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DEVELOPMENT (E) DEPARTMENTS
2026-2027**

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY)

**REPORT ON THE DEMAND FOR GRANT NO. 42
FOR THE YEAR 2026-27**

**DEPARTMENT : WELFARE OF MINORITIES AND
DEVELOPMENT**

THIRD REPORT

Presented to the House on 22nd July, 2026

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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING
COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (E) DEPARTMENT,
2026-27.**

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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 their behalf, present this **THIRD REPORT** on Demands for **Grant No. 42** of the **Welfare of Minorities and Development 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 **Welfare of Minorities and Development 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 **Welfare of Minorities and Development Department** for submitting the requisite materials before the Committee for consideration and clarifications made by the official representatives. The Committee also thanked to Finance & Transformation & Development Department for their kind co-operation and clarification made during the course of deliberation.
6. Moreover, 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.

REPORT

CHAPTER-I Budget allocation under Grant No. 42

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. **7826.02** 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. 42 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 “**Welfare of Minorities & Development Department**”

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in Lakhs)
VOTED	7824.59	1.43	7826.02
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

An estimated budget allocation has been fixed as shown below under the following Heads :

REVENUE ACCOUNTS		
Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates (in Lakhs)
2070	Other Administrative Services	2019.16
2250	Other Social Services	342.14
2575	Other Special Area Programme	5463.29
4070	Other Administrative Services	1.43
4575	Capital Outlay on Special Area Programme	0.00
Grand Total		7826.02

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 **2nd Report**.

After consideration of all the facts/ documents/ status papers/ previous action taken report and the information given during the course of tendering the oral evidence by the departmental representatives, the Committee finally made this report.

REPORT

CHAPTER-II

A BRIEF REPORT ON GRANT NO. 42

Report received from different wings of the Welfare of Minorities and Development Department

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments in its meeting held on **16th July, 2026** found that the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department furnished the reports on Grant No.42 collecting from the Directorate of Minority Affairs and Char Areas, Assam, Assam Linguistic Minorities Development Board, office of the joint state Haj Committee - Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram etc., Assam Board of Wakfs etc.

Directorate of Minority Affairs and Char Areas, Assam

The Directorate of Minority Affairs and Char Areas, Assam is responsible for implementing programme and schemes aimed at the socio-economic and educational development of minority communities and Char Areas across the State.

During the financial year 2025-2026, the Directorate of Minority Affairs and Char Areas, Assam has continued to discharge its Administrative and Developmental responsibilities through the provisions available under Grant No. 42. Expenditure under the grant primarily covers Establishment Expenditure including salaries, arrear salary and dearness allowance, helper allowance, wages, travel expenses, postage, telephone charges, electricity and water charges, office expenses, stationery and printing, furniture, liveries, maintenance of vehicles, POL, books and periodicals, refreshment expenses, professional and special services, house rent and training charges. Against a budget provision of 781.64 lakh, an amount of ₹248.12 lakh was utilized during the financial year up to the reporting period for meeting the above administrative and operational expenditures, ensuring the smooth functioning of the Directorate and its subordinate offices.

Under the SOPD-G programme, the Directorate has successfully implemented the Distribution of Cricket Kits Scheme in collaboration with the Department of Sports and Youth Welfare, Assam. The initiative was undertaken with the objective of promoting sports activities among youth belonging to Minority Communities and Char Areas. Approximately 1,500 beneficiaries across different districts of the State were covered under the programme. The scheme has contributed towards encouraging youth participation in sports, fostering physical well-being, and promoting -4-community engagement at the grassroots level. During the Financial Year 2025-2026, against a budget provision of ₹419.08 lakh, an amount of 279.60 lakh was utilized for implementation of the scheme and distribution of cricket kits to the targeted beneficiaries across the State.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) various infrastructure development projects are being implemented in eligible areas. These include the Construction of Common Service Centres, Market Sheds, Drinking Water and Sanitation Facilities, Sadbhav Mandaps, and Model Residential Schools. The projects are aimed at enhancing access to essential services, improving community infrastructure, promoting educational opportunities, and supporting the overall socio-economic development of minority communities. Regular monitoring and follow-up are being undertaken to ensure timely completion and effective utilization of funds. During the Financial Year 2025-2026, against a budget provision of ₹5555.56 lakh, an amount of 5284.51 lakh was utilized for the implementation of various infrastructure development projects under PMJVK.

The Directorate remains committed to achieving inclusive and sustainable development for minority communities and residents of Char Areas throughout Assam.

Assam Linguistic Minorities Development Board

Details of the vote of Account budget of Assam Linguistic Minorities Development Board of the financial year 2026-27 under EE & SOPD-G under Grants No.42.

Rs. In lakh

Detail Head of Account	Budget allocation	Expenditure	Remarks
31-Grants-in-Aid General (Salary) 01-Scale of Pay EE (2070-00-105-2718-000-31-01-EE-V-GA)	0.01	Nil	
31-Grants-in-Aid General (Salary) 99-others EE (2070-00-105-2718-000-31-99-EE-V-GA)	4.46	-	demand of FOC submitted to the Govt. Rs. 2.49033 lakh for issue of FOC
32- Grants-in-Aid General (Non-Salary) 01-Normal EE (2070-00-105-2718-000-31-01-EE-V-GA)	11.08	1.26	Balance Rs. 9.82 lakh
32-Grants-in-Aid General (Non-Salary) 01-SOPD-G (2070-00-105-2718-000-31-01-EE-V-GA)	150.00	-	Priority list submitted to the Govt. for approval
Total Vote of Account Budget allocation	165.45	1.26	

The Govt. of Assam has allocated fund time to time to the Assam Linguistic Minorities Development Board for implementation of development scheme under SOPD-G & office expenses under Grant No. 42, accordingly the Board has taken up development Scheme like Construction of Community Hall, Cultural Center, School Building, Boy's Hostel, Girl's Hostel, Class Room, Cultural Center, Distribution of e-Rickshawa, Moped, Sewing & Fashion Design Machine, Ambulance, Water Filter, Pressuer Cooker etc to the Linguistic Minority Communities for development of Socio economic, cultural, self employment generation of the Linguistic Minority Community of Assam. Details breakup of the budget provision (Vote of Accout) as mentioned above

**BRIEF REPORT ON GRANT NO. 42 BY OFFICE OF THE JOINT STATE HAJ
COMMITTEE , ASSAM, MEGHALAYA, NAGALAND, MIZORAM ETC.**

The Joint State Haj Committee, Assam successfully coordinated the Haj pilgrimage for Haj 2026, ensuring smooth, safe and efficient arrangements for the pilgrims of Assam in close coordination with the Government of Assam, Haj Committee of India and all concerned departments and agencies.

During Haj 2026, a total of 2,401 pilgrims from Assam performed Haj. Of these, 746 were female pilgrims, reflecting significant participation of women in the pilgrimage.

The Committee organized Haj orientation and training programmes, facilitated documentation, coordinated vaccination and health-related formalities, promoted the use of the Haj Suvidha Mobile Application, and ensured smooth embarkation and disembarkation of pilgrims. As a goodwill gesture from the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Assam, a Thermo Flask was presented to every Haj pilgrim. Further, the Joint State Haj Committee, Assam presented commemorative mementos to the pilgrims on their successful completion of Haj 2026.

To strengthen assistance during the pilgrimage, 17 State Haj Inspectors, all regular Government employees of Assam, were selected through a transparent process comprising Computer Based Test (CBT) and interview in coordination with the Haj Committee of India. The Government of Assam sponsored 50% of the expenditure towards deployment of these inspectors, who rendered valuable assistance, coordination and welfare support to the pilgrims in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

For the successful conduct of Haj 2026, expenditure and bills amounting to approximately 2260-270 lakh have been incurred/are expected to be incurred towards various Haj-related activities and services. The Grant-in-Aid for the financial year 2026-27 is yet to be received. On receipt of the Grant-in-Aid, all pending payments/bills shall be cleared to the concerned stakeholder departments, offices, agencies and suppliers viz. Government of India and State Government of Assam, PWD, PHE, ASTC, AMTRON, GMC, etc.

The Joint State Haj Committee, Assam remains committed to ensuring transparent, efficient and pilgrim-centric Haj management through effective coordination with all stakeholders and continuous improvement in service delivery.

RECENT STATUS REPORT FY 2026-27

	DETAILS OF FUND		AMOUNT SANCTIONED (LAKH)	REMARKS
	2250-00-101-1752-31-99 GIA SALARY (VOTE ON ACCOUNT) (VOTE ON ACCOUNT)		6.63	FOC request SUBMITTED to WMD DEPTT.
	2250-00-101-1752-32-99 GIA NON-SALARY (VOTE ON ACCOUNT)		60.00	FOC request SUBMITTED to WMD DEPTT.
	2250-00-101-1752-31-99 GIA SALARY (REGULAR)			Regular budget estimate submitted to WMD DEPTT for balance amount Rs.10,16,220.00 dtd. 11th june, 2026.
	2250-00-101-1752-32-99 GIA NON-SALARY (REGULAR)			Regular budget estimate submitted to WMD DEPTT for total amount for full FY Rs.2,88,10,000.00 dtd. 11th june, 2026.

ASSAM BOARD OF WAKFS
RECENT STATUS REPORT ON GRANT NO. 42

The Assam Board of Wakfs is a statutory body constituted under the UMEED Act, 1995 (as amended in 2025) for the administration, protection and development of Waqf properties in the State. The Board receives Grant-in-Aid under Grant No. 42 from the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department towards salary and non-salary expenditure for discharging its statutory responsibilities

During the financial year 2025-26, the Grant-in-Aid was utilized for payment of salaries and establishment expenses, office administration, legal matters, implementation of the UMEED Central Portal and other statutory activities. The Board continued implementation of the UMEED Central Portal through coordination with District Commissioners, Circle Officers, Mutawallis and Management Committees for digitization and verification of Waqf properties. Video conferences were organized to facilitate data uploading and verification.

Financial Position under Grant No. 42

During the F.Y. 2025-2026 the following amount budgeted and released under grant-in-aid (salary) and grant-in-aid (non-salary) to the Assam Board of Wakfs under Grant No. 42:

Sl. No.	Grant-in-Aid	Head of Account	Budget provision (in Rs.)	Amount released (in Rs.)
1.	Salary	2250-00-101-1753-000-31-99-EE-V-GA	83.35,000/-	55.89,000/-
2.	Non-Salary	2250-00-101-1753-000-32-01-EE-V-GA	17,10,000/-	11.39.833/-

Particulars	Salary Grant-in-Aid (in Rs.)	Non-Salary Grant-in-Aid (in Rs.)
Opening Balance as on 31.03.2025	8,24,405/-	2,42,178/-
Grant Released by Government during F.Y. 2025-2026	55,89,000/-	15,70,000/-
Total:	64,13,405/-	18,12,178/-
Expenditure:		
Pay & allowances	63,09,106/-	
Office building rent		6,39,936/-
Legal fees		47,000/-
Safai worker		48,000/-
Tax consultancy fees		33,000/-
Office expenses		33,414/-
Newspaper bill		2,400/-
Office car		84,965/-
Electricity bill		22,801/-
TA/T.E.		2,00,977/-
Generator		500/-
Office computer		1,190/-
Postal stamp		10,000/-
Telephone bill		250/-
Maintenance to divorcee		2,400/-
Total Expenditure:	63,09,106/-	11,39,833/-
Closing Balance as on 31.03.2026	1,04,299/-	6,72,345/-

ACTION TAKEN REPORT
AGAINST THE OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE 2ND REPORT
OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (E)
DEPARTMENTS ON GRANT NO.42.

The Committee after holding a thorough discussion with the **Welfare of Minorities & Development Department** relating to **Grant No.42** the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments made the following Observations & Recommendations.

1. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 2 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) regarding the construct Girls School, Girls College at Dalgaon, Girls Hostel at Kharupetia, Model School/College in Shyampur Chapori and one at Tezpur under Bhomoraguri or Dalbari G.P.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

The Directorate of Minority Affairs and Char Areas has been implementing PMJVK Scheme/Projects from FY 2008-09 as per the GoI, PMJVK Guidelines through District Commissioner and other implementing agencies. In this respect Model Residential School, Additional Class Room at LP/ME/HSS, Library, Toilets, Science Laboratory etc. has been constructed in the district of Sonitpur & Darrang. Moreover, as per the PMJVK Guidelines DC proposes & recommends the schemes / projects related to Skill/Education/Health etc. & forward the same to the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department for approval of State Level Committee.

1. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 3 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) regarding the insufficient provision of resources such as classroom, desk, bench and other infrastructure facilities etc. and therefore, the Department should to develop the infrastructure facilities and also to increase the numbers of classroom in Solmara School, Tezpur

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

The Directorate of Minority Affairs and Char Areas has been implementing PMJVK Scheme/Projects from FY 2008-09 as per the GoI, PMJVK Guidelines through District Commissioner and other implementing agencies. In this respect Model Residential School, Additional Class Room at LP/ME/HSS, Library, Toilets, Science Laboratory etc. has been constructed in the district of Sonitpur & Darrang. Moreover, as per the PMJVK Guidelines DC proposes & recommends the schemes / projects related to Skill/Education/Health etc. & forward the same to the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department for approval of State Level Committee.

3. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 4 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) regarding the working minority women especially ANM/GNM Nurses and Teachers have been facing various problems due to unavailability or lack of Hostel facilities near the work places.

And, therefore, the Department should take initiatives to construct Hostels for the Working Women for their convenience in the areas where the Department feels necessary.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

The ANM/GNM courses implemented by Assam Minorities Development Board are long term professional courses, and the courses are normally run by Govt. approved Institutions affiliated under the Assam Nursing Council & Indian Nursing Council and Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences. The courses are residential and the beneficiaries undergoing such courses reside in the hostels which are available in the Institution premises.

The construction of working women hostels can be taken up under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK), subject to receipt of proposals from the concerned district headquarters.

4. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 7 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) regarding t to activate the functioning of the Assam Minorities Finance and Development Cooperation.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

Assam Minorities Development and Finance Corporation Ltd. (AMDFC) was formed as a State Channelizing Agency (SCA) of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) on 27th February, 1997, having Reg. No.-02-04996 of 1996-1997, under the Companies Act, 1956 (ACT I of 1956), in order to facilitate release of such loans to the minorities of Assam with an authorized share capital of Rs.500.00 Lakhs.

The main objective of the Corporation was to promote economic and developmental activities for the benefit of backward sections of the minorities with preference to occupational groups and women. The NMDFC finance the AMDFC Ltd. on the strength of the Govt. Guarantee. The State Govt. agreed to a Block Guarantee cover of Rs. 500.00 Lakhs in 1998 in order to enable this SCA to draw funds from NMDFC in the form of loan and Micro-Credit. Further Additional Govt. Guarantee of Rs. 500.00 Lakhs was issued in 2009 as demanded by NMDFC initial stage is almost exhausted due to low rate of recovery from the loanees and low contribution of Equity Share to NMDFC.

The Corporation (AMDFC) had received fund from NMDFC during the period 1998-99 to 2011-12 for implementing of Term Loan Scheme and Micro-Finance Scheme. The State of Assam contributed 16.32 Crores as Equity support to NMDFC out of 38.29 Crores earmarked for AMDFC Ltd. The AMDFC Ltd. had received Rs. 7,86,55,250/- for Term Loan Scheme and Rs.

4,04,00,000/- for Micro-Finance Scheme. All the schemes had been implemented successfully, but due bad recovery of loan the Corporation had faced a lot problem to repay the invested loan amount to NMDFC. The NMDFC had stopped giving financial assistance to AMDFC Ltd. from 2012-13 onwards, due to non-repayment of loan, remaining Equity Contribution and Government Guarantee. A total amount of Rs. 5,05,11,418/- had been recovered from the loanees under the Term Loan and Micro-Finance Loan and sent to the NMDFC as recovery.

The Assam Minorities Development & Finance Corp. Ltd. (AMDFC) under the administrative control of the Welfare of Minorities & Development Dept., has been decided to be closed by the Cabinet as per the provision of Para 6 of "Public Enterprise Policy, 2019" and to transfer all assets and liabilities to Assam Minorities Development Board (AMDB) as per Govt. Notification No. 235731/288 dated 02.08.2023. In this connection, the AMDFC had paid the One Time Settlement dues amounting to 8.4515 Cr. to National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC).

Govt. has nominated AMDB as new SCA of NMDFC as per Notification No. E:307149/63 dated 16.02.2024. In this regard, AMDB had already signed Memorandum of Agreement with NMDFC. It is mention here that to avail the benefits of schemes from NMDFC a Govt. Guarantee have to be submitted to NMDFC, for which AMDB has already moved to Finance (EA) Dept., but the file for allotting Govt. Guarantee amounting to ₹30.00 Crores is still pending at the Finance Dept. for approval vide letter No. AMDB.297/2024/404 dated 03.01.2025. In view of the above situation, the newly nominated SCA i.e. Assam Minorities Development Board has not been able to avail any NMDFC grants for implementation of schemes for the benefits of minorities.

5. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 8 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) regarding the eviction of all illegal persons or establishment from the wakf property throughout the State.

Therefore, the Committee added a direction that the Department should submit a detailed status report on the illegal encroachment made on the wakf property to the Committee at the earliest.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

The Assam Board of Wakfs under Welfare of Minorities & Development Department, has taken the following steps:

1. Issued notices to the encroachers as per Section 54 of the UMEED Act, 2025 (as amended).
2. Communicated with the concerned District Commissioners as well as Revenue Circle Officers for appropriate action against the encroachers.
3. As per the UMEED Central Portal 2025, now the Waqf properties can be examined and verified if there are any encroachers on the properties.

6. The Committee recommends that the Government should refix or revise the rate of rent or Lease value of wakf property based on current market.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

The rate of rent or lease of the Waqf Properties is being fixed as per the provisions of the Waqf Properties Lease Rules, 2014 (as amended in 2015 & 2020).

7. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 10 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) regarding to utilize 10% of allocation of PMJVK (MSDP) exclusively for Skill Development of Minority people to impart training and other vocational courses.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

PMJVK is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which is being implemented with an objective to develop infrastructure project, which are community assets, in the identified areas. However, under PMJVK, 15 Nos. of ITIs have been constructed, out of which 12 have been completed. Out of the 12 nos., 6 nos. have been handed over to the Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship Department. The remaining ITIs on completion will be handed over to the Education Department.

8. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 11 incorporated in its First Report (2024-2025) stating there is no public auditorium at Dalgaon Constituency which is a long standing demand of the people of the said constituency.

Therefore, the Department is directed to construct a public auditorium with modern facilities at Dalgaon Constituency.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

The Directorate of Minority Affairs and Char Areas has been implementing PMJVK Scheme/Projects from FY 2008-09 as per the GoI, PMJVK Guidelines through District Commissioner and other implementing agencies. In this respect Model Residential School, Additional Class Room at LP/ME/HSS, Library, Toilets, Science Laboratory etc. has been constructed in the district of Sonitpur&Darrang. Moreover, as per the PMJVK Guidelines DC proposes & recommends the schemes / projects related to Skill/Education/Health etc. & forward the same to the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department for approval of State Level Committee.

9. The Committee recommends that the department should have to take up Hajrat Ajan Peer Senior Secondary School situated in MorianiLAC under MSDP Scheme and Community Hall and Bazaar should also be taken up.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

The Directorate of Minority Affairs and Char Areas has been implementing PMJVK Scheme/Projects from FY 2008-09 as per the Gol, PMJVK Guidelines through District Commissioner and other implementing agencies. In this respect Model Residential School, Additional Class Room at LP/ME/HSS, Library, Toilets, Science Laboratory etc. has been constructed in the district of Sonitpur & Darrang. Moreover, as per the PMJVK Guidelines DC proposes & recommends the schemes / projects related to Skill/Education/Health etc. & forward the same to the Welfare of Minorities & Development Department for approval of State Level Committee.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

After a threadbare discussion and consideration of all the facts/ documents/ status papers/ previous action taken report and the information / data given by the departmental representatives during the course of tendering the oral evidence, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments finally made the following observations and recommendations: -

1. The Committee observed that the Welfare of Minorities and Development Department virtually implements schemes / projects through the State.

The Committee recommended that the Department should revised the selection of beneficiaries which should be submitted to the district level instead of state level Committee.

In view of the above, the Committee also recommended that all the MLAs should be included in the District Level Committees as a Member.

2. The Committee also observed that the Selection Process of existing ongoing projects / schemes like construction of any Schools/ Model Schools or Model Colleges / ITIs / Training Institution etc. have been executed throughout the Sate.

The Committee recommended that the existing such ongoing projects/schemes should be completed as early as possible.

3) The Committee has observed that the Department has constructed some Model Schools / Colleges in different areas of our State which will be handed over to the Education Department where Guide-line should be prepared asper the demand and interest of the people.

The Committee, therefore, urge upon the Department that the Department should make an adequate Guide-Line for proper running of such institution after making a co-ordination with the Department whom it will be handed over after completion for the greatest interest of the people.

A detailed Status Report of the on-going projects / works undertaken by the Department for the FY 2024-2025 and 2025-26 should be furnished to the Committee for its review and consideration as directed by the Committee in its meeting held on 16-07-2026.

4) The Committee also observed that the fund sanctioned to the Welfare of Minority and Development Department is not so sufficient to meet up the outstanding liabilities of the FY 2024-2025

The Committee, therefore, recommended that the adequate budgetary provision should be made in the next financial year to clear up all the pending dues considering the sanctity of the public interest involved therein.

5) The Committee observed that utilization certificates are not submitted to the concerned Department even after utilization of the fund sanctioned under Prodhan Mantri Jan Vikash Karykram (PMJVK).

The Committee, therefore, directed the Department to issue letters to all the concerned DCs to submit their Utilization Certificate to the Concerned Department as soon as the completion of the work.

6) The Committee also observed that the funds allocated to the Department for awareness programme in the minority areas is not enough and therefore, recommended that the sufficient Fund should be allocated for organizing the awareness campaign as per requirement.

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total amount of Rs. 7826.02 lakhs as sought for, under Grant No.42 Welfare of Minorities & Development Department for the financial year, 2026-2027 be 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.