



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

(2026-27)

SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY

TWENTY THIRD REPORT

**INFORMATION, PUBLIC RELATIONS, PRINTING AND
STATIONERY DEPARTMENT**

DEMANDS FOR GRANT

(2026-27)

GRANT NO. 16

(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 THIRD REPORT** of the Committee on Demands for Grant (**Grant No. 16**) relating to the **Information, Public Relations, Printing and Stationery 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 Information, Public Relations, Printing and Stationery Department and also took the personal evidence of the Departmental representatives of the Department on the said Demands for Grant in its meeting held on **16th July, 2026**.

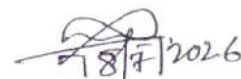
3. The Committee considered the Draft Report and approved it on **18th July, 2026**.

4. The Committee places on record its appreciation to the representatives of the Information, Public Relations, Printing and Stationery 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

1. MANDATE OF THE DEPARTMENT

Information and Public Relations Department plays a significant role in disseminating information on Government policies, programmes and schemes to the citizens through various media, hence establishes smooth and uninterrupted communication between Government and people.

The main objective of the department is basically two-fold i.e. informing the public about the plans, policies and programmes of the Government on one hand and on the other hand, keeping the Government informed of the people's reaction (feedback from the public) to its policies and programmes.

The Department is instrumental in disseminating smooth and uninterrupted flow of information to the citizens including media and to promote regular feedback mechanism for the Government through the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) technologies.

1.1 VISION:

- Ensure smooth and uninterrupted flow of information regarding Government policies, programmes and schemes to the citizens including media.
- Disseminate information about the plans, policies, programmes and achievements of the Government through print, electronic and social media.
- Establish communication links between Government and people using all types of media.
- Foster healthy Media-Government relationship and apprise the Government of the public perception and opinion.
- Implementation of welfare schemes.

1.2 FUNCTIONS, ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT:

The Information, Public Relations, Printing & Stationery Department is the Administrative head of the office of the Directorate of Information and Public Relations which implements the schemes/ policies etc.

The Directorate of Information and Public Relations and its Subordinate offices execute all plans/programmes and order etc. of the Department.

Functions, Role and Responsibilities:

1. To prepare and place the Annual Budget Plan under different Head of Accounts in the Budget Session of Assembly as per Govt. Policies/Rules.
2. To sanction the schemes of under different Head of Accounts and issue of FOC as per Govt. Policies/Rules.
3. All establishment matters including appointment and transfer, leave, and departmental proceeding in respect of all Gazetted Officers as per the Assam Information and Public Relations Service Rules (Gazetted)1986 and Assam Information and Public Relations Service Order 1999 (Technical).
4. To make policy of Govt. Advertisement and Advertisement rates from time to time as per the Assam Advertisement Policy 2008.
5. Formation of committees for formulation of Policies/Rules.
6. Approval of News Paper and Periodicals for inclusion in the Govt. approved list.
7. Accreditation of journalists as per Assam Press Correspondents (Accreditation and Recognition) Rules,1989.
8. To implement Journalists' Medical Welfare Scheme.
9. To implement and provide assistance under Journalists 'Family Benefit Fund.
10. To implement the Assam Pension Scheme for Journalist.
11. To implement Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act 1995.
12. To implement Press Tour on Good will Mission for the Rural Journalists of the State.
13. To carry out publicity through DIPR-empanelled YouTubers as per decision of Assam Cabinet.

1.3 ACTS AND RULES ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT:

There is no Act in respect of the Department.
The Rules of the Department are as below:

1. Assam Information and Public Relations Service Rules (Gazetted), 1986
2. Assam Press Correspondents (Accreditation and Recognition) Rules, 1989
3. Assam Advertisement Policy 2008 (As Amended in May, 2010)
4. Assam Information and Public Relations Service Order 1999 (Technical)

2. Name of Directorate : Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Assam

2.1 Category-wise list of current employees and vacancy position of the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Assam

Status of Gazetted&Non Gazetted Posts under DIPR, Assam

Sl. No.	Gazetted posts	Total strength
1	Gazetted (Senior Grade, Grade-I and Grade-II)	96
2	Non Gazetted (Grade-II&III)	373
3	Non Gazetted (Grade-IV)	188
	Grand Total	657

2.2 Existing Field Offices :

- i. **Additional Director, Hills at Haflong**
- ii. **Regional Offices – 5 Nos.**
 - a) RO, Jorhat, b) DDIPR, Diphu, c) RO, Kokrajhar, d) DDIPR, Silchar (Barak Valley Region) e) DDIPR, AIC, New Delhi.

District Information & Public Relations Offices - 32

Sl.	Name of District	Sl.	Name of District	Sl.	Name of District
1	Dhubri	2	N. Lakhimpur	3	Morigaon
4	Kokrajhar	5	Dhemaji	6	Kamrup (Metro)
7	Goalpara	8	Tinsukia	9	Kamrup
10	Barpeta	11	Dibrugarh	12	Sribhumi
13	Nalbari	14	Sivasagar	15	Hailakandi
16	Udalguri	17	Jorhat	18	Dima Hasao
19	Baksa	20	Majuli	21	Karbi Anglong
22	Darrang	23	Golaghat	24	Sonitpur
25	Nagaon	26	Chirang	27	Bongaigaon
28	Hojai	29	Biswanath	30	Charaideo (Sonari)
31	West Karbi Anglong	32	S. Salmara , Mankachar (Hatsingimari)		

Sub-Divisional Information & Public Relations Offices -17

Sl.	Name of Sub Division	Sl.	Name of Sub Division	Sl.	Name of Sub Division
1	N.Salmara(Abhayapuri),	2	Tamulpur	3	Bilasipara
4	Bijni	5	Bhergaon	6	Margherita
7	Salbari	8	Parbatjhora	9	Maibang
10	Lakhipur (Cachar)	11	Jonai	1	Bokakhat.
				2	
13	Sadiya	14	Rangia,	1	Nazira
				5	
16	Sarupathar	17	Gossaigoan		

Officers on Deputation

- i) PRO, P&RD (Deputation)
- ii) PRO, Industries & Commerce (Deputation)

3. IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM

The Plans and programmes are implemented by the Department through the DIPR and the field offices located in the Districts and Sub-Divisions. The Print and Electronic Media and all available modes of mass-media are also utilized for reaching out to the grass-root level with the messages.

4. TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATION DURING 2025-2026:

Major head/minor head of Development (Scheme wise)	Budget Allocation (Rs. In Lakhs)
2220-Information & Publicity	
<u>01-Films</u>	
001-Direction & Administration	Rs. 4360.07
105-Production of Film	Rs. 47.50
<u>60-Others</u>	
101- Advertisement & Visual Publicity	Rs. 10396.35
102-Information Centre	Rs.82.23
103-Press information	Rs.95.01
106-Field Publicity	Rs.3.80
107-Songs & Drama	Rs.0.95
109-Photo Services	Rs.120.00
110-Publication	Rs.289.64
TOTAL	Rs.15395.55

5. INITIATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT

5.1 Observance of Deshbhakti Divas

As per the Cabinet decision, the Directorate of Information and Public Relations has been organizing the Deshbhakti Divas on 28th July both in State level and District level on the death anniversary of Deshbhakti Tarunram Phukan since 2021. It was organized in 2024 as well with district-level essay competitions across various categories to create mass awareness and participation in the event organized to commemorate the contributions of the legendary freedom fighter. In 2025 an open Quiz competition was organized which saw the participation of nearly 1200 participants and the initiative received appreciation from all quarters

5.2 Notun Dinar Alaap-Interaction programme of Hon'ble CM with the Editors and Senior Journalists on 1st January and gift to Media Persons

- The Directorate has been organizing the “Interaction Programme of Hon'ble Chief Minister with the Editors and Senior journalists” (NotunDinor Alaap) every year on 1st January with on the occasion of New Year at Guwahati. On this occasion, HCMs New Year Gifts are also presented to the DIPR-recognized Media Persons based on Guwahati and all across the state.

5.3 State level National Press Day

- The Directorate has been organizing the State-level National Press Day programme in different districts across the State on 16 November every year. As part of the observance, senior journalists of the state are felicitated in recognition of their valuable contributions to the field of journalism. During the current financial year, the State-level programme was held in Guwahati.

5.4 Digital destination- Outreach and Publicity through LED screens

- LED boards surpass traditional hoardings in publicity due to their eye-catching visuals, dynamic content, and energy efficiency. They offer flexibility in displaying multiple messages, animations, and videos, grabbing attention more effectively.
- During the financial year 2024-2025, process was initiated to install 27 nos. of LED Billboards (20 ft X 10 ft) across the State and all have been successfully installed, thus taking the total numbers of LED Billboards now owned by DIPR Assam to 32 (taking into consideration the already existing 5 (five) nos. of LED billboard).

5.5 Public Outreach Publicity measures

With a view to garner maximum visibility and mass reach about the Government's plans-policies, welfare schemes, initiatives and achievements, the Directorate has been incorporating following popular means of publicity measures:

- **Publicity** through hoardings, standees, pillars across Guwahati during JhumurBinandini and Advantage Assam 2.0 and visit of VVIPs/ VIPs and other publicity of other government schemes and programmes.
- **Hoardings** throughout the state during such programmes
- **City Branding** in six major metro cities during JhumurBinandini and Advantage Assam 2.0
- **Airport Branding in Guwahati, New Delhi and Mumbai** during JhumurBinandini and Advantage Assam 2.0
- **Publicity through digital screens, bus shelters** during JhumurBinandini and Advantage Assam 2.0.

- **Advertisements** published digitally through websites and Meta platforms.
- **DIPR Assam also owns 100 numbers of Unipoles (each measuring 20 ft X 10 ft) across greater Guwahati region and they have been contributing significantly towards public outreach initiative of the Government in a cost-effective manner.**

5.6 Production and Broadcast of Quickies, Audio Spots and Jingles

- To highlight the aims, objectives, policies and achievements of the Government quickies, audio spot and jingles have been produced by the Directorate for telecast of the same through the National and Regional TV channels, FM Radios and through social media apps for mass awareness.

5.7 Exhibitions-

- Since 2018, every year this Directorate has been participating in the Guwahati Book Fair for highlighting the achievements of the Government. During 2025 the Exhibition Branch participated at Assam Book Fair in Guwahati and Raas Mahotsav at Nalbari.

5.8 Journalists; Medical Welfare Scheme

- Under this scheme, amount of Rs.2,15,99,351.00 has been granted to a total 553 journalists and their family members till 31st January, 2026.
- Under this scheme, Rs. 6.00 crore is available in the Corpus Fund in the SBI, Dispur Branch.

5.9 Assam Pension Scheme for Journalists

- Implemented since the financial year 2017-18, 20 new journalists are selected every year.
- Till 2025-26, 160 journalists have received this pension @Rs.8000/- per month

5.10 Journalists Family Benefit Fund

- This scheme was introduced in the financial year 2016-17 for providing financial assistance to the family of the deceased journalists met with untimely death while being on duty.
- Under this scheme, Rs. 132.16 lakh has been fixed to form a Corpus Fund in the SBI, Dispur Branch.
- No applicant till date.

5.11. Issue of Advertisements

- DIPR, Assam is the Nodal Agency of all official Advertisement of the Government of Assam to Print and Electronic Media.

Government Approved Newspaper Details

- Daily Newspaper-42**

English	10	Assamese	13	Hindi	7
Bengali	6	Karbi	2	Bodo	3
Nepali	1				

- Bi=Weekly/Weekly/Fortnightly-62**

- Bi-weekly**

Assamese	3	English	1	Bengali	2	Multi Lingual	1
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- Weekly**

English	4	Assamese	29	Multi Lingual	1
Hindi	2	Bengali	16	Manipuri	2

- Fortnightly-1**

- Magazine-20**

Assamese	18	Hindi	1	Manipuri	1
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5.12 Social Media

The Directorate and all the Field offices have their own Social Media Handles like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. In this FY, DIPR ran several digital advertisement campaigns through all Meta platforms during important Government events.

The followers and subscriber data of the DIPR headquarters are as below-

	facebook.com/diprassam	39K followers
	x.com/diprassam	33.7K followers
	instagram.com/diprassam	2347 followers
	instagram.com/janasanyogassam	70.2K followers
	DIPR Assam	17.9K subscribers

5.13 Website

The DIPR website www.dipr.assam.gov.in is use for disseminating information.

A Brief Note on Objectives and Functions of the Directorate of Printing & Stationery, Assam, Guwahati-21

1.Objectives:

Directorate of Printing & Stationery, Assam deals with printing works of Government Department including revenue earning Forms, Schedule and Non-schedule Forms, Confidential Matters like printing of Ballot Papers, Budget, Assembly Matters etc. This Directorate is also responsible for supply of various Stationery Articles and Schedule Forms amongst the State Government Offices, Assembly Secretariat, Governor's Secretariat, High Court and Judiciary.

2. Functions:

(a) To supply office stationeries including papers and various kinds of Schedule and Non-Schedule Forms to all the State Govt. Offices of the entire state as per their annual indent timely and regularly.

(b) To print and supply the Gazette Notification to all its subscribers timely and regularly.

(c) To generate revenue by selling Govt. Publication through the existing Book Depot etc.

(d) To deal with various establishment matters relating to the employees of this Directorate, both Technical and Ministerial including Casual Employees.

(e) To print various kinds of confidential matters like printing of Ballot paper for Parliamentary, Assembly, B.T.C. etc. Elections, Budget Volumes, Assembly Questions, Speech of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Governor, Finance Minister etc. by maintaining strict security measures. All these printing works are time bound in nature.

(f) In the new year, General and Special (Multicolour) Calendars, Engagement List are printed by this Directorate.

(g) To complete all time bound printing, restricting overtime expenditure to the minimum.

(h) To minimise all unnecessary expenditure in procurement of office stationeries, paper etc.

(i) To ensure over all discipline and cleanliness in the office.

**PRELIMINARY STATUS OF THE DIRECTORATE OF PRINTING &
STATIONERY, ASSAM, GUWAHATI-21.**

The Directorate of Printing and Stationery, Assam consists of three main Branches, i.e.,

(1) **Assam Govt. Press**, (2) **Stationery Branch**, (3) **Forms Branch**.

The Directorate is headed by the Director (P&S), who is the Technical and Administrative Head of the Department. He is assisted by the Joint Director, Deputy Director, and Assistant Directors for the smooth functioning of the Directorate.

There are three Branch Presses, at Jorhat, Dispur (Mini) and Lakhimpur.

The Assam Govt. Press:

The Assam Govt. Press was started in the year 1874 at Shillong (Meghalaya) and the Branch Press at the present site was started in the year 1961. After the shifting of the capital from Shillong to Dispur (Assam), the Branch Press at Guwahati had to be developed into a full-fledged Press of the Govt. of Assam.

The Govt. Press is required to undertake all the printing jobs of the different Govt. Departments, including the printing and publication of the Assam Gazette, Scheduled & Non-Scheduled Forms, and the publication of various reports, etc. Besides these, all confidential jobs of the Assembly Secretariat, Budget Volumes, and Ballot Papers are also taken up at the Govt. Press under strict security.

Stationery Store:

The Stationery Store of the Directorate is responsible for the procurement of stationery articles. The items of stationery articles are distributed from the Stationery Stores among the various indenting Offices of the Govt. of Assam.

Paper Store: The Paper Store of the Directorate is responsible for the procurement of paper. The papers are distributed from the Paper Store among the various indenting Offices of the Govt. of Assam.

Forms Stores:

The Forms Store of this Directorate is responsible for storing various Scheduled and Non-Scheduled Forms supplied by the Govt. Press. These forms are supplied to the various Indenting Offices under the Govt. of Assam as per their Annual Indents.

Store for Press Materials:

This store is responsible for the procurement of all materials related to the Assam Govt. Press. Among them, different chemicals like inks, colorants, P.S. plates, blankets, dampening hose, rubber rollers, viscovite, various machinery spare parts, machines, etc.

Govt. Book Depot:

All the Govt. Priced Publications are kept and sold through the Govt. Book Depot. Besides, the printed Assam Gazette is also distributed and supplied to Govt. Departments and also to private subscribers. This Depot is generating revenue through the sale of Govt. Publications, and the revenue so collected is deposited into the State Exchequer. This revenue generation may be increased if all Govt. Departments send important publications for sale through the Book Depot.

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. 16** for the Financial Year 2026-27 is as follows:

(Rs.in Lakhs)

	Revenue	Capital	Total
Voted	16409.39	825.85	17235.24
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

Head of Account	Major Head	Budget Estimate 2026-27
2058	Stationery & Printing	2864.40
2220	Information and Publicity	13544.99
4058	Capital Outlay on Stationery and Printing	730.40
4220	Capital Outlay Information and Publicity	95.45
	Grand Total	17235.24

Out of the total Budget provision of Rs.17235.24 made for the financial year 2026-27, Rs.16409.39 and Rs.825.85 have been earmarked under the Revenue and Capital Head respectively.

The Action Taken Report on the recommendations made in the Twenty Second Report of Information, Public Relations, Printing and Stationery Department is appended at Annexure-II

ANNEXURE-I

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.

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE OBSERVATIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS (GRANT NO.16) MADE BY DRSC DEV.(F)
DEPARTMENTS IN THE 22ndREPORT
(2025-26).**

Sl. No.	Observations/Recommendations of the Committee	Action Taken
1.	The DRSC Committee expressed deep concern about the lack of DIPROs/SDIPROs in several districts and Sub Divisions. During the course of discussion departmental officials clarified that many DIPROs/SDIPROs are currently attached to the CM PR Cell with Hon'ble Ministers and Chief Secretary as PROs. Also, the creation of new district has led to the shortage of field officers. Therefore, the Committee has recommended that new posts should be created for CM PR Cell and PROs of Ministers and Chief Secretary so that Districts & Sub-Division Officers attached to the above-mentioned Cell may be released to focus on their field duties.	In compliance with the observations and recommendations of the Department Related Standing Committee (DRSC), IPR&PS Department has initiated necessary action for creation of the following posts: i.) 01 (one) post of Deputy Director of Information & Public Relations to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam to be attached to the Chief Minister's Public Relations Cell. ii.) 04 (four) posts of Public Relations Officers (PRO) to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam in the rank of Senior Information Officer to be attached to the Chief Minister's Public Relations Cell. iii.) 18 (eighteen) posts of Public Relations Officer (PRO) to the Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers in the rank of Junior Information Officer. In this regard, a meeting was convened by the Department on 19.06.2026 during which the above proposal for creation of posts was

	discussed in detail. It was observed that there are 22 (twenty-two) sanctioned posts of Junior Information Officer under the Department. Of these, 5 (five) posts are at the H.Q, Dispur namely, Manager of Publication, Press Research Officer, Assistant Editor of Publication, Script Writer and Publication Assistant and all are presently filled up. The remaining 17 (seventeen) posts are designated as Sub-Divisional Information & Public Relations Officers (SDIPROs). Out of these, 9 (nine) posts are filled up, 6 (six) posts are presently vacant and 2 (two) officers are presently attached as Public Relations Officers to the Hon'ble Minister, Soil Conservation etc. and the Chief Secretary, Assam respectively. As there is presently no Sub-Divisions in Assam, it is under consideration whether the existing SDIPROs may be accommodated in the Districts where the regular District Information & Public Relations Officers (DIPROs) have been attached as Public Relations Officers to the Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers. The SDIPROs entrusted with such in-charge responsibilities shall continue to draw their pay and allowances against their substantive posts.
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Sl. No.	Observations/Recommendations of the Committee	Action Taken
2.	The Committee has observed that to ensure awareness generation and publicity on various schemes and policies of the Government for benefits of the citizens, under SOPD-G, the department currently has seven LED Billboards in Guwahati and few other districts. In the financial year 2024-25, State Financial Corporation has approved installation of another 27 LED Billboards in 21 districts of the state. The department apprised that increasing the numbers of LED Billboards can further help in publicity and advertising work of the Govt. After thorough discussion with the departmental representatives and based on the data provided, the Committee recommended an additional budget provision to be made to the Department so that more LED Billboards can be installed at prominent places of various districts across the state.	In pursuance of the budget allocation made during the Financial Year 2024-25 for the installation of LED billboards with the objective of ensuring faster, wider and more effective dissemination of Government information to the public, the Directorate of IPR, under the IPR & PS Department has successfully installed LED billboards at the locations indicated in the enclosed list at Annexure-A. With the completion of the above installations, the total number of LED billboards owned and maintained by DIPR has increased to 32 (thirty-two) as shown at Annexure-A. As and when additional budgetary provisions under the relevant HOA are made available, the process for installation of further LED billboards at suitable locations will be initiated in accordance with the prescribed procedures.

Annexure-A

INSTALLATION OF LED BILL BOARD IN FOLLOWING LOCATION		
SI NO	DISTRICT	LOCATION
1	GUWAHATI	IN FRONT OF AAU KHANAPARA
2	GUWAHATI	KALAKHETRA, PANJABARI
3	GUWAHATI	IN FRONT OF ASSAM SECRETARIAT
4	GUWAHATI	JALUKBARI PS
5	JAGIRAO	JAGIRAO PS
6	KAMRUP (R)	AMINGAON
7	GUWAHATI	NEHRU PARK
8	GUWAHATI	ISBT
9	GUWAHATI	DC COURT
10	GUWAHATI	GMCH
11	NALBARI	OPP. CIRCLE OFFICE
12	PATHSALA	BELOW PATHSALA
13	BARPETA	BARPETA ROAD POLICE STATION
14	NAGAON	NEAR PRANAB CHILDREN PARK
15	HOJAI	DC OFFICE MAIN GATE
16	DIBRUGARH	SECRETARIAT
17	DIBRUGARH	CHOWKIDINGEE
18	TINSUKIA	DAK BANGLOW PREMISE, THANA CHARIALI
19	BONGAIGAON	BORPARA BUS STOP, MAIN ROAD, MAYAPURI
20	GOALPARA	AGIA ROAD, BALIJANAN NEAR CLOCK TOWER
21	DHUBRI	GAURIPUR, NH-17, OPPOSITE MAJID
22	DARRANG	DC OFFICE CAMPUS
23	SONITPUR	JUNAKI PUKHURI OPP. M TEZPUR P.S
24	BISWANATH	BISWANATH TOWN ENTRY POINT, NEAR SP OFFICE
25	LAKHIMPUR	CLOCK TOWER
26	NARAYANPUR	MADHAV DEV KALAKHETRA, NARAYANPUR
27	DHEMAJI	CIRCUIT HOUSE
28	JORHAT	DFO RESIDENCE PREMISE, ATILAGAON
29	GOLAGHAT	GENERAL FIELD, NEAR MAGISTRATE COLONY
30	SIBSAGAR	KPM HALL PREMISE, KP CHARIALI
31	CHARIDEO	LACHIT PARK PREMISE, NEAR POST OFFICE SONARI
32	JAGIRAO	SITAJAKHALA POINT

CHAPTER-II
OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
GRANT NO-16

1. The Committee observed that journalists of Press Clubs, etc. who suffer injuries in accidents involving two-wheelers or four-wheelers often face financial hardship due to the absence of immediate financial support.

The Committee recommends that the Department provide a one-time financial assistance to journalists who meet with accidents involving two-wheelers or four-wheelers.

2. The Committee observed that timely information regarding newly proposed schemes, awareness programmes, exhibitions, and similar initiatives would enable the Committee to extend necessary support and assistance for their effective implementation.

The Committee recommends that the Department keep the Committee informed of any new scheme proposed for inclusion, as well as any awareness programme, exhibition, or similar initiative proposed to be organised, so that the Committee may provide the necessary assistance and support.

3. The Committee observes that the existing rates of Advertisement as per policy ranges from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000 and in rare cases, rate can be raised to Rs. 1,00,000 with prior approval of the Minister concerned.

The Committee hence recommends that the department needs to enhance the rate of advertisement and visual publicity for which and additional budget under the sub-heads 101 and 110 is to be allocated.

4. The Committee observes that Government Printing Press at either in Guwahati or Dibrugarh alone fail to meet the large scale demand for printing.

The Committee recommends and proposes that along with Silchar, arrangement for construction a new Printing Press is to be initiated at Tezpur, situated in middle Assam.

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total budget amount under Grant No. 16 Information, Public Relations, Printing & Stationery Department for the financial year 2026-27 be approved by the August House .

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