



**DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE
ON DEVELOPMENT (F) DEPARTMENTS**

(2026-27)

SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY

TWENTY EIGHTH REPORT

**FOOD, PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

(2026-27)

GRANT NOS. 37 & 46

(Presented to the House on 22nd July, 2026)

**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT,
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006.**

INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (F) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly, having been authorized by the Committee to present the **TWENTY EIGHTH REPORT** of the Committee on Demands for Grants (Grant Nos. 37 & 46) relating to the **Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department** for the year **2026-2027**.

1. In pursuance of Rule 260-I (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, Hon'ble Speaker has been pleased to constitute the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (F) Departments on **10th July, 2026** for a period of one year (**ANNEXURE-I**).
2. The Committee scrutinized the various documents and relevant papers including the status report received from the Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department and also took the personal evidence of the Departmental representatives of the Department on the said Demands for Grants in its meeting held on **16th July, 2026**.
3. The Committee considered the Draft Report and approved it on **18th July, 2026**.
4. The Committee places on record its appreciation to the representatives of the Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department for extending their co-operation to the Committee and the officials of Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat attached to the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (F) Departments for their full co-operation and unstinted assistance.
5. The Committee also places on record its thanks to the representatives of the Finance Department and also the Transformation & Development Department for assisting the Committee in its deliberation.

DISPUR :

Dated 18th July, 2026.


(PRITHIRAJ RAVA)
CHAIRPERSON,
DRSC ON DEV.(F) DEPTTS.,
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON :

Shri Prithiraj Rava, MLA

MEMBERS :

1. Shri Sanjay Kishan, MLA
2. Shri Mrinal Saikia, MLA
3. Shri Shiladitya Dev, MLA
4. Shri Krishna Kamal Tanti, MLA
5. Shri Binod Hazarika, MLA
6. Shri Bhuban Gam, MLA
7. Shri Suruj Dehingia, MLA
8. Dr.Milon Das, MLA
9. Dr.Asif Md.Nazar, MLA
10. Md.Ashraful Islam Seikh, MLA
11. Md.Nurul Islam, MLA
12. Smti. Sewli Mohilary, MLA

SECRETARIAT :

1. Shri Rajib Bhattacharyya, Secretary, AAS.
2. Smti Pankaj Baishya, Joint Secretary, AAS.
3. Smti Nilakhi Dutta Goswami, Under Secretary.
4. Shri Samit Chowdhury, Assistant Research Officer.

CHAPTER-1**REPORT****Brief Note on Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs:**

A. Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department, Govt. of Assam:- The Department of Food, Public Distribution & Consumer Affairs, Government of Assam endeavors to ensure availability of food grains at affordable and reasonable price throughout the State. The department ensures creation of buffer stock, procurement, storage and distribution of food grains to overcome natural calamities.

The Department undertakes supervisory and enforcement duties under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Orders like the Public Distribution System (control) Order, 2001. In Assam, 2.52 crore population has been covered under NFSA'13 (84.17% of rural population and 60.35% of urban population as per census 2011) categorizing them as AAY and Priority Household families.

The following Acts and Orders are being followed by the department:-

- 1) The Public Distribution (Control) Order, 2001 amended up to date.
- 2) The Assam Public Distribution of Articles Order, 1982.
- 3) The Assam Trade Articles (L&C) order 1982.
- 4) The Prevention of Black Marketing, Supply and Maintenance of Essential Commodities Act, 1980.
- 5) The Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply & Distribution) Order, 2000 amended up to date.
- 6) The Naphtha (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of use in Automobile) Order 2000.
- 7) Petroleum Products (Maintenance of Production, Storage and Supply) Order, 1999.
- 8) The Kerosene (Restriction on Use and Fixation of Ceiling Price) Order 1993 amended up to date.
- 9) The M.S & HSD (Regulation of Supply and Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Order 2005 amended up to date.
- 10) Assam Paddy and Rice Procurement (Levy and Licensing) Order 1995
- 11) Assam Paddy and Rice Procurement (Levy and Licensing) Amendment Permanent Order, 2000.
- 12) The Solvent, Reffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of used in Automobiles) Order, 2000.
- 13) The Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of Supply, Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Amendment Order, 2007.
- 14) The Lubricant Oils and Greases (Processing Supply and Distribution Regulation) Order 1987 and lubricating oil Greases (Procuring Supply and Distribution regulation) (Amendment) order, 2021.

- 15) The Consumer Protection Act, 2019
- 16) National Food Security Act, 2013
- 17) The Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of Supply, Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Amendment Order, 2008.
- 18) Targeted Public Distribution (Control) Order, 2015.
- 19) Assam Food Security Rules, 2022

B. Legal Metrology:- The Department of Legal Metrology is one among the Welfare Departments of the State. The Department is working in the field of weights and measures. But, the department does not implement any beneficiary related scheme.

The main objective of the Legal Metrology Department is to protect the interest of the consumers. This is done by maintaining accuracy of the weights and measures used in all business transaction and protection and also by registering prosecution cases against the violators of the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act and Rules in force at present. The Department also enforces provisions related to Packaged Commodities. To give boost to Legal Metrology infrastructures of the States/UTs, the Strengthening of Weights and Measures Infrastructures of the States/UTs" sponsored by Govt. of India(GOI) is being maintained in our State also, which is likely to improve the functioning of the Department leading to consumers protection. The Legal Metrology Department (Weights & Measures) came into existence in the State of Assam in the year, 1960 to maintain an uniform system of Weights and Measures throughout the Country.

At present, the Department is enforcing the following Acts and Rules :

- 1) The Legal Metrology Act, 2009.
- 2) The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.
- 3) The Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011.
- 4) The Assam Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules. 2011.
- 5) The Legal Metrology (Approval of Models) Rules, 2011

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The Department of Legal Metrology is working for the welfare of the consumer of the State. There is no specific scheme to implement. Standardization and maintenance of accuracy of all the weights and measures used in various trades and industries in the State is the target of the Department.

Though the Legal Metrology Department is a service oriented department, the Department also earns substantial amount of non-tax revenue every year through verification and stamping of weights and measures by traders, Calibration of storage tank, issue of Dealer License/Packers License, etc. The financial target and achievement w.e.f. 2020-21 to 2025-26 are as follows:

Year	Collection of Revenue
2020-21	Rs .495.65 Lakhs
2021-22	Rs. 576.75 Lakhs
2022-23	Rs. 552.89 Lakhs
2023-24	Rs.613.97 Lakhs
2024-25	Rs.606.63 Lakhs
2025-26	Rs.600.95 Lakhs

- i) The nos. of prosecution cases detected/registered , compounded and fees realized under various Acts and Rules of Weights and Measures w.e.f. 2021-22 to 2025-26 are as follows :

Year	No. of Prosecution case Registered.	No. Of cases compounded.	Compounding fees.	No. of cases sanctioned for trial.
2021-22	714	294	Rs. 21.13 Lakh	42
2022-23	755	382	Rs. 40.91 Lakh	99
2023-24	524	209	Rs.19.96 lakhs	89
2024-25	948	573	Rs. 41.18 Lakh	62
2025-26	391	368	Rs.20.80 Lakhs	47

PERFORMANCE BUDGET/ANNUAL REPORT RELATING TO
GRANT NO 37

FOR FOOD, PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION & CONSUMER AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT 2025-26

1.National Food Security Scheme:- A budget provision of Rs.52978.22lakhs (Rs.29523.46 lakhs as commission and Rs.23454.76 lakhs as transportation totaling to Rs.52978.22 lakhs) has been provided as budget provision during the financial year 2025-26 for payment of commission to the FPSs and transportation cost to transporters in respect of National Food Security Scheme. Out of Rs.52978.22 lakhs, an amount of Rs.46347.18894 lakhs has been utilized and Rs.6631.03106 lakh remains unutilized.

A budget estimate of Rs 53152.41lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2026-27 for payment of commission to the FPSs and transportation cost to transporters in respect of National Food Security Scheme.

2.FAIR PRICE SHOP AUTOMATION SCHEME(Additional Margin for epos): -A budget provision for an amount of Rs.6823.48 lakhs has been provided for the financial year 2025-26 towards the payment of additional margin for ePoS transactions in connection with the distribution of NFSA rice through Electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) devices.Out of Rs.6823.48 lakhs, an amount of Rs.5550.09268 Lakhs has been utilized and balance budget of Rs.1273.38732 lakhs could not be utilized due to due to non-receipt of Mother Sanction from the Government of India (GoI).

A budget estimate of 6845.92 lakhs is proposed for FY 2026-27 to meet expenditure towards the payment of additional margin for ePoS transactions in connection with the distribution of NFSA rice through Electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) devices during the FY 2026-27 under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) scheme.

3. Paddy Procurement Programme: - i. A budget provision of Rs.1623.88 lakhs has been provided for the financial year 2025-26 to meet differential expenses Cost for Gunny Bags, Mandi Labour Charges, Godown Rent, Administrative Charges of AFCSCL. This amount could not be utilized due to non receipt of FOC from finance department.

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Rs.4614.95 lakhs is required for the financial year 2026 -27to meet the differential expenses in respect of Assam Food and Civil supplies corporation Limited such as Cost for Gunny Bags, Mandi Labour Charges, Godown Rent, Administrative Charges etc.

ii. A budget provision of Rs.162.45 lakhs has been provided for the financial year 2025-26 to meet differential expensesCost for Gunny Bags, Mandi Labour Charges, Godown Rent, Administrative Charges of AFCSCL. This amount has already been utilized.

Rs. 265.06 lakhs is required for the financial year 2026-27 for construction of an office building for AFCSCL at the vacant land in the premise of the Controller of legal metrology(the land belongs to Food, public distribution and consumer affairs department) and for providing necessary equipment and creating facilities in procurement centres.

4. End-to-End Computerization:-A budget provision of Rs.189.66 lakhs has been provided for the current financial year 2025-26 for implementation of End-to-End Computerization of TPDS project and payment of internet connectivity for continuation of supply chain management, manpower support, security audit of application software's etc. This amount has already been utilized.

Rs.203.11 lakhs is required in connection with Implementation of Computerization of TPDS project PDS network (FP shop automation).The proposal has been recommended by AMTRON.

5. Samabai Sabalikaran Yojana: - A budget provision of Rs. 4756.61 lakhs has been provided for payment as Grants-in-Aid @ Rs.26.35 per quintal against quantity handled to each of the GPSSs/LAMPs/WCCs of the State for services rendered by them in the supply chain management of foodgrains for the year 2025-26. Out of Rs. 4756.61lakhs, an amount of Rs. **4244.89683** lakhs has been utilized and balance amount of Rs. 511.71317lakhs could not be utilized due to restrictions on the issuance of Financial Sanction by Finance Assam.

A budget estimate of Rs.4690.96Lakhs is proposed for meeting expenditure to be incurred for FY 2026-27 @ Rs.26.35 per quintel against distribution of NFSA rice.

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6. State Consumer Helpline:- A budget provision of Rs.23.30 lakhs is provided for operation of State Consumer Helpline scheme for the financial year 2025-26. This amount has already been utilized. Rs.28.28 lakhs is required for continuous operation of State Consumer Helpline Scheme for the financial year 2026-27.

7. State support for providing additional items to NFSA beneficiaries- A budget provision of Rs.31000 lakhs was provided during the FY 2025-26 for implementation of the scheme in connection with distribution of Masur Dal, Sugar and Salt at subsidized rates to NFSA beneficiaries. Out of budgeted amount of Rs.31000 lakhs an amount of Rs.21473.38136 is utilized and balance amount of Rs 9526.61864 remains unutilized as The budget was provisioned for seven months (Nov-25 to May-26). However, expenditure was incurred only for the period Nov-25 to Mar-26, resulting in less utilization of budget. Rs31500.00 lakhs is required as subsidy for the Distribution of Masur dal and sugar to NFSA beneficiaries during FY 2026-27.

Centrally Sponsored Scheme

1.SMART-PDS (Scheme for Modernization and Reforms through Technology in PDS) :- A budget provision of Rs. 245.07 was provided for the financial year 2025-26 (Rs.224.15 as central share and Rs.20.92 as state share). Out of Rs. 245.07 lakhs an amount of Rs 68.84191 lakhs was utilized and balance budget of Rs.176.22809 could not be utilized due to non-receipt of Mother Sanction from the Government of India (GoI).

A budget estimates of Rs.291.00 lakhs is proposed for expenditure to be incurred under the scheme for payment of remuneration to Project Manager/Consultant/Data Analyst

Central Sector Scheme**1. CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE GODOWNS:-**

A budget provision of Rs.112.07 lakhs was provided for the financial year 2025-26. The Budget remains unutilized due to restriction on distribution of Budget set by Finance Assam. This Commissionerate FPDCA&LM has communicated with the Finance Department requesting withdrawal of the restriction on budget distribution under the respective Head of Account.

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A budget estimate of Rs.68.64 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2026-2027. Out of Rs. 68.64 lakhs, an amount of Rs. 63.57 lakhs is required to meet the outstanding liabilities towards payment for works already completed as Central Share. Further, an amount of Rs. 5.07 lakhs is required as State Share for clearing pending contractors payment. The amount is required for disbursement and compliance with financial commitments.

2. STRENGTHENING THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE CONSUMER COURT:-

A budget provision of Rs.0.49 lakhs is provided for the financial year 2025-26. The amount remains unutilized.

3. Consumer Awareness Activities: -The Consumer Awareness Activities Scheme is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme, fully funded by the Government of India (GoI). The year details of funds received and their utilization under the scheme are as follows:

SL No.	Financial Year	Amount released by GoI (in Rs.)	Expenditure/ UC submitted GoI (in Rs.)	Unutilized/ UC pending GoI (in Rs.)
1	2006-07	2875000	2868182	6818
2	2013-14	2993182	0.00	2993182
3	2014-15	2993182	1994424	998758
	Total	8861364	4862606	3998758

In view of the above, a budget provision of Rs. 40.04 lakhs was made during the Financial Year 2025-26. However, the budget could not be utilized before 31st March 2026 due to the restriction imposed by the Finance Department, Govt. of Assam, on the distribution of budget under respective Head of Account. This Commissionerate FPDCA&LM has communicated with the Finance Department requesting withdrawal of the restriction on budget distribution under the respective Head of Account.

If the restriction on budget distribution is withdrawn by the Finance Department, Govt. of Assam, during the current Financial Year 2026-27, then, out of the unutilized balance of Rs. 39,98,758, an amount of Rs. 29,92,480 will be utilized against the Plan and Estimate received from Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (ASCDRC) during FY 2024-25. The remaining balance of Rs. 10,06,278 may either be surrendered or utilized as per the instructions of the competent authority.

**PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR HEAD QUARTER ESTABLISHMENT AND
DISTRICT LEVEL ESTABLISHMENT, ETC: -**

1. **Writing of cards:** -A budget provision of Rs.95.00 lakhs has been provided for the financial year 2025-26 for payment of writing of cards. Out of the total budget provision of Rs.95.00 lakhs,expenditure has incurred for an amount of Rs.62.97255 lakhs.The remaining amount remains unutilized due to non receipt of FS/FOC.
A budget estimate of Rs.90.00 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2026-27. The amount is required for the clearance of outstanding liabilities pertaining to the entry of NFSA beneficiary details and recording of beneficiary particulars in Ration Card. The amount will also be utilized to meet expenditure to be incurred for the same activities during the FY 2026-27.
2. **Generating Awareness of TPDS Beneficiaries:** -A budget provision of Rs. 15.39 lakhs has been provided for Publicity Awareness of TPDS for the financial year 2025-26. Out of Rs. 15.39lakhs, expenditure for an amount of Rs. 14.337 lakhs has been incurred and balance amount of Rs. 1.053 remains unutilized.
A budget estimate of Rs.5.13 lakhs is proposed for the financial year 2026-27for Rs.5.13 lakhs required for generating awareness of TPDS beneficiaries for the work handling of social media.
 - a) An amount of Rs.714.10 lakhs for Head Quarter Establishment which Includes Salary, O.E., T.E., RRT etc.
 - b) An amount of Rs.3752.19 lakhs for Salary, O.E., T.E. etc for District Level Establishment.
 - c) Rs.25.13 lakhs for Salary Wages, TE.OE etc for State Food Commission
 - d) An amount of Rs. 77.00 lakhs for Head Quarter Establishment which includes Salary, O.E., T.E etc.
 - e) An amount of Rs.44.00 lakhs for District Level which includes Salary.
 - f) Rs.415.60 lakhs is required for payment of salary T.E, O.E. RRT etc. in respect of Head Quarters of Legal Metrology.

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- g) Rs.1879.96 lakhs is required for payment of salary T.E, O.E. RRT etc. in respect of Subordinate offices of Legal Metrology.
- h) Rs 95.15 lakhs is required for payment of salary T.E, O.E. RRT etc. in respect of Subordinate offices of Legal Metrology.
- i) Rs 12.50 lakhs required for purchase of hardware of Legal Metrology.

The aforesaid amount of Rs.7015.63 lakhs may be recommended for the financial year 2026-27.

Status Report and Brief Report on Grant No. 46

Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions Assam were established under Consumer Protection Act.

Consumer Protection Act, 2019 is an Act of the Parliament of India.

Grant No. 46 was allotted to the Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission along with 23 nos. of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission in Assam after Govt. of Assam declared Hon'ble President, Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission as HOD.

Out of 23 nos. District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, 8 nos. are independent, namely; Kamrup, Jorhat, Kokrajhar, Nogaon, Sonitpur, Cachar, Kamrup, Nalbari and 15 nos. District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission are attached with the District & Session Judge, namely; Barpeta, Darrang, Bongaigaon, Goalpara, Sivsagar, Tinsukia, Karimganj, Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Karbi Anglong, N.C. Hills Dima Hasao, Hailakandi, Golaghat, Dhubri, Morigaon

Consumer Protection Act 2019 Details:

- **Consumer Protection Act, 2019 is a law to protect the interests of the consumers. This Act provides safety to consumers regarding defective products, dissatisfactory services, and unfair trade practices.**
- **The basic aim of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 is to save the rights of the consumers by establishing authorities for timely and effective administration and settlement of consumers' disputes.**

Rights of the consumers:

- **Consumers have the right to information on various aspects of goods and services. This could be information about the quantity, quality, purity, potency, price, and standard of goods or services.**
- **To be protected from hazardous goods and services. Right to protection against goods and services that can be dangerous to life and property.**
- **To be protected from unfair or restrictive trade practices.**
- **Consumers have the right to access a variety of goods and services at competitive prices.**
- **Consumers should have the right to redressal.**

Salient Provisions of the Consumer Protection Act 2019

New definition of consumer:

- The new Act has widened the definition of 'consumer'.

Definition of consumer:

- As per the Act, a person is called a consumer who avails the services and buys any good for self-use. Worth to mention that if a person buys any good or avails any service for resale or commercial purposes, he/she is not considered a consumer. This definition covers all types of transactions i.e. offline and online through teleshopping, direct selling or multi-level marketing.
- "Product liability" means the responsibility of a product manufacturer or product seller, of any product or service, to compensate for any harm caused to a consumer by such defective product manufactured or sold or by deficiency in service relating thereto.
- "Product liability action" means a complaint filed by a person for claiming compensation for the harm caused to him before consumer Commission.

Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission:

- The Act has the provision of the establishment of Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions (CDRCs) at the national, state and district levels to entertain consumer complaints.
- The CDRCs will entertain complaints related to:
 - Overcharging or deceptive charging
 - Unfair or restrictive trade practices
 - Sale of hazardous goods and services which may be hazardous to life.
 - Sale of defective goods or services

E-Filing of Complaints:

- The new Act provides flexibility to the consumer to file complaints with the jurisdictional consumer forum located at the place of residence or work of the consumer. This is unlike the earlier condition where the consumer had to file a complaint at the place of purchase or where the seller has its registered office address.
- The new Act also contains enabling provisions for consumers to file complaints electronically and for hearing and/or examining parties through video-conferencing.
- Consumers will also not need to hire a lawyer to represent their cases.

No. of Cases Filed / Disposed of / Pending (as on 31/05/2026).

Name of Consumer Commissions		No. of cases Filed since inception	No. of cases Disposed of since inception	No. of cases pending as on 31/05/2026
Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission		3597	3295	302
Name of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission		No. of cases Filed since inception	No. of cases Disposed of since inception	No. of cases pending as on 31/05/2026
1	Kamrup	6078	5421	657
2	Sonitpur	1207	1102	105
3	Dibrugarh	1156	1050	106
4	Kokrajhar	175	163	12
5	Cachar	1992	1781	211
6	Nalbari	397	356	41
7	Jorhat	1322	1286	36
8	Nagaon	1252	1147	105
9	Barpeta	794	615	179
10	Darrang	484	433	51
11	Bongaigaon	448	363	85
12	Goalpara	248	213	35
13	Sivasagar	711	665	46
14	Tinsukia	911	814	97
15	Karimganj	509	445	64
16	Dhemaji	460	444	16
17	Lakhimpur	292	284	8
18	Karbi Anglong	27	24	3
19	N.C. Hills Dima Hasao	76	76	nil
20	Hailakandi	590	544	46
21	Golaghat	701	671	30
22	Dhubri	698	628	70
23	Morigaon	325	306	19
....	TOTAL (For District Commission):	20853	18831	2022

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After presentation of the Budget in the House on 10th July, 2026, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (F) Departments has scrutinized the Demands for Grants for the Financial Year 2026-27.

Budget Estimates under **Grant No. 37** for the Financial Year 2026-27 is as follows:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

	Revenue	Capital	Total
Voted	97968.18	172.69	98140.87
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

Out of the total Budget provision of Rs.98140.87 made for the financial year 2026-27, Rs.97968.18 has been earmarked under the Revenue and Rs.172.69 under Capital Head respectively.

Budget Estimates under **Grant No. 46** for the Financial Year 2026-27 is as follows:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

	Revenue	Capital	Total
Voted	1138.66	88.00	1226.66
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

Out of the total Budget provision of Rs.1226.66 made for the financial year 2026-27, Rs. 1138.66 has been earmarked under the Revenue and Rs.88.00 under Capital Head respectively.

The Action Taken Report on the recommendations made in the Twenty Seventh Report of Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department are appended at Annexure-II.

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT **N O T I F I C A T I O N**

The 10th July, 2026

No.LA-DRSC.Dev.(F)Depts.2/2026/22, In pursuance of Rule 260 H (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly has been pleased to nominate the following Members to constitute the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (F) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.

1. Shri Prithiraj Rava, MLA	Chairperson
2. Shri Sanjay Kishan, MLA	Member
3. Shri Mrinal Saikia, MLA	Member
4. Shri Shiladitya Dev, MLA	Member
5. Shri Krishna Kamal Tanti, MLA	Member
6. Shri Binod Hazarika, MLA	Member
7. Shri Bhuban Gam, MLA	Member
8. Shri Suruj Dehingia, MLA	Member
9. Dr. Milon Das, MLA	Member
10. Dr. Asif Md.Nazar, MLA	Member
11. Md. Ashraful Islam Seikh, MLA	Member
12. Md. Nurul Islam, MLA	Member
13. Smti. Sewli Mohilary, MLA	Member

And in pursuance of the Rule 260 I (3) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Speaker has been pleased to appoint **Shri Prithiraj Rava, MLA** and **Member** of the Committee as the **Chairperson** of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (F) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.

The term of the Committee shall be for a period of one year with effect from the date of its constitution.

Sd./- Rajib Bhattacharyya, AAS
 Secretary,
 Assam Legislative Assembly.

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ANNEXURE-II

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (F) DEPARTMENTS, ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN RESPECT OF FOOD, PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

GRANT NO.-37

Point No	Observation and Recommendations	Action Taken Notes
1	The committee observes that though the Govt. has already notified involvement of the local Hon'ble MLA's and MP's as special invitee in the District Level Paddy Procurement Committee, no Hon'ble MLA's and MP's have been informed regarding the said committee and hence reiterates recommendation no.1 of the year 2024-25. The committee recommends that the Department re-issue letters to all DC's & Principal Secretaries of Autonomous Councils for incorporation of Hon'ble MLA's and MP's in the District Level Paddy Procurement Committee and also to call for minutes of meeting held till date.	i. The Commissioner, Food Public Distribution Consumer Affairs & Legal Metrology, Assam has already requested all District Commissioners and Principal Secretaries of the Autonomous Councils for involving the local Hon'ble MLA and MPs as special invitee in District Level Paddy Procurement Committee vide letter No.SA.7/2023/BT/205, dated 13.05.2025. ii. Food, Public Distribution & Consumer Affairs Department has also once again requested all District Commissioners and Principal Secretaries of the Autonomous Councils for involving the local Hon'ble MLA and MPs as special invitee in District Level Paddy Procurement Committee vide letter No.E-256070/641, dated 06.06.2025. iii. The Managing Director, AFCSCL had already written a letter to All District Commissioner vide letter No.AFCSCL.20/2019/Pt-I/356 dated 04/07/2026 regarding formation of District Level Paddy Procurement Committee and inclusion of the local Hon'ble MLAs and MPs as special invitee in the said Committee and holding of the regular meetings.

2	The committee observed that most of the farmers are not registered under paddy procurement schemes in almost every district particularly South Salmara, Mankachar District.	(1) The Commissioner, Food Public Distribution Consumer Affairs & Legal Metrology, Assam has already requested Managing Director, Assam Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited for taking necessary action in this regard vide letter No.SA.7/2023/BT/206 dated 13.05.2025. (2) However, farmer registration under paddy procurement is under the purview of Agriculture Department. Accordingly, Food, Public Distribution & Consumer Affairs Department has requested Agriculture Department for taking necessary action on the matter vide letter No.E-256070/642, dated 06.06.2025. (3) The Managing Director AFCSCL had already written a letter to District Commissioner, South Salmara vide letter No.AFCSCL.20/2019/Pt-I/357 dated 04/07/2026 for taking necessary action to cover registration of all the Paddy farmers as recommended by honorable DRSC.
3	The Committee observed that the Fair Price Shops designated as "Aamar Dukan" are not functioning as per the guidelines. The beneficiaries are not getting the listed items at subsidized rate. Therefore the committee recommends that the department prepares specific guidelines to be followed by "AAMAR DUKAN" concerned officers should vigil repeatedly for transparency of "AAMAR DUKAN".	The Commissioner, Food Public Distribution Consumer Affairs & Legal Metrology, Assam has already requested all District Commissioners and Principal Secretaries of the Autonomous Councils to ensure strict adherence to AAMAR DUKAN Guidelines vide letter No.DS.71/2019/Pt-I/314 dated 5.06.2025. Further, they were requested to instruct concerned officials to conduct repeated vigilance for ensuring transparency in the functioning of AAMAR DUKAN and to enforce strict compliance with the prescribed guidelines. Under this scheme, a budget for Rs. 115.90 lakhs was proposed for the FY 2025-26. But the proposed budget estimate was not granted by Finance Assam for the FY 2025-26. Hence the scheme may be treated as discontinued from the FY 2025-26.

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4	The Committee also reiterates recommendation no. 2 of 2024-25 regarding purchase of vehicles for departmental use. The Committee observes that already 9 (nine) districts have official vehicle and rest 24 districts are to avail official vehicles. The Committee recommends that more vehicles covering all the districts of Assam be purchased for the smooth functioning, enforcement activities and discharging duties more effectively.	There is no budget provision for purchase of vehicle in the current financial year 2025-26. As per recommendation of Hon'ble DRSC 9 nos. of vehicles were procured during the Financial Year 2021-22 and distributed to Districts. Out of 9 nos. of vehicles 1 Scorpio and 1 Bolero vehicle is in use at office of Commissioner and 7 nos. of Bolero vehicles were distributed to Kamrup (Rural), Dima Hasao, Sivsagar, Sonitpur, Bajali, Hailakandi and Dhemaji districts. However, Supplementary budget may be required for purchase of vehicles in due course.
5	The Committee observed that mustard procurement at minimum support price is affected due to the non fulfillment of the percentage of moisture content as per standard set by the Ministry of Agriculture, GOI. Therefore the committee recommends that the department being the Nodal Department is to take up the matter with Government of India and enhance mustard procurement in the state.	(1) The Commissioner, Food Public Distribution Consumer Affairs & Legal Metrology, Assam has already requested Director, Agriculture, Assam and Managing Director, Assam Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited for taking necessary action in this regard vide letter No.SA.7/2023/BT/207 dated 13.05.2025. (2) However, Food, Public Distribution & Consumer Affairs Department is not the Nodal Department for procurement of mustard seed from farmers under MSP. (3) Agriculture Department looks after the procurement of mustard seed from farmers under MSP in the state. Therefore, matter was referred to Agriculture Department for taking necessary action vide letter No.E-256070/629 dated 11.04.2025.

6	The Committee in its earlier meetings recommended the department to keep strong vigil for keeping the Electronic Balances in visible position of the customers. The committee reiterates its earlier recommendation to take steps for maintaining accuracy of the weight and increase the number of inspections, prosecutions with regular surprise inspections.	It is being tried to ensure that the Electronic Balancers are kept in visible position by the traders. These Electronic Balancers are verified and stamped by the Legal Metrology Officers every year. These Electronic Balancers cannot be manipulated by the traders easily and if it is done by some unscrupulous traders, provision for registering prosecution case is available in Legal Metrology act and rules. Departmental officers (Legal Metrology Officers) are directed to keep strong vigil to safeguard the interest of the consumers of the state. In this regard a order has already been issued vide E file No.662572/2 dated 20.08.2025 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="774 952 981 1086">Inspection Date in each month</th><th data-bbox="981 952 1284 1086">Mandatory Inspection</th><th data-bbox="1284 952 1492 1086">Other Activities</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="774 1108 981 1388">1st to 10th (Anna Sewa Week)</td><td data-bbox="981 1108 1284 1388">Sudden inspection of Fair Price at random basis</td><td data-bbox="1284 1108 1492 1388">All other day to day normal activities in addition to mandatory inspection.</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="774 1400 981 1512">11th to 20th</td><td colspan="2" data-bbox="981 1400 1284 1512">All type of day to day normal activities.</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="774 1523 981 1803">21st to 25th</td><td data-bbox="981 1523 1284 1803">Regular inspection of FCI Depot.</td><td data-bbox="1284 1523 1492 1803">All other day to day normal activities in addition to mandatory inspection.</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="774 1814 981 2083">26th to last day of the month</td><td data-bbox="981 1814 1284 2083">Sudden inspection of GPSS/WCCS/LAMPS at random basis.</td><td data-bbox="1284 1814 1492 2083">All other day to day normal activities in addition to mandatory inspection</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Inspection Date in each month	Mandatory Inspection	Other Activities	1 st to 10 th (Anna Sewa Week)	Sudden inspection of Fair Price at random basis	All other day to day normal activities in addition to mandatory inspection.	11 th to 20 th	All type of day to day normal activities.		21 st to 25 th	Regular inspection of FCI Depot.	All other day to day normal activities in addition to mandatory inspection.	26 th to last day of the month	Sudden inspection of GPSS/WCCS/LAMPS at random basis.	All other day to day normal activities in addition to mandatory inspection
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7	The Committee observed that shortage of manpower in the department hinders the inspection activities repeatedly. Therefore the committee recommends to increase manpower of the department and execute the duties of checking the vendors repeatedly for transparency.	Recruitment process is Completed for filling up of 13 nos. of posts of Inspector of Legal Metrology through APSC. Further, recruitment process is completed (through SLRC) for the posts of Sub-Inspector, Junior-Assistant, Driver, peon, Chowkidar etc. The details are as follows- <u>FPDCA Unit-</u> 1. Sub-inspector-47 nos. --Grade-III 2. Junior Assistant (HQ)-02 nos. --Grade-III 3. Junior Assistant(DCDRC)-01nos --Grade-III 4. Driver(HQ)-01 nos. --Grade-III 5. Peon(HQ)-01 nos. --Grade-IV 6. Peon(DCDRC)-05 nos. --Grade-IV 7. Chowkidar(HQ)-02 nos. --Grade-IV 8. Chowkidar(DCDRC)-01 nos. --Grade-IV <u>LM Unit-</u> 1. Junior Assistant-4 nos. --Grade-III 2. Manual Assistant-9 nos. --Grade-III 3. Peon-3 nos. --Grade-IV (However, 7 nos. of Sub-inspector have not joined though selected)
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2.	The Committee in its earlier meeting recommended the department to keep strong vigil for keeping the electronic balances in the visible position of the customers. But the committee observed that the most of the sellers have not followed the guidelines of the department and still adopt dishonest activities for manipulating the electronic balances. So, the committee reiterates its earlier recommendation to take strong steps for maintaining accuracy of the weight and measures of all business transaction and book the seller who violates the guidelines of the department and punish as per existing law.	It is being tried by the Department to ensure that the Electronic Balancers are kept in visible position by the traders. These Electronic Balancers are verified and stamped by the Legal Metrology Officers every year. These Electronic Balancers cannot be manipulated by the traders easily and if it is done by some unscrupulous traders, provision for registering prosecution case is available in Legal Metrology act and rules.
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**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEV (F) DEPARTMENTS,
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD ON 11/06/2025.**

মঞ্জুৰী নং-৩৭ আৰু ৪৬

**খাদ্য, বাজহুৱা বিতৰণ আৰু গ্ৰাহক পৰিক্ৰমা বিভাগৰ লগত হোৱা আলোচনা আৰু
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১)	অসমৰ কৃষক সকলে উৎপাদিত কৰা ধানবোৰ যাতে উচিত মূল্যত Paddy Procurement Centre ত দিব পাৰে তাৰ বাবে ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰিবলৈ সমিতিয়ে বিভাগক নিৰ্দেশ দিয়ে। লগতে ধানবোৰ কৃষক সকলে বিক্ৰী কৰাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত মধ্যভোগী যাতে নাথাকে তাৰ বাবেও ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰিবলৈ সমিতিয়ে বিভাগক নিৰ্দেশ দিয়ে।	কৃষি বিভাগে পত্ৰ নং E-AGRI/30466/1929 dated 15.10.2025 জৰিয়তে জনোৱা অনুসৰি অসমৰ কৃষক সকলে উৎপাদিত কৰা ধানবোৰ যাতে উচিত মূল্যত বা নিম্নতম সমৰ্থন মূল্যত (MSP) Paddy Procurement Centre ত দিবৰ বাবে কৃষি বিভাগে ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে। পঞ্জীয়ন কৰা কৃষকে নিৰ্দিষ্ট সংগ্ৰহ কেন্দ্ৰত নিম্নতম সমৰ্থন মূল্য (MSP) লাভ কৰে। নিৰ্দেশ দিয়ে। লগতে ধানবোৰ প্ৰমান পত্ৰ থকা কৃষকে শুকান আৰু পৰিষ্কাৰ ধান [যি Fair Average Quality (FAQ) নিয়মাবলীৰ সৈতে মিল খায়] প্ৰদান কৰিব লাগে। কৃষক প্ৰমান পত্ৰৰ বাবে প্ৰয়োজনীয় নথিপত্ৰ সমূহ হ'ল- (১) ভূমি অধিকাৰ বা ভূমি লীজত লোৱাৰ নথি; (২) উক্ত শস্যৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত খেতি কৰা এলেকাৰ বিৱৰণ; (৩) আধাৰ কাৰ্ড/ভোটাৰ পৰিচয় পত্ৰ; (৪) আধাৰ-সংযুক্ত বেংক একাউন্টৰ বিৱৰণ। জমা দিয়া নথিপত্ৰসমূহ কৃষি উন্নয়ন বিষয়াই (ADO) পৰীক্ষা কৰি কৃষকক প্ৰমান পত্ৰ প্ৰদান কৰে। সফল সত্যাপন কৰাৰ পাছত, কৃষক প্ৰমানপত্ৰ প্ৰস্তুত হৈ পোৰ্টেলত উপলব্ধ হয়। যেতিয়া কোনো কৃষকে নিজৰ উৎপাদিত ধান বিক্ৰী কৰিবলৈ সংগ্ৰহ কেন্দ্ৰলৈ আহে, তেতিয়া সংগ্ৰহ প্ৰবন্ধকে অনলাইন মাধ্যমৰ দ্বাৰা কৃষক প্ৰমানপত্ৰ পৰীক্ষা কৰে। যদি প্ৰমানপত্ৰৰ তথ্য সঠিক আৰু বৈধ পোৱা যায়, তেন্তে আধাৰ-ভিত্তিক/ভোটাৰ পৰিচয় পত্ৰ প্ৰক্ৰিয়াৰ মাধ্যমেৰে ধান সংগ্ৰহ কৰা হয়। অৰ্থাৎ, প্ৰকৃত কৃষকৰ পৰাহে ধান ক্ৰয় কৰা হয়। ইয়াৰোপৰি, অসম খাদ্য আৰু অসামৰিক যোগান নিগম পৰিসীমিতৰ পৰিচালন সঞ্চালকেও পত্ৰ নং AFCSCL/20/2019/Part-I/281 dated 10.07.2025 (প্রতিলিপি Annexure-I সংলগ্ন কৰা হ'ল) ৰ জৰিয়তে জিলা আয়ুক্তসমূহলৈ, ধানবোৰ কৃষক সকলে বিক্ৰী কৰাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত যাতে মধ্যভোগী নাথাকে তাৰ বাবেও নজৰ ৰাখিবলৈ নিৰ্দেশনা জাৰি কৰিছে।

২)	যিবিলাক খেতিপথাৰৰ পানীত আৰ্ছেনিক থকা বুলি প্ৰকাশ পাইছে, বিশেষকৈ তিতাবৰৰ খেতিপথাৰৰ পানীত আৰ্ছেনিক থকাৰ বাবে চাউলত আৰ্ছেনিক পোৱা বুলি বাতৰি প্ৰকাশ পাইছে, সেই ক্ষেত্ৰত এটা গৱেষণা কৰিবলৈ বিভাগক নিৰ্দেশ দিয়ে।	কৃষি বিভাগে পত্ৰ নং E-AGRI/30466/1929 dated 15.10.2025 জৰিয়তে জনোৱা অনুসৰি অসম কৃষি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে ধানত আৰ্ছেনিকৰ উপস্থিতিৰ বিষয়ত গৱেষণা কৰিছে। তেওঁলোকৰ গৱেষণাৰ তথ্য Annexure-II সংলগ্ন কৰা হ'ল।
৩)	সমিতিৰ পৰৱৰ্তী বৈঠকত, খাদ্য, ৰাজহুৱা বিতৰণ আৰু গ্ৰাহক পৰিক্ৰমা বিভাগ আৰু কৃষি বিভাগৰ লগত যুটীয়াভাৱে বৈঠক অনুষ্ঠিত কৰিব বুলি সমিতিয়ে সিদ্ধান্ত গ্ৰহণ কৰে।	খাদ্য, ৰাজহুৱা বিতৰণ আৰু গ্ৰাহক পৰিক্ৰমা বিভাগে সদায় কৃষি বিভাগৰ লগত সহযোগিতাবে কাম কৰি আহিছে।
৪)	অসমৰ কৃষক সকলে যাতে Paddy Procurement আঁচনিত অন্তৰ্ভুক্তি পৰা বঞ্চিত নহয়, তাৰ বাবে সঠিকভাৱে monitoring ৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবলৈ সমিতিয়ে বিভাগক পৰামৰ্শ আগবঢ়ায়।	কৃষি বিভাগে পত্ৰ নং E-AGRI/30466/1929 dated 15.10.2025 জৰিয়তে জনোৱা অনুসৰি অসমৰ কৃষক সকলে যাতে Paddy Procurement আঁচনিত অন্তৰ্ভুক্তিৰ পৰা বঞ্চিত নহয়, তাৰ বাবে সঠিকভাৱে monitoring ৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৃষি বিভাগে কৰি আহিছে। কৃষক ৰাইজৰ মাজত ধান ক্ৰয় সন্দৰ্ভত সামাজিক মাধ্যম আৰু বাতৰি কাকতৰ জৰিয়তে প্ৰচাৰ কৰি সজাগতা বৃদ্ধি কৰাৰ প্ৰয়াস কৰিছে। কৃষি বিভাগে অতিৰিক্ত উৎপাদন বিক্ৰী কৰিবলৈ ইচ্ছুক যোগ্য কৃষকক, কৃষক প্ৰমানপত্ৰ প্ৰদান কৰে। কৃষকে সংগ্ৰহ কেন্দ্ৰত ধান লৈ আহিলে, ধান ক্ৰয় কেন্দ্ৰৰ সংগ্ৰহ প্ৰবন্ধকে অনলাইন যোগে কৃষক প্ৰমানপত্ৰ পৰীক্ষা কৰে। সকলো তথ্য সঠিক আৰু বৈধ বুলি পোৱা গলে, আধাৰ-ভিত্তিক প্ৰক্ৰিয়াৰ জৰিয়তে ধান সংগ্ৰহ কৰা হয়।

৫)	High level monitoring & physical verification ব বাবে যিবোৰ জিলাত বিভাগৰ বিষয়াৰ বাবে গাড়ী নাই, সেইবোৰ জিলাত গাড়ী ক্ৰয়ৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব লাগে বুলি সমিতিয়ে বিভাগক পৰামৰ্শ আগবঢ়ায়।	খাদ্য, ৰাজহুৱা বিতৰণ আৰু গ্ৰাহক পৰিক্ৰমা বিভাগৰ অধীনত চলিত ২০২৫-২৬ বিত্তীয় বৰ্ষত গাড়ী ক্ৰয়ৰ বাবে বাজেট নাই। কিন্তু, সন্মানীয় DRSC ৰ অনুমোদন অনুসৰি বিগত ২০২১-২২ বিত্তীয় বৰ্ষত বিভাগে, মুঠ ৯ খন গাড়ী ক্ৰয় কৰিছিল। ইয়াৰে, ১ খন স্কোৰপিয় বাহন আৰু ১ খন বলৰ' বাহন খাদ্য, ৰাজহুৱা বিতৰণ উপভোক্তা পৰিক্ৰমা আৰু বৈধ পৰিমাণ ৰ আয়ুক্ত কাৰ্যলয়ত ব্যৱহৃত হৈ আছে আৰু ৭ খন বলৰ' বাহন ক্ৰমে কামৰূপ, ডিমা হাচাও, শিবসাগৰ, শোণিতপুৰ, বজালী, হাইলাকান্দি আৰু ধেমাজি জিলাসমূহলৈ বিতৰণ কৰা হৈছে।
৬)	জোখ-মাখৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত বিভাগৰ ফালৰ পৰা visit ৰ ব্যৱস্থা সঘনাই কৰিবলৈ বিভাগক পৰামৰ্শ আগবঢ়ায় যাতে বাতৰি কাকত, electronic media আদিত প্ৰকাশ পায়। লগতে বছৰটোৰ এটা মাহ জোখ-মাখৰ মাহ হিচাপে প্ৰচাৰ কৰিবলৈ সমিতিয়ে বিভাগক পৰামৰ্শ আগবঢ়ায়।	ৰাজ্যৰ গ্ৰাহকৰ স্বাৰ্থ সুৰক্ষিত কৰিবলৈ বিভাগীয় বিষয়াসকলক (বৈধ পৰিমাণ বিষয়া) কঠোৰ সতৰ্কতা অৱলম্বন কৰিবলৈ নিৰ্দেশ দিয়া হৈছে। বিষয়াসকলক পৰিদৰ্শনৰ সংখ্যা বৃদ্ধি কৰিবলৈ আৰু দুৰ্গম অঞ্চলত ভেৰিফিকেচন কেম্পৰ জৰিয়তে পৰীক্ষণ কৰিবলৈ নিৰ্দেশ দিয়া হৈছে। সেই অনুসৰি ২০২৪-২৫ বিত্তীয় বৰ্ষৰ ভিতৰত ইলেক্ট্ৰনিক ওজন যন্ত্ৰৰ ব্যৱস্থা অমান্যতাৰ সৈতে জড়িত ২৫৭ টা গোচৰ পঞ্জীয়ন কৰা হৈছে আৰু ১৫,০৪,০০০/- টকা মাচুল সংগ্ৰহ কৰা হৈছে। তদুপৰি, বৈধ পৰিমাণ বিভাগৰ লক্ষ্য আৰু উদ্দেশ্যৰ সৈতে জড়িত সাধাৰণ জনতাৰ মাজত সজাগতা সৃষ্টিৰ বাবে প্ৰতি বছৰে সৰ্বভাৰতীয় ওজন আৰু পৰিমাণ সপ্তাহ ২৮ ডিচেম্বৰৰ পৰা ৩ জানুৱাৰীলৈ পালন কৰা হয়। তদুপৰি নিয়মীয়া বলবৎকৰণৰ কামৰ সমান্তৰালভাৱে সজাগতা অব্যাহত ৰখা হৈছে। ইয়াৰোপৰি, বৈধ পৰিমাণ বিভাগৰ দৈনিক/সাপ্তাহিক কাম-কাজৰ খতিয়ান বিভাগৰ আয়ুক্ত কাৰ্যলয়ৰ Facebook Page: O/o the Commissionerate of Food, Public Distribution, Consumer Affairs and Legal Metrology@directorfcs.assam.gov.in ত নিয়মীয়াভাৱে প্ৰকাশ কৰি থকা হৈছে।

৭)	বিভাগৰ খালী পদবোৰ পূৰণ কৰাৰ বাবে recruitment process টো সোনকালে কৰিবলৈ সমিতিয়ে বিভাগক পৰামৰ্শ আগবঢ়ায়।	খাদ্য, ৰাজহুৱা বিতৰণ আৰু গ্ৰাহক পৰিক্ৰমা বিভাগৰ অধীনত ইতিমধ্যে APSC ৰ জৰিয়তে বৈধ পৰিমাপক পৰিদৰ্শকৰ (Inspector of Legal Metrology) ১৩ টা খালী পদৰ বিপৰীতে নিযুক্তি দিয়া হৈছে। ইয়াৰোপৰি, বিভাগে, State Level Recruitment Commission ৰ পৰা প্ৰাৰ্থী বাচনি তালিকা লাভ কৰাৰ পিছত নিম্নোল্লিখিত তৃতীয় বৰ্গ আৰু চতুৰ্থ বৰ্গৰ পদ সমূহৰ বিপৰীতে নিযুক্তি দিয়া হৈছে- <u>FPDCA Unit-</u> 1.Sub-inspector-47 nos.---- Grade-III 2.Junior Assistant(HQ)-02 nos.---Grade-III 3.Junior Assistant(DCDRC)-01 nos.---Grade-III 4.Driver(HQ)-01 nos.-----Grade-III 5.Peon(HQ)-01 nos.----- Grade-IV 6.Peon(DCDRC)-05 nos.-----Grade-IV 7. Chowkidar(HQ)-02 nos.----Grade-IV 8. Chowkidar(DCDRC)-01 nos.----Grade-IV <u>LM Unit-</u> 1.Junior Assistant-4 nos.-----Grade-III 2.Manual Assistant-9 nos.-----Grade-III 3.Peon-3 nos.-----Grade-IV Total= 76 (64 Nos. Grade-III & 12 Nos. Grade-IV) (However, 7 nos. of Sub-inspector have not joined though selected)
৮)	ব্যৱসায়ী সকলে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰি থকা electric balance বা জোখ-মাখ কৰা দণ্ডা-পাল্লা check কৰিবলৈ যোৱা বিষয়া সকলক এটা dress code দিব লাগে বুলি সমিতিয়ে বিভাগক নিৰ্দেশ দিয়ে।	বিষয়টো চৰকাৰৰ বিবেচনাধীন হৈ আছে।

CHAPTER-II

GRANT NOS. 37 and 46 **FOOD, PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS** **DEPARTMENT**

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE:

1. The Committee observed that many paddy procurement centres across the state are either non-functional or closed due to several reasons like funding, monitoring, lack of staff, etc.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends that a detailed status report of the paddy procurement centres is to be made as to how many paddy procurement centres and in which constituency / district are fully functional. How many such centres are of no avail to the farmers and for what reasons, is to be estimated and when will such centres be made functional.

2. The Committee observes that most of the farmers are on the darker side of the paddy procurement centres and its functions.

The Committee hence recommends that the department of Food, Public Distributions and Consumer Affairs Department should be more pro-active in encouraging the farmers for more harvest and selling their produce at a value fixed by the department through these paddy procurement centres.

3. The Committee observes that the farmers face hazards in carrying their produce to the paddy procurement centres to check whether the products to be sold are moisture free. If not, the same has to be carried back and dried before selling the same in the paddy procurement centres.

The Committee therefore recommends to distribute moisture metre at every source point, the installation of which is to be made aware to the farmers at every nook and corner. The Committee also recommended that while opening PPCs, the parameters like availability of Paddy, ease for the farmers to sell paddy at the PPC should be given due consideration.

4. The Committee observed that many of the Ration Card holders who do not fulfil the prescribed eligibility criteria for AAY, PHH, BPL, or other eligible categories continue to avail themselves of the benefits under such categories. As there is fixed number of NFSA beneficiary cap for the state, some genuine and eligible people are being deprived from inclusion under NFSA in the state.

The Committee recommends that proper screening in regard to distribution of Ration Cards be done with inclusion of local MLAs in the Committee. The Committee further recommended that ration cards of such beneficiaries may be verified and revoked, if found ineligible. Steps should be taken by the department to include any left out eligible beneficiary in place of such ineligible beneficiaries to enable the eligible beneficiaries to avail the benefit of Government Welfare Schemes. In addition, arrangement of hoardings, displaying the eligibility of inclusion of names in Ration Cards should be made from Panchayat level onwards. Such criteria may be displayed at fair price shops, social media platforms like facebook as well as through other platforms to bring about transparency.

5. The Committee observes that in certain constituencies like Charaideo, there is no godown facility for storage of food grains and other essential commodities meant for distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS). Consequently, the commodities have to be transported from distant places resulting in high transportation costs.

Accordingly, the Committee recommended that the Department examine the feasibility of establishing a godown in every district including Charaideo to facilitate storage and reduce transportation expenses.

6. The Committee observes that, local MLAs are not aware of the schemes undertaken by the Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department.

Again, in certain districts, specially in the Tea Tribe areas, there is no distribution of whole wheat flour.

The Committee therefore recommends to make the whole wheat flour available in every district. The Committee also recommends to inform the MLAs of all the on-going Government schemes and inclusion of MLAs in every Committee is to be made mandatory.

7. The Committee observed that number of ration cards tagged with a particular Fair Price Shop varies from 100 to 1200. The Fair Price Shops having ration card 100 to 200 are not receiving a good amount of FPS Commission. As a result people face hardship to run his family. On the other hand, the Fair Price Shop with more than 1000 ration card face difficulty in distribution of NFSA rice as well as other commodities during a stipulated period of 10 days though they receive a good amount of FPS Commission.

The Committee recommended that the number of Ration Cards to be tagged with Fair Price Shop should be rationalized so that all Fair Price Shops get more or less equal number of ration card and equal amount of financial benefits. However, department may look into the special geographical condition of districts with difficult terrain and transportation problems while allocating ration cards to Fair Price Shops of such districts with difficult terrain.

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total budget amount under Grant Nos. 37 & 46, Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department for the financial year 2026-27 be approved by the August House .

The Action taken on the recommendations made in the report may be submitted to the Committee within 90(ninety) days from the date of its presentation in the House.