than previous year due to which the Students belong OBC community for appearing in Final exam of ACS/IAS had deprived. Therefore the committee recommends to furnish the guideline for financial assistance to OBC students qualified for appearing in final exam of ACS/IAS and also proposed to enhance budget allocation from Rs. 50 Lakhs to Rs. 1 Crore.	Schemes Guideline placed at Annexure-C. As per budget communication received for the financial year 2025-26, under the scheme. budget provision of Rs.50.00 lakhs was available.

**OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE DIRECTORATE OF
SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT, ASSAM GRANT NO. 40**

Sl no.	Recommendation	Action Taken
1	The Committee recommends: conducting a state level survey of specially abled persons. As in the earlier recommendation made for specially abled persons, the Committee directs to provide details information regarding such persons whether they are benefited or not, if so, then need to provide the details of survey report and beneficiaries list along with the names and details of beneficiaries within 6 (six) months	- The & observations recommendations made are noted by the Department. - Accordingly, Proposal has been submitted to Govt. for consideration vide letter No. 302117/47, dated: 17-05-2024. (Enclosed) - The process will be initiated after receiving approval of competent authority. - The database of Persons with Disabilities is being updated regularly through the Unique Disability ID Portal. At present, 2,51,046 persons with disabilities are registered under this portal.
2	The Committee recommends: organizing more awareness and health camps for specially abled persons. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation that awareness and health camp for the specially able persons should be organized. Moreover, the Committee call for the report from the Department regarding the number of awareness camp held in the last 5 years.	1,058 disability assessment camps were scheduled across the State through the Joint Directors of Health Services. In addition, 8 UDID enrolment and awareness camps were organized to facilitate enrolment under the Unique Disability ID (UDID) programme and to create awareness among persons with disabilities. - During FY 2025-26, a total of 4,786 persons with disabilities were assessed through four Regional Rehabilitation Centres (RRCs). The RRCs organized special assessment and awareness camps on a zonal basis at Kamrup (M),

			Goalpara, Dibrugarh, and Silchar.
3	The Committee recommends that the Department should take up a Senior Citizen Home at Mariani LAC under Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana		The process will be taken up in the FY vide No.AG-2026-27, as the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Senior Citizen division instructed the states letter EO 15039/37/2021-Sr.C-I-Part(1) (EO-90181), dated: 23-07-2025, to give preference to gap districts first where there are no Homes for Senior Citizens. Since the proposals for Senior Citizen Homes in the gap districts for the FY 2025-26 has already been placed in the State Level Committee for approval and onward submission, new proposals may now be taken up in the FY 2026-27 for the districts where there are already Senior Citizen Homes on the ground that they are insufficient vis-a-vis the population in that district. Hence, the proposal for Sr. Citizen home for Mariani LAC will be sought from the concerned DSWO subject to project proposals received from willing NGOs in the current FY.

Grant no. 40

Sl. no.	Recommendation of DRSC	Action Taken		
1.	The Committee directs to provide a statement with detail reasoning about the new project under the sub head of 789 in which no funds is shown allocation during 2023-24, 2024-25 and again in 2024-25 instead of which new Budget allotted Rs.	Finance department has changed the sub-head 800 to 789 in the financial year 2025-26. Hence, mention of sub-head 789 in the financial year 2023-24 & 2024-25 is not found. as below. In the financial year 2025-26, under sub-head 789 allocations of Rs. 1994.00 lakhs was made which is shown below.		
		New Hoa in the FY 2025-26	Project Name	Found Allocation for FY 2025-26
		4225-01-789-0821-456-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Infrastructural Dev/Const of SC Community Hall and other infrastructure	Rs. 1200 lakh
		4225-01-789-5920-000-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Grants for Construction of Ambedkar Bhawan at Sub Divisional Level	Rs. 200 lakh

	1994.00 Lakhs viz reference made at page No. XII-126 of demands for Grants for the year 2025-26.	4225-01-789-0821-103-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Construction of Auditorium Cum Ultra-Modern Public Community Hall in the Memory of Baishnab Pandit Acharyy alla ram Das			Rs.264 lakh		
		4225-01-789-5921-000-13-01-SOPD-G	Signature scheme for construction of scheduled caste multi complex unit			Rs. 330 lakh		
			Total :-			Rs. 1994 lakh		
2.	In case of Direction and of Administration, Welfare Backward Classes under the sub head 001 is clearly mentioned that the Budget allocation for the year 2025-26 is lesser than the previous	Name of Directorate	Budget Provision			Expenditure in lakh		
		Name of Director	SOPD	EE	Total	SOPD	EE	Total
		Director of WSC & Backward Classes	40073.03	1382.54	41455.57	23632.662	1081.228	2473.89

	year. Hence, the Committee directs to submit utilization statement of work of previous year, the above mentioned sub-head at page No. XII-126 Demands for Grants for the year 2025-26.	
3.	In page No. XII-128 of Demands for Grant for the year 2025-26, it is mentioned that under sub-head 02 Telephone Charge, there is huge change in Budget allocation for the year 2025-26 in compare to previous years. Keeping the fact in mind, the	In the FY 2024-25, there was budget provision for an amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakh) only. As per Govt. instruction, office work had been converted from hard file to e-Office mode, for which NIC net was required. BSNL was moved to provide NIC Net facility. For the process of providing NIC Net facility BSNL required an amount of Rs. 3,70,225/- (Rupees three lakh seventy thousand two hundred and twenty-five) only for hardware installation. BSNL submitted bill for an amount of Rs.3,31,762/- (Rupees three lakh thirty-one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two) only being the expense for

	expenditure details statement should be submitted for the previous year i.e. 2024-25.	internet connection for the year 2024-25 and 2025-26 and Rs. 3,70,225/-(hardware installation) total amount Rs.7,01,987/- (Rupees seven lakh one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven) The said amount was utilised from the budget amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- lakhs.			
4.	As there are no amount allotted to sub-head 818 during the year 2024-25. However, the current Budget allocation is Rs. 198.00 Lakhs for the sub-head 818 Self Employment Scheme for Scavengers. Hence, the details statement of scavengers who are getting the benefit or not.new project or scheme need to be submitted, if any vide page No. XII-137 of Demands for Grants for the year 2025-26.	In the FY 2024-25, 32 Pick-Up Van were procured and distributed to Manual Scavengers and Safai Karmacharis under "Self-Employment/FOIGS & Skill Dev. Of Safai Karmacharis". The statement showing beneficiaries who availed the benefit under the schemes is placed at Annexure-II. At page number - 18			
5.	Under sub-head 789 Scheduled Caste Component Plan, Budget allocation is Rs. 9989.34 lakhs during the current Financial year 2025-26. Therefore, the committee instructed to submit the future plan or scheme in which may be seen at page no. XII-138 of demands for Grants for the year 2025-26.	The schemes under the different head with a total budget allocation of Rs. 9989.34 lakhs is as below.			
		New HoA In the	Project Name	Fund allocation for 2025-26	Expenditure
		FY 2025-26	Financial Assistance to poor SC student for providing coaching to get Admission in Medical/Engg/IIT - Grants-in-aid General (Non-Salary)-Normal	100.00000	0.00
		2225-01-789-0821-179-32-01-SOPD-G-GA-V			
		v 2225-01-789-0821-180-32-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Financial assistance to SC students for appearing in final exam of ACS /IAS- Grants-in-aid General (Non-Salary)-Normal	18.00000	0.50000
		2225-01-789-0821-401-32-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Grants to self help schemes for SC- Grants-in-aid General (Non-Salary)- Normal	200.00000	0.00

		2225-01-789-0821-415-32-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Financial Incentive for SC meritorious Girls Student-Grants-in-aid General (Non-Salary)-Normal	7,92000	0.30000
		2225-01789-0821-416-32-01SOPD-G-GA-V	Financial incentive to poor SC meritorious Boys Student-Grants-in-aidGeneral (Non-Salary)-Normal	7.92000	0.25000
		2225-01-789-0821-489-17-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Maintenance of Dr. Ambedkar Bhawan-Maintenance-Departmental Building	27.50000	17.50
		2225-01-789-0821-779-19-99-SOPD-G-GA-V	Self Help Scheme for S.C. Women-Materials & Supplies- Others	200.00000	0.00
		2225-01-789-0821-815-32-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Assistance to ASDC for SC for Dev. Scheme-Grants-in-aid General (Non-Salary)-Normal	180.00000	179.38800
		2225-01-789-0821-818-32-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Self Employment Scheme for Scavengers-Grants-in-aid General (Non-Salary)-Normal	198.00000	170.5600
		2225-01-789-0836-000-10-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	PRE-Matric Scholarships For SC-NULL Scholarship and Stipend Scholarship	50.0000	0.00
		2225-01789-2454-000-32-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	One Time for Development of SC Community- NULL – Grants-in aid General (Non-Salary)- Normal	9000.00000	0.00
			Total	9989.34	
6.	The Committee directs to submit the details statement of One Time Special Grant for Development of OBC community under head of account 2456 sub	In the FY 2024-25, there was budget provision of Rs.5000 lakh and an amount of Rs.2500 lakh was utilized as the liability of the FY 2023-24 for the scheme "OneTime Special Grant for Dev. of OBC Community". In the FY 2025-26, a proposal was submitted for procurement and distribution of "Agricultural Essential Kit" & "Sewing Machine with Accessories" to OBC Community of the State under the scheme of "One time Special Grant for Dev. of OBC Community. On receipt of approval, work order was issued			

	head, 26 other charges and 99 others, for schemes included for the year 2025-26.	but due to non receipt of materials, the fund could not be utilised.
7.		The expenditure statement of Moran Community is placed at Annexure-III.

Grant no. 40 Action Taken Report 2025-26

Sl. No.	Recommendations	Action Taken
1.	The committee observed that M.L.A's are often involved As in various schemes being implemented by the Social Committee recommends that should be involved as ex-Justice & Empowerment Dept. Therefore the officio members in the different field level Committees schemes in publicity and selection of beneficiaries in set up for the Implementation and monitoring of the districts. In addition to the recommendation made in earlier, it shall be noted that at the time of selection of beneficiaries in various schemes the concerned local M.L.A shall be informed and it should be mandatory accordingly.	As per Govt notification No. TAD/BC/440/2013/63 DL06/09/2021, the and ORC have been given the responsibility Sub Divisional Development Boards for SC of selection of beneficiaries with respect to a implementation and monitoring of schemes. particular scheme as well as oversce The present arrangement will continue as decided by Government.
2.	The committee commends the Department to construct waiting sheds and drinking water facilities in the funeral grounds of the SC dominated areas in different places of districts and sub districts.	In the financial year 2023-24 against the budget provision, Govt had decided construction of Mini out door stadiums in Sc arcas. Work against the mini stadiums started in the year 2023-24 and hence, budget available was utilized for clearance of liability. However, District Commissioner have been instructed to ensure that sanitation and drinking water facility is available in SC villages having SC population 40% and above under Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana.
3	The committee recommends that the Vigilance and Monitoring Committees in the districts should be activated to ensure proper execution and monitoring of the schemes under Social Justice& Empowerment Dept., further the committee recommends that the Vigilance & Monitoring Committees should sit regularly. And also recommends meeting to be convened in cach 3 months.	As per instruction issued regarding formation of District Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee at the district level. Committees have been formed and Minutes of the meeting have been received from 13 District. Moreover, in the meeting through VC held with Districts on 19/05/2026, instruction was issued to hold the meetings as per Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe (Prevention of Atrocitics) Rules, 1989. Till date, Minutes of the meeting has been received from 3 districts, namely, Kamrup, Bajali and

		Karbi Anglong.
4	The Committee recommends conducting a state level survey of specially abled persons. As in the earlier recommendation made for specially abled persons, the Committee directs to provide details information regarding such persons whether they are benefited or not, if so, then need to provide the details of survey report and beneficiaries list along with the names and details of beneficiaries within 6 (six) months	The observations & recommendations made are noted by the Department. The database of Persons with Disabilities is being updated regularly through the Unique Disability ID Portal. At present, 2,51,046 persons with disabilities are registered under this portal. UDID scheme is being implemented with a View of creating a National Database for Persons with Disabilities.
5	The Committee recommends to submit Utilization statement along with Action Taken Report for sub-head 793 Special Central Assistance for Scheduled Castes Component Plan within 3 (three) months from the date of lying of this Report in the House which is pointed at page no. XII-138 of the Demands for Grants for the year 2025-26.	With a view to avoiding duplication of work and ensuring prudent utilization of public funds it is proposed that the survey component for Persons with Disabilities may not be continued. The Department shall continue to strengthen and utilize the existing for effective planning, system monitoring, and implementation of welfare programmes for Persons with Disabilities.
6	The Committee observed that the Budget allocation in current Financial Year is lesser than previous year due to which the Students belong OBC community for appearing in Final exam of ACS/IAS had deprived. Therefore the committee recommends to furnish the guideline for financial assistance to OBC students qualified for appearing in final exam of ACS/IAS and also proposed to enhance budget allocation from Rs. 50 Lakhs to Rs. 1 Crore.	Schemes Guideline placed at Annexure-C. As per budget communication received for the financial year 2025-26, under the scheme, budget provision of Rs.50.00 lakhs was available.
7	The Committee recommends organizing more awareness and health camps for specially abled persons. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation that awareness and health camp for the specially able persons should be organized. Moreover, the Committee call for the report from the Department regarding the number of awareness camp held in the last 5 years	1,058 disability assessment camps were scheduled across the State through the Joint Directors of Health Services. In addition, 8 UDII) enrolment and awareness camps were organized to facilitate enrolment under the Unique Disability ID (UI)II) programme and to create awareness among persons with disabilities. During FY 2025 26, a total of 4,786 persons with disabilities were assessed through four Regional Rehabilitation Centres (RRCs). The RRCS organized special assessment and awareness camps on a zonal basis at Kamrup (M), Goalpara, Dibrugarh, and Silchar.
8	The Committee recommends that the Department should take up a Senior	The process will be taken up in the FY 2026-27, as the Ministry of Social Justice

	Citizen Home at Mariani LAC under Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana.	& Impowerment, Senior Citizen division instructed the states vide EO letter No.AG-15039/37/2021-Sr.C-1-Part(1) (EO-90181), dated: 23-07-2025, to give preference to gap districts first where there are no Homes for Senior Citizens Since the proposals for Senior Citizen Homes in the gap districts for the IY 2025-26 has already been placed in the State Level Committee for approval and onward submission, new proposals may now be taken up in the FY 2026-27 for the districts where there are already Senior Citizen Homes on the ground that they are insufficient vis-a-vis the population in that district. Hence, the proposal for Sr. Citizen home for Mariani LAC will be sought from the concerned DSWO subject to project proposals received from willing NGOs in the current FY
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**OBSERVATION & RECOMMENDATION
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT DEPARTMENT
GRANT NO.-40**

After having a threadbare discussion on the preliminary status paper, Action Taken Report, Performance of Budget etc. furnished by the Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments has made the following Observations and Recommendations.

1. The committee directed the Department to conduct awareness programmes regarding the benefits of all the Govt schemes including the local MLAs as its Member.
2. The committee directed the Department to submit a detail beneficiary scheme category wise under the department.
3. The committee directed the Department to monitor and supervise the rehabilitation centres strictly those are managing under the NGO's.
4. The Committee directed the Department to issue letters to all District Commissioners to conduct awareness Campaign regarding the registration of disabled persons in all the district involving the local MLAs.
5. The committee recommends that one Consultant should be appointed in each district on contractual basis to assist the District Social Welfare Officer exclusively for matters pertaining to the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. The Consultant will function his work from the office of District Social Welfare Officer.
6. The committee recommends for construction of one Old Age home in the districts where it is not available. Moreover, the Committee directed to monitor and supervise the Old Age Homes run by private NGOs properly.
7. The committee recommends to construct a park with library facilities for the recreational activities each districts for Senior Citizens.
8. The committee recommends to take necessary steps to avail and utilize the benefits of all central Govt schemes/project etc. for this department.
9. The committee recommends for constitution of a District level committee including local representatives and local MLA's for monitoring of implementation of various schemes for Senior Citizens. Instruction is to be given to all District Commissioners for necessary action in this regard.
10. The committee recommends to take necessary steps to be taken for enhancing the number of UDID registrations through extensive IEC activities.
11. The Committee recommends the Department to take necessary steps for organizing the specially health camps atleast twice in year & sports programme for senior citizens.

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total amount of Rs. 48870.55 lakhs as sought for, under Grant No. 40 Social Justice and Empowerment Department for the financial year, 2026-27 approved by the august House.

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