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ON DEVELOPMENT (G) DEPARTMENTS
2026-2027**

**SIXTEENTH
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**Report on Demands for the Grant No. 59
for the year 2026-2027**

DEPARTMENT : HANDLOOM, TEXTILE & SERICULTURE

TWENTY EIGHTH REPORT

Presented to the House on 22nd July, 2026.

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED
STANDING COMMITTEE ON
DEVELOPMENT (G) DEPARTMENTS,
2026-27**

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6. Shri Achyut Sarma, Committee Officer.

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INTRODUCTION

1. I, the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (G) Departments having been authorized by the Committee to present the **Twenty Eighth Report** on their behalf on the demands for **Grant no. 59** relating to **Handloom, Textile and Sericulture Department** for the financial year 2026-2027.
2. The committee took evidence of the Government representatives on **16th July, 2026**.
3. The Committee wishes to place its thanks to the representatives of concerned Department who appeared before the Committee and placed their considered views and notes. The Committee also like to thanks the Department for furnishing the replies on the points raised by the Committee.
4. The report was considered and adopted by the Committee at their sitting held on **17th July, 2026**.
5. The Committee also expresses its thanks to the officers and staff of the Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat, who devoted their time and energy in processing and compilation of the report within a very short span of time for their Secretarial assistance & co-operation.

Dispur :

The 17th July, 2026

NABA KUMAR DOLEY

Chairperson,
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Committee on Development (G) Departments,
Assam Legislative Assembly.

REPORT

GRANT NO. 59

Handloom, Textiles & Sericulture Department

CHAPTER – I

After presentation of the Budget in the House for the financial Year 2026-2027 on 10th July, 2026 the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (G) Department held its meeting on 16-07-2026 to discuss in the respect of Grant No. 59 relating to the Handloom, Textiles & Sericulture Department.

Budget provisions under Grant no. 59 relating to the Handloom, Textiles & Sericulture Department, 2026-27 are as below :

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In Lakh)
VOTED	24812.54	2631.42	27443.96
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Areas			
	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In Lakh)
VOTED	24690.61	2631.42	27322.03
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00
Karbi-Anglong Autonomous Council			
	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In Lakh)
VOTED	57.75	0.00	57.75
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00
North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council			
	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In Lakh)
VOTED	13.63	0.00	13.63
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bodoland Territorial Council			
	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In Lakh)
VOTED	50.55	0.00	50.55
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Total –			27443.96 (Rs. In lakhs)

The amount so allocated is presented before the House and is proposed to be spent in the Revenue expenditure.

While discussing the Budget Provision for the Year 2026-27, the Committee found that the Budget so allocated comparatively less than the previous Financial Year and there is no clear indication as to why the Budget allocation has been reduced .However, the Committee feels that the Department should communicate with the Finance Department, Govt. of Assam for necessary Budget Provision in order to restrict the hindrances that may arise while performing the function of the Department.

PRELIMINARY STATUS PAPER, GRANT NO.59

1. Introduction of Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam :

Weaving and Handloom has a great tradition in the State of Assam and is inextricably linked to the Socio-cultural and economic life of the people, Assam boasts of being the State having about half of the country's looms and about 30 (thirty) lakhs people are directly or indirectly associated with weaving. Weaving in handlooms has provided maximum number of employment in the State next to Agriculture.

The Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam runs 102 Nos. Handloom Training Centre (HTC), 4 Nos. Handloom Training Institute (HTI), 98 Nos. Weavers Extension Service Units (WESU), 19 Nos. Handloom Production Centre (HPC), 1 No. Handloom Research and Designing Centre (HRDC), 1 Product Procurement Centre under production programme. All the centres are for the benefit of weavers outside the Co-operative sector. The Assam Govt. Marketing Corporation Ltd. is the State level corporation to look after these weavers. The three pronged Co-operative (organized) sectors consist of more than 1988 Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies, 7 Nos. Regional/District Level Cooperative Societies and 1 No. Apex Co-operative Society. Assam is the home of Muga and Eri silk. Besides, the State produces Mulberry silk also to some extent.

ACTIVITIES IN BRIEF:

A. Training programme :

- One year Artisans Certificate course training through 102 Nos. Handloom Training Centre (HTC) for 1640 seat capacity of artisan per year.
- One year Certificate course training for passed out students of HTC through 4 nos. Handloom Training Institute (HTI) having capacity of 97 seats.

B. Production of Handloom Fabrics :

- Production of Handloom Fabric through 98 nos. of Weavers Extension Service Unit engaging weavers on weaving charge basis on production of Handloom fabrics.
- For in house production of Handloom Fabrics in 19 nos. Handloom Production Centre (HPC) (per centre 10-20 looms available) under technical supervision of Departmental technical staff.

C. Research & Development :

- Handloom Research & Designing Centre (HRDC) :
- Development of Design, weaving, dyeing etc. with CATD and supply the same to weavers.
- Preservation and documentation of ethnic designs of the State.
- Popularisation of use of herbal Dyes in commercial basis.

D. Publicity & Exhibition:

- **Exhibition:** By organizing marketing promotion event like Handloom Expo, Exhibition etc. within the State and other Metro Cities in the Country.

E. Yarn Banks :

During the financial year 2025-26, an amount of Rs.308.75 lakhs allocated in the budget for revival of the yarn bank. The Govt. has accorded 3 nos. of financial sanctions amounting to total of Rs.232.455 lakhs for providing financial assistance to the 13322 nos. of eligible weavers registered under Swanirbhar Naari scheme for procurement of yarn @ Rs.1500/- to Rs.5000/- per beneficiary under the scheme of Yarn Bank during the year 2025-26 under SOPD-G and accordingly, FoC proposals has been submitted to the Finance Department. But the FoCs not received and hence the scheme could not be implemented.

An amount of Rs.232.46 lakhs is proposed for making budget provision during this FY 2026-27 for making payment liabilities.

F. Swanirbhaar Naari:

The Government of Assam launched the flagship “Swanirbhar Naari (SNN)” Scheme in 2022-23 to provide direct financial support to indigenous handloom weavers by procuring traditional handwoven products without involvement of middlemen. The scheme was introduced in response to the severe impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, during which large stocks of unsold handloom products accumulated. Procurement is carried out through the online portal Swanirbhar Naari Portal under the administrative control of the Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam, while sales are managed through Assam Apex Weavers and Artisans Cooperative Federation Ltd. (ARTFED) and Assam Government Marketing Corporation Ltd. (AGMC).

Under the scheme, 37 traditional handwoven items such as Assamese Gamocha, Aronai, Mising Dumer, Rabha Pazar, Karbi Poho, Dimasa Risa Basa, and others are procured directly from weavers. Since its launch on 19 July 2022, around 5.64 lakh weavers have registered on the portal, and products worth over ₹28.40 crore have been procured from 17,143 weavers. In addition, 390 entrepreneurs have been registered, with procurement worth ₹3.36 crore completed till December 2025.

The scheme also supports preservation and promotion of authentic Assamese handloom products. The Government has enforced the Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 to restrict production of reserved items like Assamese Gamosa exclusively to handlooms. Regular inspections and raids are conducted to prevent sale of powerloom Gamosas. Further, the Assamese Gamosa received GI registration on 13 December 2022, strengthening legal protection and

market value. GI certificates have also been granted to Bodo and Mising traditional costumes.

To strengthen the handloom sector, the scheme proposes activities such as skill development, modern weaving and dyeing training, incubation hubs, GI awareness, digital marketing, AI-enabled inventory management, and e-commerce integration with platforms like GeM and Amazon. Seasonal procurement drives during festivals such as Bihu are also proposed to boost demand for authentic handloom products. Overall, the scheme has significantly contributed to the economic upliftment of indigenous weavers while preserving Assam's rich textile heritage.

The financial sanctioned and released of Rs.10.00 crore against the Swanirbhar Naari scheme during the year 2024-25 has been utilised for 3rd phase of procurement process of the benchmarked items.

During the year 2025-26, the Govt. has accorded financial sanction and released for Rs.12.00 crore under the scheme from which expenses were made against 4th phase of procurement process conducted from 08/06/2026 - 10/06/2026. The procurement drive may be conducted by the end of this year subject to Govt. instruction. Expenses against the same shall be made from the balance amount of Rs.12.00 crore.

An amount of Rs.400.00 lakh has been proposed for procurement of the 135000 pcs. of benchmarked items and Rs.100.00 lakhs is proposed for supply of Looms and accessories to 295 Nos. of registered weavers/ Entrepreneurs under Swanirbhar Nari respectively totalling to amount of Rs.500.00 lakhs for the budget provision during the current financial year, 2026-27.

G. Handloom Model Village:

Considering weaver's concentration, the Govt. had established the scheme 'Handloom Model Village' at Barun Chitadar village at Majuli and Telia pathar at Moran in Dibrugarh Districts with a total project cost of Rs.832.65 lakhs. Out of the said total project cost Rs.199.93 lakhs and Rs.263.00 lakhs was sanctioned and released as 1st and 2nd instalment during the year 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively.

Further, the Govt. has also established the scheme 'Model Handloom Village' at Koklabari, Dist. Baksa and Rs.157.72 lakhs has been sanctioned and released as 1st instalment out of the budget provision of Rs.228.00 lakhs during the year, 2022-23. The Hon'ble Minister, Handloom Textiles & Sericulture, Assam had formally inaugurated the scheme on 26th September, 2023. The project targeting to cover 478 weavers under the said Handloom Model Village during the year, 2022-23 and the scheme is under implementation and the ceremonial distribution of Frame Loom, Jacquard machine, Loom accessories and individual Work shed to the 400 weavers were also smoothly done.

The training to the weavers on weaving and designing has been done. It will bring a significant scope for gainful avenue of employment to the 478 weavers directly by this project.

The rationale of this scheme is to promote the ethnic Handloom Cluster of the Barun Chitadar village at Majuli, Telia pathar at Moran in Dibrugarh and Koklabari in Baksa districts as well as to diversify the products through professional designer and to connect with a sustainable market.

During the financial year 2025-26, an amount of Rs.250.00 lakhs has been allocated in the budget for implementation of the said schemes. The Govt. has accorded financial sanction for Rs.157.75 lakhs as 2nd instalment for Handloom Model Village at Koklabari in Baksa district and accordingly, FoC proposal for Rs.157.75 lakhs has been submitted to the Finance Department. But FoC for the aforesaid amount not received from the Govt.

For the current financial year 2026-27, an amount of Rs.200.00 Lakh for establishment of Handloom Model Village as per Sankalp Patra (Election Manifesto) 2026 and Rs.157.75 lakhs for 2nd instalment against HMV, Koklabari respectively totalling to amount of **Rs.357.75 lakhs** is proposed for making budget provision.

H. Self- Employment to passed out trainees of Handloom Training Centre (HTC):

During the Financial Year 2025-26, an amount of Rs.285.00 lakhs was allocated in the budget under SOPD-G for implementation of Self- Employment to pass-out trainees of Handloom Training Centre (HTC) and Handloom Training Institute (HTI) in general areas to provide Loom and Accessories as Grant-in-Aid to the said pass-out trainees so that they become self sustainable by doing weaving activities on the given loom and accessories. 847 nos. of modern looms have been distributed to the pass-out trainees for self employment and economic generation under the scheme. The Govt. has accorded financial sanction for an amount of Rs.284.92233 lakh during the FY 2026-27. But the amount could not be drawn due to non submission of bills in time by the concerned suppliers. As such, Rs.284.93 lakhs has been proposed for making budget provision for the FY 2026-27 against payment of liabilities.

I. Supply of Modern Loom (Maina Saal):

The **Supply of Modern Loom Scheme** has been introduced to enhance productivity and income generation in Assam's labour-intensive handloom sector, which provides employment to a large number of weavers in rural and semi-urban areas of the State. The Govt. has accorded for an amount of Rs.1399.92453 lakhs under the scheme during the FY 2025-26 under SOPD-G for distribution of modern looms with accessories to the eligible 4119 nos. of weavers registered **under Swanirbhar Naari**.

J. Kumar Shasaktikaran:

The Directorate of Handloom & Textiles has implemented a scheme “Kumar Shasaktikaran Yojana” during the financial year 2025-26. The Kumar Sashaktikaran Program is an initiative for empowerment, upliftment of the livelihood of traditional potter’s community in the remotest of locations in the state. The Govt. has accorded financial sanction for an amount of Rs.140.00 lakh during the FY 2026-27. But the amount could not be drawn as distribution of energy efficient electric potter’s wheel could not be carried out due to enforcement of MCC of ALA, Assam during 2026. Under the scheme, distribution of 950 nos. of energy efficient electric potter’s wheel to the selected pottery artisans in the State is going on.

K. Setting up of Integrated Handloom Park at Kaziranga:

The Government of Assam has approved the establishment of an Integrated Handloom Park at Borjuri near Kaziranga National Park in Golaghat district with a project cost of ₹56.18 crore. Announced by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Assam on 7th August 2023, the project aims to promote Assam’s handloom and handicraft heritage among national and international tourists visiting the World Heritage Site. The park is envisioned as a centre showcasing the traditional fabrics, weaving culture, and craftsmanship of various ethnic communities of Assam while creating marketing opportunities for handloom products.

The Integrated Handloom Park will include modern and traditional facilities such as permanent marketing stalls, exhibition areas, attractive showrooms, production sheds, traditional weaving and dyeing demonstration units, a handloom museum, product display and interpretation centres, a modern designing unit, tourist cottages, an open-air theatre, quality control and training centres, natural dyeing units, a mini garmenting centre, common facility centre, dormitories for weavers and exhibitors, and administrative infrastructure.

The project is being implemented with state-of-the-art facilities to support production of high-end handloom fabrics and garments compatible with global fashion trends. The Project Management Consultant (PMC) has already initiated work, while the Public Works Department has started the construction and tendering process.

The scheme is expected to directly engage around 200 weavers within the park and connect nearly 1,000 weavers from nearby areas to the supply and business chain. It will also improve product quality and productivity through involvement of qualified textile and fashion designers and boost exposure and sales of Assam’s handloom products through marketing events organized during tourist seasons.

During this financial year 2026-27, Rs.1562.72 lakhs is proposed for making Budget provision.

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME : (Central Sector) :

L. Cluster Development Programme/Small Cluster Development Programme (CDP/SCDP):

The Cluster Development Programme (CDP) is a project implemented under the scheme of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and sanction for the project cost upto Rs.2.00 crore per CDP to cover upto 500 weavers at one location so that the groups become self-sustainable. The duration of the project is 3 years from the date of sanction of 1st instalment.

The Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, New Delhi have sanctioned for an amount of **Rs. 1787.359 lakhs** and released **Rs. 612.157 lakhs** as 1st instalment against **10 Nos. CDP under NHDP** during the year, 2022-23.

The Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, New Delhi have sanctioned for an amount of **Rs. 2001.586 lakhs** and release of **Rs. 760.039 lakhs** as 1st installment against **11 Nos. SCDP under NHDP** during the year, 2023-24 and have sanctioned for an amount of **Rs. 1468.395 lakhs** and release of **Rs. 629.21 lakhs** as 1st instalment against 8 Nos. SCDP under NHDP during the year, 2024-25.

M. Skill Upgradation Prog: SAMARTH :

Under the scheme, it is expected more skilled weavers and their employment. Till now a total of 4108 trainees have taken the Skill up gradation training under SAMARTH. The Ministry of Textiles has already issued Skill Weaving Certificate to trainees. The training is continued in the courses of (i) Handloom Weavers (Frame Loom) and (ii) Jacquard Handloom Weavers till 31st March, 2024.

N. Mega Handloom Cluster, Sualkuchi:

The Government of India has conveyed approval for the establishment of a Mega Handloom Cluster at Sualkuchi in Kamrup District under the National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) for the year 2024-25 with a total project cost of Rs.3241.21 lakh, covering 4266 beneficiaries. The project comprises a Central Share of Rs.2942.689 lakh and a Beneficiary Share of Rs. 298.521 lakh. Accordingly, a total amount of Rs.1471.3445 lakh has been released as the first instalment during the year 2024-25 and 2025-26 covering 2133 beneficiaries.

The objective of the scheme is to create infrastructure facilities for handloom weavers and to promote Assam handloom and hand-woven craft products among the large number of National and International tourists visiting Sualkuchi, Assam.

Out of the total released amount of Rs.1471.3445 lakh, an expenditure of Rs.25.04006 lakh has been incurred during the financial years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

A brief note in respect of Grant No. 59:

The Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam has been implementing various schemes for the promotion and development of the handloom sector since its inception in 1983. It has been extending financial, technical, and marketing support to handloom weavers both within and outside the cooperative fold. These initiatives have significantly strengthened the production infrastructure of the State, resulting in substantial improvements in both the quality and quantity of handloom production.

The major activities of the Directorate include:

- (a) Technology upgradation through the distribution of improved handlooms and ensuring easy access to quality raw materials; (b) Promotion of the production of quality handloom fabrics at affordable prices for consumers; (c) Provision of marketing assistance to handloom weavers and institutions; (d) Implementation of social welfare schemes for the socio-economic upliftment and enhanced productivity of weavers; (e) Conducting training and educational programmes for skill upgradation and capacity building of weavers; (f) Undertaking research and development in textile designing, natural dyeing, and documentation of traditional practices; (g) Publicizing various schemes and developmental initiatives of the Directorate for wider public awareness; (h) Organizing exhibitions, expos, and fairs to promote handloom products and provide marketing platforms for weavers; (i) Implementation of cluster-based handloom development projects for integrated growth of the sector; (j) Establishment of Handloom Model Villages for the holistic development of handloom weavers through an integrated approach; (k) Promotion and large-scale production of authentic handloom-made Assamese Gamocha through Primary Weavers' Cooperative Societies, Self-Help Groups, Weavers' Extension Service Units, and various departmental schemes to ensure its availability in the State market and curb the influx of cheaper powerloom-made Gamochas from outside the State; (l) Enforcement of the Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985; and (m) Implementation and promotion of the Geographical Indication (GI) of the Assamese Gamocha.

NEW SCHEMES LAUNCHED BY THE GOVT. DURING 2026-27.

Brief note about the Schemes:

A. Supply of looms & accessories to registered weavers/entrepreneurs under Swanirbhar Naari:

The Directorate of Handloom & Textiles will take up the scheme “Supply of looms & accessories to registered weavers/ entrepreneurs under Swanirbhar Naari” to enhance weaving efficiency and productivity of weavers/ entrepreneurs of the State. The upgraded looms will reduce physical strain, improve design capability, and enable higher income generation for weavers and provide self-employment opportunities among beneficiaries.

For entrepreneurs the looms will enable them to scale up production and enhance income-generating capacity. This intervention will support sustainable enterprise development and strengthen economic empowerment.

An amount of Rs.100.00 lakhs is proposed for budget provision during this FY 2026-27 under SOPD-G.

B. Installation of Solar Panel in all districts/ subdivisional offices of Handloom & Textiles :

Installation of solar panels in all district/sub-divisional offices of Handloom & Textiles is proposed to promote energy efficiency and reduce dependence on conventional electricity. This will ensure uninterrupted power supply for office operations, lower recurring electricity costs, and support environmentally sustainable practices. The initiative aligns with green energy goals and improves long-term operational efficiency.

An amount of Rs.50.00 lakhs is proposed for budget provision during this FY 2026-27 under SOPD-G.

C. Setting up of CAD-CAM Laboratory at HRDC:

Setting up of a CAD-CAM laboratory at HRDC is proposed with an amount of Rs.10.00 lakhs for modern design development in the handloom sector during this FY 2026-27 under SOPD-G. The facility will improve design accuracy, and enhance innovation. This will strengthen industry-relevant competencies and improve employability and productivity of weavers and entrepreneurs.

D. Installation and commissioning of new underground Electricity HT line at DHT Campus:

As the existing overhead power line has been partially damaged and for reliable, uninterrupted power supply, installation of an underground High Tension (HT) line has become necessary. The damaged condition of the existing line poses frequent risks of power interruption, electrical faults, safety hazards, and increased maintenance requirements.

The proposed underground HT line will improve reliability of power supply, reduce transmission losses and maintenance issues, enhance public safety, and minimize the chances of future disruptions. Therefore, approval for installation of the underground HT line is considered essential in the interest of efficient and secure power infrastructure development.

An amount of Rs.15.00 lakhs is proposed for budget provision during this FY 2026-27 under SOPD-G.

E. Economic upliftment of weavers:

The Directorate of Handloom & Textiles will take up the scheme “Economic upliftment of weavers” for developing the handloom weavers groups to become self-sustainable by providing skill upgradation to handloom weavers to produce quality diversified product as per market demand, improve weaving tools as per requirements, working capital, suitable need based workplace and also providing market linkage through various organisations.

An amount of Rs.140.00 lakhs is proposed for budget provision during this FY 2026-27 under SOPD-G.

SERICULTURE

A BRIEF NOTE ON GRANT NO.59

The fund allocated for implementation of different schemes for overall development of Sericulture in Assam mainly comes from the Budget Grant No.59, hence it is the major fund flowing source of Sericulture Department. The Department of Sericulture prepares plans like maintenance of Govt. Farms & Centres, support to Private Seri farmers and Entrepreneurs, Organization of different exhibitions, Exposure Programme, Training Workshop cum Motivation Camp, special support to Women Seri Farmers, Divyang Seri farmers etc. on the allocation made under Grant No.59.

Under the fund provision of SOPD-G an amount of Rs. 1400.00 lakhs kept for State Share for the scheme “Mission Senehjori” a special initiative launched on 2nd June/2026 by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (M Doner) in collaboration with the GoA, CSB & other nine stakeholder. Sr. Most Secretary HT&S has already organised meeting with all stakeholder on 8/6/2026. The Mission aims to transform Assam’s Unique Muga Silk Sector in to a globally competitive, high value Luxury Textile brand with an estimated amount Rs.411.00 Crore.

PRELIMINARY STATUS PAPER, GRANT NO.59

Before presenting the preliminary status under Grant No.59 relating to Sericulture Department it is felt to write few lines on the present scenario of Sericulture in Assam. It is a traditional agro-based cottage industry, practiced in Assam from time immemorial, and has witnessed a drastic change over the recent years with the introduction of fresh inputs garnered from results derived from intensive bio-technological lab analysis and research.

This labour-intensive and agro based cottage industry continues to provide gainful employment to around 3.10 lakh families in rural and semi-urban areas of Assam, of which a sizeable number belongs to the economically weaker section of the society and women. It has proved itself to be a sustainable farm-based economic enterprise positively favouring the rural poor in the un-organized sector because of its relatively low capital investment and higher returns of income.

Assam, a natural home to the rearing of Muga, Eri & Mulberry Silkworm and Oak Tasar (in Hill District) as well as the plantations on which they feed upon. Assam accounts for highest production of Non-Mulberry silk viz, Muga and Eri in the country. Assam enjoys world monopoly in the production of Muga, the “Golden Silk”. In the year 2025-26 Assam has produced 5986.63 MT of raw silk which has been considered a remarkable achievement in the country. Sericulture Department has 332 No. of Farms & Centres covering around 3654.6 hect. of land.

Moreover 3 Nos. of Cocoon Banks, 1 No. of Training Institute (Sericulture Training Institute, Titabar), 1 No. of Research Institute, 2 Nos. of Technical Information Centres are there.

Directorate of Sericulture, Assam under the Administrative control of Handloom Textiles & Sericulture Department, Government of Assam was established in the year of 1958 with a different nomenclature as Directorate of Weaving & Sericulture, Assam till July'1983. In the month July'1983 this Directorate was separated as the Directorate of Sericulture, Assam bifurcating the Weaving as a new Directorate known as Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam.

Since separation of the Directorate of Sericulture, it has been performing as a nodal Department for all activities relating to Silk & Silk Production in the State. The Headquarter of the Directorate of Sericulture, Assam is located at Khanapara just 5 KM away from Dispur, the Capital of Assam. This Directorate is headed by a Senior State Government Officer borne from the Assam Civil Service Senior Grade. To control the entire Sericulture mechanism in the State, the Government of Assam has created the following offices-

LIST OF OFFICES UNDER SERICULTURE, ASSAM

SL. No.	Name of Office	No. of office				Total
		Gener al Area	Sixth Scheduled Area			
			Under BTC	Under KAAC	Under DHAC	
1	Directorate of Sericulture	1	-	-	-	1
2	Office of the Additional Director of Sericulture	1	1	1	1	4
3	Office of the Joint Director of Sericulture	2	-	-	-	2
4	Office of the Principal, STI, Titabar	1	-	-	-	1
5	Office of the Assistant Director of Sericulture	21	4	1	1	27
6	Office of Superintendent of Sericulture	26	4	2	2	34
7	Office of the Research Officer	1	-	-	-	1
		53	9	4	4	70

The Sericulture Offices, Farms, Centres, Units, Projects, etc. under Sixth Scheduled Areas viz Karbi-Anglong District Autonomous Council covering entire Karbi-Anglong & West Karbi District; DimaHasao District Autonomous Council covering the entire Dima-Hasao District and Bodoland Territorial Council covering 5

Districts i.e. Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa Udalguri & Tamulpur have now been transferred to the Council's jurisdiction hence the activities of this Directorate is limited to General Areas except these Sixth Scheduled Council Areas.

NO. OF FARMS & CENTRES UNDER SERICULTURE, ASSAM

MANPOWER OFSERICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Sl. No.	Grade/Cadre wise	Total Strength	Man in Position	Vacancy
1	Class-I	50	32	18
2	Class-II	106	58	48 (2 post kept reserved)
3	Class-III (excluding Ministerial Staff in Sixth Scheduled Areas)	1231	948	283
4	Grade-IV(excluding Sixth Scheduled Areas)	432	341	91
	Total =	1819	1379	440

PRODUCTION OF RAW SILK DURING 2023-24, 2024-25& 2025-26 (EXCLUDING BTAD)

Category	Quantity (in M.T)		
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Eri	4063.02	4634.324	4292.9

Muga	164.24	147.124	161.09
Mulberry	12.904	12.70	16.24
Total	4240.164	4794.148	4470.23

MAJOR ACTIVITIES TAKEN UP BY SERICULTURE DEPARTMENT FOR ALL ROUND DEVELOPMENT OF SERICULTURE IN ASSAM

Department of Sericulture, Assam receives fund mainly under the Grant No.59 for implementation of the following activities/schemes/ projects for overall development of Sericulture in Assam. The Directorate of Sericulture, Assam prepares the detailed plans against the fund allocated by Finance Department under Grant No.59.

- Strengthening of Govt. Farms & Centres by maintaining of existing plantations, technical buildings, staff quarters, boundary wall, cold storage.
- Setting up of Nursery in 86 Nos of Govt. Seri farms under SOPD for the FY 2025-26 & Extensionand of Plantation.
- Support to Private Rearers& Entrepreneurs providing Rearing Appliances including to women, divyang Seri farmers.
- Development of Cocoon Marketing System
- Support to Rearers, Spinners &Reelers through supply of Reeling & Spinning Machine.
- Organization of Workshop,Awareness Programme Exhibition &Mela.a district level programme to promote Silk Industry
- Distribution of Quality basic Silk Worm Seeds to the Private Rearers with 50% subsidy.
- Updating of infrastructure in the field like ADS office now at Sonitpur, Dhemaji; land filling & Boundary Wall at Bajali, technical building at Kaki Hojai.
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2. PERFORMANCE BUDGET /ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF 2025-26 UNDER GRANTS NO. 59

The Directorate of Sericulture, Assam has received an allocation from Finance Budget Department vide letter No BB.E-22680/265 Dated 06/01/2025 under Grants No. 59 and as per Budget Provision for the year 2025-26 a total amount of **Rs.14173.18lakh** has been allocated out of which Rs.2506.06 lakh is under SOPD- Gincluding Rs.400.00 lakh against Mulberry Yarn Bank at Sualkuchi. An amount of Rs.75.00 lakh has been re-appropriated to EE. Thereby Rs.11667.12 lakh allotted under EE and Rs.2431.06 lakh under SOPD for the year 2025-26.

Further, the Directorate has been allocated an amount of **Rs.15318.69 lakhs** only

by the Finance Department for the financial year 2026-2027 vide letter No.BB.E.22680/319 dt.08/06/2026 out of which **Rs.2305.45 lakh** under SOPD & **13013.24 lakhs** under EE. The Schemes will be finalised for implementation after finalisation of Budge during the year 2026-2027.

3. FISCAL TARGET ACHIEVED DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Year wise Fiscal Target & Achievement (Rs. In lakh)					
		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
		Targ et	Achie veme nt	Targ et	Achie veme nt	Targ et	Achie veme nt
1	Non Plan for drawl of salaries ,wages& stipend)	12033.77	8873.22282	11596.55	9129.72235	11667.12	9091.98388
2	Normal State Plan/SOPD including State Share of Centrally Sponsored Scheme	2209.17	1225.18	3192.54	841.9361	2431.06	992.67958
	TOTAL	14242.94	10098.402	14789.09	9971.65845	14098.18	10084.66346

6. BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR 2026-27.

As per budget provision under Grant No.59 for the Directorate of Sericulture, Assam a total of **Rs.13013.24lakh** has been allocated for EE and Rs.2305.45 lakh has been allotted for SOPD.

Action Taken report by the Handloom Textiles and Sericulture Department on the Recommendation s of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (G) Department (Twenty Seventh) report

Sl. No	Observations and Recommendations	Action taken report on the recommendation	Remarks
01	The Committee recommends that the Department should instruct all Government Department/ Offices to use authentic Handloom products on various govt. occasions such as meetings, felicitations, summit, assembly and conference etc. to promote Handloom and Textile products.	Handloom Textiles and Sericulture Department, has directed all Government Department/ Offices to actively encourage the use of authentic handloom products during all kinds of official events- programmes, functions, ceremonies, meetings, conferences, summit etc. vide Govt. letter eCF No. 614711/91 dated 27-06-2025 (enclosed as Annexure-I).	
02	The Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary steps to create awareness among the people of the State regarding Handloom and power loom products and encourage them to purchase pure Handloom products procured by the Govt.	The Department of Handloom & Textile & Sericulture is taking various initiatives in order to promote Handloom product and creating awareness among public regarding Handloom & Powerloom products such as - i) By promoting the weavers and others stakeholders to register under Handloom Mark Scheme where a total of 271 nos. of weavers have registered in the Handloom mark portal and 629 nos. have been verified by Verification Officers, whereby awaiting approval from Ministry of Textiles, Kolkata. ii) The DHT is carrying out several enforcement drives in various districts/sub division office of the state to curb the sale of reserved item under sec-3 of Handloom Reservation of Articles for production Act, 1985 and GI Act, 1999. iii) A total of 750 nos. of applicants were approved as authorized user of GI "Gamosa of Assam". 6000 nos. of applications have come forward to register as authorised user of GI Gamosa of Assam for FY 2026-27. iv) The state flagship scheme Swanirbhar Naari	

		Scheme has helped in eliminating middle person involved in the business of using Handloom item like Gamosa produced by weavers and depositing the amount in DBT mode. v) The O/o the Assistant Directors have been requested to create awareness among the people of the State specifically Gaon Panchayat Level regarding Handloom and power loom products and encourage them to purchase pure Handloom products vide this office letter No. DHTP.46/2017/Pt./67 dated 23-05-2025 (enclosed as Annexure-II) of which ADHT Dibrugarh, Golaghat, Biswanath and Barpeta have already taken action.	
03	The Committee strongly recommends that the Department should take strict action before Bihu to ban or seize power loom products completely, so that local weavers can be promoted globally.	To curb the sale of power loom-made reserved articles under sec-3 of Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 and the GI Act, 1999 , the Department of Handloom, Textiles & Sericulture conducted search and seizure operations across sales outlets, exhibitions, fairs, and emporia. During Bihu season, a total of 481 inspections were carried out by the enforcement machinery under the Directorate.	
04	The Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary initiatives for supplying and using local handloom products such as towels, bedcovers in trains and medical units. Through these initiatives, local handloom production can be developed and that will also help many unemployed youths of the state.	The Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam, has requested the Managing Director, ARTFED, Rehabari, Guwahati-08, and the Managing Director, Assam Government Marketing Corporation Ltd. (AGMC), Ambari, Guwahati-01, to furnish an Action Taken Report (ATR) on the matter under reference. The request was initially communicated vide this Directorate's letter No. DHTP.46/2017/Pt./68 dated 23-05-2025. As no response was received within the stipulated time, a reminder was subsequently issued vide this Directorate's letter No. DHTP.46/2017/Pt./75 dated 07-07-2025, requesting the concerned organizations to submit the ATR at the earliest to facilitate further necessary action.	

05	The Committee observed that the slope of embankment of different rivers in the State and some areas of the Government Sericultures Farm are lying vacant which can be used for plantation of food plants and other Industries. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Department should conduct a survey and prepare a master plan of vacant lands under Sericulture Department.	a) The Directorate of Sericulture under Handloom Textiles and Sericulture Department has instructed the Assistant Director /Superintendent of Sericulture vide letter No SDM.181/2017-18/Pt-1/320/6276 dated 16th May/2025 to submit the vacant land status report and fill up the vacant land by plantation of silkworm food plants. b) Communication had also been made vide no. SDM.181/2017-18/Pt-1/260/631, Date 30th March/2024 to the Commissioner, P&RD Deptt., to take steps to raise silkworm food plants on the slope of embankment as well as vacant land of Govt. Sericulture farms. c) At present 520.77 Hect. area in different Govt. Sericulture Farm/Centre within the plain districts of Assam are vacant after phase wise plantation done out of 1077.23 hect. that was vacant in 2022. Under the SOPD 2024-25, 92 nurseries of silkworm host plants are being developed at Government Seri Farms across 20 districts/co-districts, with a target of producing 10 lakh seedlings/saplings. The Department also plans to utilize all vacant land in Government Sericulture Farms for phased plantation in the coming years. Additionally, 1-acre plantations have been established in 38 Government Seri Farms under the SOPD 2025-26.	
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ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
NOTIFICATION

No. LADRSC.(G) 1/2026/9

Dated Dispur the 10th July, 2026.

In pursuance of the Rule 260-I (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 (G) Departments.

1. Shri Naba Kumar Doley	MLA & Chairperson
2. Shri Prasanta Phukan	MLA & Member
3. Shri Dhormeswar Konwar	MLA & Member
4. Shri Pallab Lochan Das	MLA & Member
5. Dr. Rajdeep Roy	MLA & Member
6. Shri Tankeswar Rabha	MLA & Member
7. Shri Raju Mesh	MLA & Member
8. Shri Arup Kumar Dey	MLA & Member
9. Shri Aminul Haque Laskar	MLA & Member
10. Shri Mohibur Rohman	MLA & Member
11. Shri Prakash Chandra Das	MLA & Member
12. Shri Maneswar Brahma	MLA & Member
13. Shri Mehboob Muktar	MLA & Member

And in pursuance of Sub-Rule (3) of the Rule 260-I(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 appoint **Shri Naba Kumar Doley, MLA as the Chairperson** of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (G) Departments.

The term of office of the Members of the Committee shall not exceed 1(one)year from the date constitution.

Sd/-Rajib Bhattacharyya
Secretary,
Assam Legislative Assembly.

Memo No. LADRSC. (G).1/2026/10-22

Dated Dispur the 10th July,2026.

Copy forwarded to:-

1. Shri Naba Kumar Doley, MLA & Chairperson, Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (G) Departments for favour of his kind information.
2. All Members of Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (G) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly for kind information.
3. The Private Secretary to the Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for placing the same before the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for favour of his kind information.
4. The Private Secretary to Deputy Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for placing the same before the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker for his kind information.
5. The Private Secretary to Leader of the Opposition, Assam Legislative Assembly for placing the same before the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition, Assam Legislative Assembly for favour of kind information.
6. The Private Secretary to Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly for his kind information.

7. The Director, Assam Govt. Press, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21 for favour of publication of the above notification in the next issue of the Assam Gazette in Part-I. Five Spare copies of the same may be pleased supplied to this Secretariat for records.
8. The Principal Accountant General, Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati-29.
9. The Chief Reporter Cum Editor of Debates & Ex-Officio-Joint Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly for information and necessary action.
10. The Additional Secretary, In -charge Nazarat Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly for information.
11. The Accounts Branch, Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur for information.
12. All Officer In-charge of different Legislature Committees, Assam Legislative Assembly for information.
13. The Officer-in Charge Website branch, Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur for information.



Deputy Secretary
Assam Legislative Assembly.

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OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

HANDLOOM, TEXTILE & SERICULTURE DEPARTMENT

GRANT NO-59

After having an in-depth discussion on Preliminary status paper, Action Taken Report and Budget already presented to the House, the Committee made the following observations and Recommendations.

1. The Committee has observed that there is an irregularity in selection of beneficiary, distribution of Yarn & other handloom materials.

Therefore, the Committee strongly recommends that the Department should take necessary steps in selection of proper beneficiary & strict monitoring system also be implemented.

2. The Committee recommended that the Yarn bank should be established in every Assembly constituency to help the weavers of Assam.
3. The Committee has observed that most of the training centres are lying defunct & there is lack of modern technologies.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that all the training centres should be made operational with modern technologies. The Committee also recommends to make operational of the defunct training centres of Kabuganj in Sonai constituency.

4. The Committee recommends that the Department should carry out wide publicity among the weavers regarding all the policies undertaken by the Department.

The Committee further recommends that for proper implementation of schemes. Publicity programme should be carried out in all the social media platform in every 15th days of interval.

5. The Committee recommends that the '*Senehjori*' scheme be implemented using modern technology and scientific methods.

The Committee further recommends that proper guide lines be issued regarding selection of land for cocoon cultivation for Muga silk including the prescribed distance from pesticide treated areas and tea gardens to ensure that proper utilization of the allocated fund.

6. The Committee has observed that there is a large extent of unused sericulture land.

Therefore, the Committee recommends the Department to take up appropriate initiatives to ensure the proper utilization of lands and an action taken Report should be submitted before the Committee.

7. The Committee suggests the Department to procure the traditional *Gamosa* of Manipuri, Bishnupriya Manipuri, Dimasa, Bengali communities etc. to promote their cultural heritage.
8. The Committee recommends that the Department should initiate a spot visit tour to identify district wise sericulture land and the Report should be submitted before the Committee in the next meeting.
9. The Committee recommends that the Department should take proper initiative to promote Cocoon, sapling, seedling of Muga cultivation for Kamrup and Goalpara districts by taking into consideration of best weather in foot hills areas of Meghalaya.

The Committee recommends that the Budget allocation under Grant No. 59 for the Financial Year 2026-27 for the Handloom, Textiles & Sericulture Department be approved by the August House.

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