



**DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE
ON DEVELOPMENT (G) DEPARTMENTS
2026-2027**

**SIXTEENTH
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**Report on Demands for the Grant No. 54
for the year 2026-2027**

DEPARTMENT: FISHERY

TWENTY EIGHTH REPORT

Presented to the House on 22nd July, 2026.

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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

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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. 54** relating to **Fishery 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.

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The 17th July, 2026

NABA KUMAR DOLEY

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

CHAPTER –I

GRANT NO.54

FISHERY

The total allocation of fund under Grant No.54 for both Revenue and Capital sector for administration of Fishery Department during the financial year **2026-27** is Rs. 14424.80 lakhs which is presented before the House for approval. The total amount so allocated is proposed to be spent in the Revenue Expenditure.

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In lakhs)
VOTED	10205.08	4219.72	14424.80
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

HEAD OF ACCOUNTS		
2405	Fisheries	10042.27
2415	Agriculture Research and Education	162.81
4405	Capital Outlay on Fisheries	4219.72
	Grand Total	14424.80

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

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

The Committee examined Grant No. 54 both major heads and minor heads and took evidence of the Departmental official.

The DRSC in its sitting held on 16th July, 2026 examined the papers & documents received from the Department and took evidence of the departmental representatives. At the same time, the Committee considered the Action Taken Report on the Recommendations made in its 28th Report presented to the House on 22nd July, 2026.

A BRIEF NOTE IN RESPECT OF GRANT No. 54

Grant No. 54 in the Assam state budget represents the specific allocation of funds dedicated to the state's Fishery Department. It covers both the revenue and capital expenditures required for the administrative, developmental, and infrastructure projects under the department. The grant finances policies and schemes aimed at augmenting fish production, achieving state self-sufficiency, and promoting sustainable aquaculture across Assam's vast network of water resources. Budget Allocations includes provisions for inland fisheries development, agricultural research & education in fishery sciences and capital expenditures such as infrastructure modernization and office refurbishment.

Government of Assam has emphasized on holistic development of the fisheries sector and significant development has been noticed during the last few years in terms of fish production, infrastructure development and support in marketing & distribution chain besides capacity and skill development of the stakeholders. Sufficient thrust has also been given for enhancement of fish production from the natural resources, conservation through implementing of Acts & Rules. Care for consumer's safety has been strengthened through regular test of formalin in marketed fishes and awareness on minimal use of chemicals, fertilizers and harmful substances in aquaculture and fisheries. Further, efforts are continuing for digitization of resource information and other related areas.

Considering the scope of this sunrise sector, the newly form Govt. of Assam has emphasized on doubling fish production to the tune of 10 lakh MT aiming at self-sufficiency; providing financial assistance to fish farmers ensuring income support during the non-fishing period; strengthening hatchery, brood banks, cold chain and marketing infrastructure under PMMSY; expand aquaculture through Amrit Sarovars and scientific management of beels; redevelop Jagiroad dry fish market into a major regional trade hub and enforce strict quality control to prevent the sale of imported and chemically treated fish. Additionally, a Conclave on Development of Fisheries Sector in Assam was organized at Assam Administrative Staff College on 5th & 6th May, 2025 by Honorable Governor's Secretariat, Rajbhawan, Guwahati with participation of national and state level fisheries institutes, scientists & experts, farmers, entrepreneurs, different departments and stakeholders. After detail discussion, several important recommendations under different themes were made by the conclave for development of Fisheries Sector in Assam.

The department has prepared action plan for implementation of the above mentioned thrust areas and recommendations of the conclave and budget estimate under Grant No. 54 has been aligned accordingly. Driven by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the department mainly aims to address poverty (SDG-1) and hunger (SDG 2), while ensuring sustainable resource use and economic growth.

PRELIMINARY STATUS PAPER - GRANT No. 54

Fisheries sector of Assam is a crucial pillar of the state's economy, food and nutritional security. Driven by over 90% of the population being fish consumers, the sector generates vital rural employment and contributes significantly to the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).

Assam is endowed with vast inland fisheries and aquaculture resources, defined in terms of the mighty Brahmaputra and Barak rivers along with 53 major tributaries, extensive natural floodplains, oxbow lakes (*beels*) and derelict water bodies forming the backbone of inland capture fisheries. Individual ponds and community tanks are utilized for freshwater aquaculture.

With a staple diet heavily reliant on rice and fish, per capita annual fish availability in the state remains high at 15.22 kg against national average of 14.04 kg leading to a huge domestic market. Despite vast resources, the state faced a fish deficit. However, with modern aquaculture practices, production has seen a steep upward trajectory, reaching nearly 5.54 lakh MT in 2026. Assam stands 4th in fish production among Inland States and 2nd in fish seed production. The sector provides a crucial safety net against agricultural uncertainties and serves as a major source of livelihood for traditional fisher folk and rural entrepreneurs. Over the last 5 years growth achieved in terms of fish production, fish seed production and fish availability are 33%, 11% and 25% respectively.

To bridge the production gap and modernize the sector, both state and central governments have implemented extensive developmental programs focusing on infrastructure development, technology infusion and boosting productivity. In addition to schemes under CSS- Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, Rural Infrastructure Development Fund and SOPD two EAP are being grounded for robust fisheries development in the state - 'Assam State Aquaculture Promotion and Livelihood Improvement Project' (ASAPALI) with funding support from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) with basic objectives to increase the aquaculture production and to improve rural livelihood through different aquaculture-based activities in the state.

Sustainable Wetland and Integrated Fisheries Transformation Project (SWIFT) with funding support from Asian Development Bank aims to rejuvenate and restore 3000 ha of Beel fisheries to sustain higher fish yield besides increasing the water storage capacity including creation of rural livelihood among the fishing community.

Initiatives taken for beel fisheries development and revenue fisheries by Assam Fisheries Development Corporation Ltd and for thrust on fisheries cooperative and fish marketing by FISHFED are note worthy.

While there is immense potential, the sector faces challenges such as a shortage of quality fish seeds and fish feed, unorganized marketing, investment for commercial venture, climate risks etc. To address these, the Department of Fisheries, Government of Assam continues to push for scientific fish farming, species diversification and sustainable management to achieve surplus production for export.

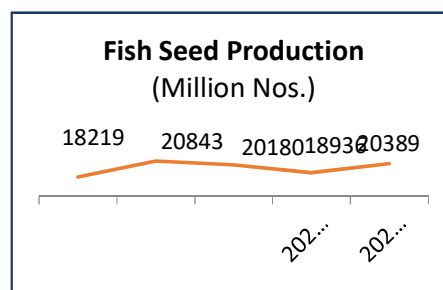
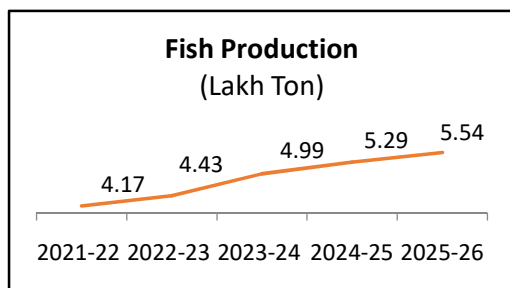
To promote growth of the sector through sustainable fisheries development, Government has been implementing various schemes and programs focusing on initiatives for increasing fish production, improved management practices, imparting training and support to fish farmers, developing infrastructure and resource conservation and providing self-employment opportunities. Issues like climate change scenario and disaster risk reduction are also addressed in the development approaches. Department of Fisheries, Assam has been implementing several schemes with financial assistance from both Central and the State Government for increasing fish production and productivity in the state. Major schemes being implemented are Pradhan Mantri

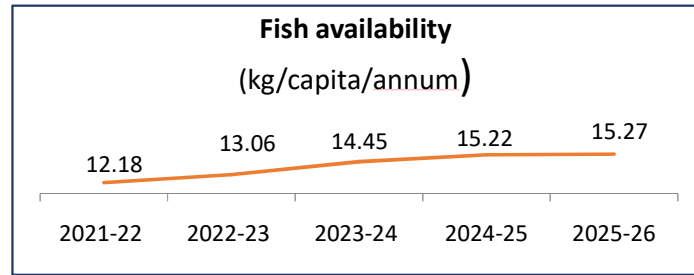
Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), NABARD assisted Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) and schemes under SOPD in addition to schemes supported by National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad, Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and Group Accidental Insurance Scheme (GAIS) for Fisheries Sector. World Bank funded APART project has been completed.

Fish and fish seed production and development interventions:

Fish seed and Fish Production during last five years are as follows:

Year	Fish Seed (Million Nos)	Fish (Lakh MT)	Fish availability (kg/capita/annum)
2021-22	18219	4.17	12.18
2022-23	20483	4.43	13.06
2023-24	20180	4.99	14.45
2024-25	18936	5.29	15.22
2025-26	20389	5.54	15.27





For overall development of the sector Department's major functions are:

- To increase fish and quality fish seed production in the state with optimum utilization of resources,
- To implementation of Fishery related schemes of the Government of Assam and Government of India,
- To identify and promote research and studies on fisheries and fishery related areas so that benefit can be disseminated to the grass root level users,
- To collect, compile, analyze and make available adequate/ relevant statistical and other information for proper planning to promote fish farming and related industries/activities,
- To prepare/ support in preparation/ vet project reports and proposals related to Fisheries and fishery related industries,
- To provide extension services to Fish farmers/ fishermen and fishery entrepreneurs.

Priorities of the department for the period up to 2030-31 are:

- Increasing fish production from 5 Lakh MT to 10 Lakh MT
- Enhance per capita fish consumption @ 20 kg per annum
- Doubling of farmers' income
- Strengthening of fisheries infrastructure facilities
- Strengthening of livelihood, entrepreneurship and rural employment
- Research & Development for transfer of technology

To build a sustainable blue economy, the state department has been emphasizing on bridging the demand-supply gap by transitioning from traditional practices to scientific aquaculture including application of AI based and data driven technologies. Leveraging institutional support and modernizing infrastructure can ensure food security, increase rural incomes, and unlock the sector's full economic potential.

PERFORMANCE BUDGET / ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF 2025-26

Total budget, including the supplementary demand grant, approved for Grant No-54 during 2025-26 was Rs. 16317.12 lakh consisting of Rs.10995.10 lakh under Revenue and Rs.5322.02 lakh under Capital outlay. Expenditure under Revenue and Capital outlay is Rs. 9224.17315 lakh and Rs. 1445.72181 lakh respectively totalling to Rs. 10669.89496 lakh.

An amount of Rs. 6886.53 lakh was allocated under Establishment Expenditure (including salary and wages), out of which more than 80% (Rs. 5576.62062 lakh) has been utilized.

Total amount allocated under SFPD is Rs. 9430.59 lakh, summary of which is mentioned below:

Rs. in lakh

Particular	Allocation	Expenditure
SOPD (G and SS)	950.92	174.29367
Blue Revolution/ PMMSY (CS & SS)	3673.75	3497.37487
RIDF (LS & SS)	3000.00	1167.60580
EAP (including SS)	1805.92	255.00000
TOTAL SFPD	9430.59	5094.27434

Present status of the scheme-wise activities implemented during 2025-26 is as follows:

Amount approved in the budget 2025-26 under SFPD accounts for Rs.9130.59 lakh including an amount of Rs.950.92 lakh for SOPD-G and SOPD-SS, Rs. 3637.75 lakh as central and state share of CSS, Rs. 3000.00 lakh for RIDF (Rs. 2849.80 lakh as Loan share of and Rs. 150.20 lakh as state share) and Rs. 1805.92 lakh for EAP. Amount allocated for different EAPs are –

- (i) ASAPALI (JICA) - Rs.659.40 lakh as Loan Share and Rs.146.52 lakh as State Share
- (ii) SWIFT (ADB) - Rs.800.00 lakh as Loan Share and Rs.200.00 lakh as State Share.

An amount of Rs. 299.84 lakh has been approved for Grants-in-aid salary for FFDA and FISHFED staff under Establishment Expenditure.

- A. Following activities are taken up for implementation against the budget allocation **Fish and Fish Seed Farming – (General)**: Amount approved during 2024-25 under the scheme is Rs.821.84 lakh with the following activities:

Continuation of Gene Bank - Scientific Conservation Programme for indigenous Fishes (SCoPIF): The project being implemented by College of Fisheries, Raha as per the approved DPR and the validity of the AA expired on March 2023. Till the FY 2022-23, Rs. 395.00 lakh was released out of the AA amount of Rs. 936.99 lakh. Presently the project is at halt and based on the third party recommendation, it was expected that the project will resume during 2025-26 and accordingly an amount of Rs 38.00 lakh was allocated. However, decision in this regard is yet to be finalized and no fund released during CFY.

Development Approach in Fisheries and Aquaculture through Cluster based Initiatives: The basic objective of the scheme is to develop some of the potential pockets to be called as cluster where fisheries and aquaculture activities are found to be prominent but still to be fully exploited in a commercial way through fisheries and aquaculture. The scheme is planned in a way that suitable development interventions would be taken for productive utilization of the resources and will make the cluster a hub of fisheries and aquaculture and to showcase how community led cluster based fisheries and aquaculture development initiative may be the role model for enhancing fish production and livelihood improvement of our farming. All total 10 clusters in pilot basis were taken up in 10 districts viz Tinsukia, Sribhumi, Lakhimpur, Nagaon, Morigaon, Kamrup, Dibrugarh, Nalbari, Cachar and Golaghat. The amount allocated was Rs. 485.21 lakh for infrastructure development civil works through new pond construction, renovation of existing tank, need based hatchery and community hall etc. However, due to non-completion of the works no fund could be utilized.

State-level Aquarium House: For the proposed State-of-the art Aquarium House to be constructed at Srimanta Shankardev Kalakshetra, Guwahati the DPR amount accounts for around Rs. 50 Crore which is beyond sectoral allocation and hence an amount of Rs. 0.01 lakh was allocated as token budget provision in FY 2025-26 till a final decision is approved. The proposal has been submitted to Government of India for funding support.

Inputs and material for fish and fish seed production in departmental farm: For production of fish and fish seed in the departmental farms and amount of Rs.8.21 lakh was approved. Although estimate and proposals received for several departmental farms, limited budget was allotted for increase in fish and fish seed production, enhanced revenue receipt and supply

of standard sized fish seed from J.B. Garh Fish farm only. FS and FOC issued for Rs.8.20 lakh and utilized.

Procurement of Formalin Testing Kit and Fridge for storage: For regular monitoring of presence of formalin in fish, Rs. 3.20 lakh was allocated for procurement of Formalin Testing Kits. 751 kits supplied and distributed to DFDOs for testing through district level task force. However, due to late receipt of part bills payment of Rs 1.99 lakh could be made for 499 kits.

Fish Culture input in existing ponds: An amount of Rs. 287.21 lakh was allocated during 2025-26 for fish culture inputs and material, out of which Rs. 10.35 lakh was earmarked for pending liability against completed supply of fish culture inputs in ready-to-use existing ponds approved during FY 2021-22 in 3 districts viz. Goalpara, Nalbari and Tinsukia. Based on the bill value, Rs. 10.35 lakh has been utilized.

Remaining, Rs. 276.86 lakh was allocated for fish culture input support in ready to stock ponds, preferably within the selected clusters under 'Development Approach in Fisheries and Aquaculture through Cluster based Initiatives'. However, an amount of Rs. 79.56 lakh has been utilized by District Fishery Development Officers of Nagaon, Kamrup and Morigaon in around 33 ha of ponds in the clusters.

B. Fishery Extension Service: An amount of Rs.58.76 lakh was approved in the budget 2024-25 for this scheme comprising of the following activities:

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Observation of need based National/ International Important days: Rs. 1.90 lakh was proposed in the year 2025-26 for this activity and World Fisheries Day has been celebrated in College of Fisheries, Raha as a State Level programme on 21st November 2025 with participation of invited guests and resource persons. A workshop on hatchery accreditation with participation of hatchery owners and seed producers was also conducted. However, since the expenditure was met from other resources, no fund was utilized from the allocated amount.

Matsya Mitras: Rs.48.55 was earmarked for 2025-26 for 73 Matsya Mitras including 2 for Hajo Mandir Tank maintenance as support extension workers @ Rs. 10000/- per person per month. Based on the concurrence from Finance Department, Matsya Mitras could be engaged only for about 3-4 months in different districts and accordingly FS and FOC issued for Rs. 28.00 lakh.

Training and awareness programme: For dissemination of scientific information and transfer of technologies through training and awareness programme Rs.6.41 lakh was approved during 2025-26. Based on GeM procurement of service providers, FS and FOC amounting to Rs. 6.22 lakh was issued for conduct of 25 training programmes covering 1254 trainees out of which 294 were women trainees.

Advertising and publicity expenses: For printing of IEC materials including Annual Report and need based advertisement and publicity expenses an amount of Rs.1.90 lakh was approved during 2025-26 and based on the GeM approved rates, Rs. 1.77 lakh has been utilized.

D. Head Quarter Establishment: Under this scheme a total of **Rs 51.41 lakh** was approved in the budget 2025-26 for the following activities:

Engagement of professional organization for preparation of SWIFT project DPR: For DPR preparation through outsourcing, for the project 'Sustainable wetland and Fisheries Transformation (SWIFT)' Projects with funding under ADB as consultancy fees, AA issued for Rs. 74.13480 lakh and based on the provision of

TOR, Rs. 51.45 lakh already paid. Remaining amount is Rs. 22.05 lakh as pending liability was proposed, but only Rs. 20.05 lakh has been approved. Based on the satisfactory completion and acceptance of the final DPR, installment of Rs.20.05 lakh was initiated, FS issued and FOC demand submitted, but FOC not issued.

Re-electrification and Transformer up gradation etc in Meen Bhawan, Guwahati: Rs. 4.50 lakh proposed for payment of in relation to Hon'ble High Court's case vide W.P(C) No. 490/2017 M/s S.B. Electricals vs the State of Assam & others, out of which Rs. 4.28 lakh was allocated. Necessary process initiated accordingly and several communications made to the claimant for submission of necessary documents for initiation of FS proposal. But the beneficiary could not be traced in the given address and fund could not be utilized.

Re-electrification, Restoration of washroom etc of Meen Bhawan, Guwahati: An amount of **Rs. 26.60 lakh** has been allocated for the purpose of restoration of all washrooms, toilets and walkways for clean and hygienic environment pending liabilities against the completed works of Meen Bhawan, Guwahati approved during 2024-25. Based on the bill value, Rs. 23.12 lakh has been utilized.

Resilient Budget for the State HQ: As per government direction it was envisaged to propose 3% of the budgetary allocation as resilient budget for Disaster Risk Reduction. As the overall allocation was limited, an amount of Rs. 0.48 lakh was allocated for procurement and installation of fire extinguishers in Meen Bhawan office building as a measure for disaster risk reduction and based on the GeM procurement Rs. 0.48 lakh has been utilized.

- E. State share for 'Group Accidental Insurance Scheme':** The Group Accidental Insurance Scheme (GAIS) was introduced by Ministry of Fisheries, Government of India under the flagship programme PMMSY. An amount of **Rs 18.00 lakh** was approved as State Share during 2025-26 for the scheme. 2 lakh farmers and fishers have been covered with insurance coverage for 1 year for the scheme is implemented by National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad. Central Share of 90% of the premium is provided to NFDB directly. State Matching share of 10% based on the premium, Rs.15.992 lakh has been utilized and remaining budget surrendered.
- F. CSS – Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana:** CSS Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), a flagship scheme by the Government of India was launched in 2020-21.

As per Govt. of India guideline, the scheme has been operated in SNA-SPARSH module of expenditure from January 2025, for which an amount of Rs 3673.75 lakh was allocated under different SLS-wise HoA.

Under different components covering SLS - AS178 (90:10) for General & Women, SLS - AS178 (90:10) for SC category, SLS - AS178 (90:10) for ST category and SLS – AS281 (80:20) Livelihood and Nutritional support to fisher families, amount of Rs. 2000.00 lakh, Rs. 673.75 lakh, Rs. 500.00 lakh and Rs. 500.00 lakh respectively were allocated. Based on the requirement, the allocated amount has been re-appropriated as Rs. 1769.88 lakh, Rs.600.22 lakh, Rs.698.68 lakh and Rs. 604.97 lakh under the respective SLSs within the total allocated amount of Rs. 3673.75 lakh, out of which expenditure made was Rs. 1737.79566 lakh, Rs. 506.78107 lakh, Rs. 686.50004 lakh and Rs. 566.29810 lakh respectively, totaling to Rs 3497.37487 lakh.

As per PFMS portal, expenditure made as central share is Rs. 3091.00769 lakh and state share is Rs. 406.36718 lakh totaling to Rs. 3497.37487 lakh with financial achievement of 95%.

The scheme with 36 beneficiary oriented sub-components is being implemented in the districts and the major achievements in the Financial Year 2025-26 are construction of 437 Ha of new ponds, fingerlings stockings in 989.25 Ha of wetland area.

Additionally, transportation vehicles including 1 insulated fish vehicle, 22 three-wheelers and 117 cycles in addition to 11 nos of boats & nets have been distributed. Moreover, 15 fish feed mills, 23 Biofloc & RAS units, 27 Nos. of ornamental units & fish kiosks and 2 Cold Storage were also completed. As a means of livelihood and nutritional support during the fishing restricted period, 18876 fishers and farmers have been supported in this financial year 2025-26.

G. Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF): An amount of **Rs. 3000.00 lakh** including Rs. 2849.80 lakh as loan share and Rs. 150.20 lakh as state share was allocated under RIDF. It was targeted mainly for implementation of schemes under trenches viz RIDF-XXVI, RIDF-XXVIII and RDF XXIX.

Due to excessive delayed technical sanctions against different projects related to development of existing departmental farms, the projects could not be completed but significant progress has been made which can be summarized as 100% for 4 farms, 75-90% for 8 farms, 50-75% for 6 farms, 25-50% for 10 farms and 10-25% for 6 farms.

Based on the progress under different tranches, an amount of Rs. 1149.99555 lakh was released to the vendors against loan share and Rs 17.61025 lakh against state share, totaling to Rs. 1167.60508 lakh.

H. Externally Aided Projects (EAP): Two EAPs namely Assam State Aquaculture Promotion and Livelihood Improvement (ASAPALI) Project to be funded by JICA and Sustainable Wetland and Integrated Fisheries Transformation Project (SWIFT) for funding by ADB has been taken up -

a) **Assam State Aquaculture Promotion and Livelihood Improvement (ASAPALI) Project(ASAPALI):** The project Assam Fisheries Development & Livelihood Project (AFDLP) proposed for funding under JICA has been renamed as Assam State Aquaculture Promotion and Livelihood Project (ASAPALI) with the approval of competent authority. The basic objective of the project namely Assam State Aquaculture Promotion and Livelihood Improvement (ASAPALI) Project to be funded by JICA is to increase the aquaculture production and to improve rural livelihood through different aquaculture-based activities in the state.

During the current year 2025-26, an amount of Rs. 805.92 lakh (Rs. 659.40 lakh as EAP Share and Rs. 146.52 lakh as state share) was allocated for the project. However owing the change in nomenclature and delay in corresponding change in HoA, only Rs. 5.00 lakh from EAP share could be drawn and utilized for preparatory and administrative works in 2025-26.

b) **Sustainable wetland and Fisheries Transformation (SWIFT) Project for funding by ADB:** Government of Assam has taken initiative for an ambitious project for conservation and management of wetlands/beels named as 'Sustainable wetland and Fisheries Transformation (SWIFT)' with funding from Asian Development Bank (ADB) for a period of seven years. The basic aim of the project is to rejuvenate and restore the wetlands fisheries for increasing fish production and livelihood generation of the beel users. Under the project various components are outlined to ensure effective project

implementation, which includes provisions for the Administrative costs associated with the Project Management Unit (PMU), Project Implementation Unit (PIU) and Cluster Project Implementation Unit (CPIU), engagement of consultants for specialized expertise and the execution of consultancy studies and to take up 75 numbers of beels covering almost 1500 ha for its holistic development was targeted. Accordingly an amount of Rs. 1000.00 lakh was allocated for the SWIFT project including Rs. 800.00 lakh as EAP share and Rs. 200.00 lakh as State share.

However, as the project is yet to be signed by the competent authority, only an amount of Rs. 250.00 lakh has been drawn as EAP share for preparatory and administrative works and expenditure has been made accordingly.

- I. Grants-in-aid salary:** Till the year 2024-25, Grants-in-aid salary had been booked and provided under SOPD. But as per the budget Rs. 299.84 lakh within the sectoral allocation has been proposed and approved under Establishment Expenditure. Out of the allocated amount Rs. 288.69283 lakh was drawn and disbursed to FFDAs and FISHFED for salary of the respective staff and honorarium of Chairman and Vice Chairman of FISHFED.

FISCAL TARGETS ACHIEVED DURING THE LAST THREE (3) YEARS

Financial Achievement (3 years) for 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 and allocation for 2026-27 under SFPD

Rs in lakh

Sl	Name of the Scheme	Expenditure/ Drawal			Proposed
		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
1	Head quarter Administration	52.65	36.76449	23.59481	86.49
2	Dist. Administration	-	-	-	-
3	Fish & fish seed farming (SOPD-G)	26.15	87.51322	100.10453	620.01
4	Marketing and Transport of Fish	136.46	51.19712	-	-
5	Fisheries Extension service	72.86	49.68215	34.60233	110.82
6	Grants in aid to AFDC -Creation of Capital Assets	0.00	-	-	0.01
7	Refund of Kist Money	-	-	-	6.29

8	<i>Aquaculture Development under FFDA (CSS) - (Salary)</i> <i>(Under EE since 2024-25)</i>	232.22	160.00	220.35283	216.22
9	Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes *				
	i) Central share	3899.00	4396.09290	3497.37487	5006.64
	ii) State share	440.11	432.06884	-	-
10	GAIS - State share	-	16.23426	15.99200	16.00
11	RIDF				
	Loan share	899.08	222.52946	1149.99555	2250.00
	State share	63.39	-	17.61025	250.00
12	EAP	-	-	255.00000	764.42
	EAP- SS	-	-	-	239.58
Grand Total (Excluding FFDA salary)		5589.70	5292.08244	5497.2743 4	9350.26

<i>Grand Total (Including FFDA salary)</i>		<i>5821.92</i>	<i>5452.08244</i>	<i>5314.6271 7</i>	<i>9566.48</i>
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Details of the schemes and financial status are described under Performance Budget/ Annual Report of the Department.

**Physical achievement during 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26
and proposed target for 2026-27**

#	Name of Schemes/Particulars	Unit	Physical achievement			Target
			2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
1	Fish production	Lakh MT	4.99	5.29	5.54	5.72
2	Seed production (no of fry)	Million	20180	18936	20389	21000
3	Fish Seed Farming (SOPD)					
	a) Gene Bank-Scientific Conservation Programme for Indigenous Fishes	Ongoing project				
	b) Fish culture input in existing pond	Ha	-	-	33.50 & 1 FPC	16
	c) Inputs and materials for fish and fish seed production in Departmental farm	No of farms	6	10	1	10
	d) Fish culture inputs support for Gorukhuti Bohumukhi Krishi Prakalpa, Darrang	Ha	5	-	-	-
	e) Development Approach in Fisheries and Aquaculture through Cluster based initiatives					
	New Pond construction	Ha			52.03	52
	Renovation of existing pond	Ha			81	80
	f) Grants in Aid to AFDC (creation of capital assets)	No. of beel	Development of 17 beels			
	g) Procurement of Formalin testing kit	No.	-	840	751	1000
4	Fishery Extension Service					
	a) Honorarium to Matsya Mitra as support extension worker	Nos.	73	73	73	73
	b) Celebration of fish farmers day / observation of national / international days etc.	Nos.	1	1	1	1
	c) Awareness programme and need based farmers training	Nos. of training	-	-	25 (1254 trainees)	30
5	Head Quarter Establishment					
	DPR (Aquarium; SWIFT-ADB)	No.	-	-	1 DPR	-
6	Marketing & Transport of Fish					
	NFDB wholesale fish market (State share) completion	Nos.	2	-	-	-
7	FFDA staff salary (G-in-A)	Nos.	32	26	24	22
8	Group Accident Insurance Scheme-SS	Nos.	180378	193265	200000	200000
9	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)					
	4-wheeler refrigerated van	No	70	-	-	-

	Medium Feed Mill	No	-	-	3	-
	Small Feed Mill	No	5	7	11	-
	Development of departmental Farm, RIDF XXI	Nos.	3	2	-	1
	Entrepreneurship development through aquaculture	Ha.	-	-	-	190
	Development of Departmental Farm (RIDF-XXVIII & XXIX)	No	-	-	5	30

Component wise Physical Targets and Achievements under Centrally sponsored Schemes "
Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana - PMMSY" (2020-21 to 2024-25)

Sl	Item	Unit	Overall Target for the project	Overall Achievement (up-to 2025-26)	Ongoing
Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)					
1	Construction of New pond under NEH	Ha	1175	1128.17	46.83
2	Construction of New Rearing areas	Ha	950	880.725	69.275
3	Construction of fin fish hatcheries	No.	106	87	19
4	Fingerling stocking in wetlands/ Beels	Ha	2550	2147	403
5	Matsya Seva Kendra	No.	4	2	2
6	Establishment of Large RAS	No.	14	11	3
7	Establishment of Medium RAS	No.	25	22	3
8	Large Biofloc	No.	1	1	0
9	Medium Biofloc	No.	32	26	6
10	Small Biofloc	No.	183	164	19
11	Installation of Cages	No.	150	5	145
12	Pen Culture	Ha	260	246.5	13.5
13	Refrigerated Vehicles	No.	10	9	1

14	Insulated Vehicles	No.	5	5	0
15	Cold Storage (10 ton)	No.	4	4	0
16	Ice Plant (10 ton)	No.	5	2	3
17	Motor cycle with ice box	No.	200	199	1
18	Cycle with ice box	No.	937	825	112
19	E- rickshaw with ice box	No.	265	256	9
20	Live Fish Vending Centers	No.	12	8	4
21	Mini Fish Feed mills (2 ton per day)	Ha	104	64	40
22	Medium Fish Feed mill (8 ton per day)	Ha	3	1	2
23	Large Fish Feed mill (20 ton per day)	Ha	1	1	0
24	Fish Feed Plants	No.	4	2	2
25	Fish Kiosk	No.	89	70	19
26	Boats and Nets for Fisherman	No.	176	173	3
27	Livelihood support to fishers	No.	104000	100191	3809
28	Integrated ornamental unit	No.	8	7	1
29	Medium ornamental unit	No.	20	20	0
30	Recreational Fishery	No.	14	7	7
31	Backyard ornamental unit	No.	140	124	16
32	Inputs for Freshwater Aquaculture	Ha	1175	695	480
33	Inputs for IFS under NEH	Ha	625	501.18	123.82
34	Freshwater Pearl Farming	No.	300	155	145
35	Disease Diagnostic & QT Lab	No.	1	0	1
36	Fish Value Add Enterprise Unit	No.	1	0	1

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENTS, ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN ITS 27th REPORT ON DEMANDS FOR GRANT NO.54 OF THE FISHERIES FOR THE YEAR 2025-26

<u>Point No. of the Obs. & Reco m.</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
Point No.1	The committee recommended that the Department should monitor "Amrit Sarovar" schemes in all the concerned districts for supply of Fish Seed and Fish Feed.	Panchayat & Rural Development Department has been requested to constitute a Committee to monitor the implementation of the "Amrit Sarovar" scheme in all the concerned districts, with specific emphasis on the supply of Fish Seed and Fish Feed, as recommended by the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (G). District Fisheries Development Officer shall be the member of the committee.
Point No.2	The committee recommended that the Department should take appropriate measures for modern scientific training and capacity building programmers for the piscicultures.	It is directed District Fisheries Development Officer to conduct training and capacity building for the pisciculturists. Accordingly, most of the DFDOs already initiated training & capacity building programme.
Point No.3	The committee recommended that the Department should take necessary steps to increase the production of varieties of indigenous fish.	- The Fishery Department allocated an amount of Rs.10Crore to the College of Fisheries, Raha under Assam Agricultural University through the State Plan to conserve some of the highly demanded Indigenous Fish species of the State through standardization of breeding technology and farming practices in farmers Field. Accordingly, the College of Fisheries, Raha conceptualised a project on Scientific Conservation Programme for Indigenous Fish and started their research work from the year 2019 onwards. The targeted species considered under the project are <i>Labeodero</i>, <i>Labeopangusia</i>, <i>Chitalachitala</i>, <i>Labeocalabasu</i>, <i>Cirrhinusreba</i>. The project also aims to cover some of the indigenous small species which seems to be rare at present context such as <i>Megarasboraelanga</i>, <i>Devario spp.</i>, <i>Nandusnandus</i> etc. The College already developed breeding protocol of some of the above mentioned species and field trial are going on in some of the mid-Assam districts such as Nagaon, Morigaon and Biswanath Chariali etc. After standardization breeding protocol and field trial, it is expected that some of the rare fish species can be farmed in our state through the fish farmers. - The District Fisheries Development Officers have been asked to take necessary initiative for production of varieties of indigenous fish. The DFDOs put their effort to persuade the progressive fish farmers and

		seed producers to emphasize on production and farming of indigenous fishes mainly for conservation. As the seed production of most of the indigenous fishes is still in the infant stages, needs perfect standardization of the breeding technology. Once breeding technology is standardized, the farming will be easy for the farmers as a whole.
Point No.4	The committee recommended that the Department should control the use of inorganic Fertilization such as Urea, Superphosphate etc and create awareness among people especially in the minority areas. The committee directed the Department to take legal action against those who use inorganic fertilizers.	- It is to be mentioned here that the Department has always recommend using of Urea and Phosphate as per Package of Practice developed by the Assam Agricultural University in collaboration with Department of Fisheries, Assam. - For Control on imprudent use of inorganic fertilizers such as Urea,SSP during fish culture practices field functionaries have conducted awareness and sensitization drives in different locations across the district. Moreover, detrimental effects of such fertilizers are also explained during scientific fish farming practice training programs which are conducted from time to time. Publication in local daily newspaper has also been carried out to create mass awareness. - The Department has also highlighted with caption in almost all publication of IEC materials such as banners, hoarding, booklets, leaflets etc. about the imprudent use of inorganic chemicals. Even the Department create awareness among the Fish Farmers through Akashbani as well as Krishi Darshan so that farmers become careful for imprudent uses of inorganic chemicals, fertilizers etc. - An SOP is being prepared for restricting the excessive use of inorganic fertilizers and harmful chemicals in the fish farming water bodies.
Point No.5	The committee recommended that the wet lands should be allocated to the recognized Self-Help Groups (SHG) of SC community for their economic growth.	As per Rule 12 of the Assam Fisheries Rules, 1953, 60% of category fisheries are to be settled with Co-operative Societies, SHGs, or NGOs comprising 100% actual fishermen from the SC or Maimal communities of Barak valley. As such it is an existing provision. However, the Fishery Department have jurisdiction over all the revenue Fisheries of the state not over all wetlands in Assam.

Point No.6	The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation that the Departments should take affective measures to control the illegal encroachment on the water bodies of Fishery Department.	Most District Fishery Development Officers (DFDOs) have already approached the concerned Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to clear encroachments on 60% Fisheries. The Administrative Department has instructed the DCs to take effective action against illegal encroachments on 60% category fisheries as and when such incidents are reported
Point No.7	The committee recommended that the Department should appoint sufficient number of Civil Engineers/Executive Engineers in the districts to take up major schemes to the Department.	- APSC has advertised 32 Jr. Engineer vacancies, expected to be filled by year-end. - The process has already been initiated at Directorate of Fisheries for creation of new posts in engineering section so that the work load can be evenly distributed for successful implementation of different types of infrastructure fishery projects. This matter was also discussed in detail in the deliberation of Governor's Conclave for Fisheries Development in the state, which was held on 5th & 6th May/ 2025 in Guwahati.
Point No.8	The committee recommended that the Department should take necessary steps to bring all the Fisheries of Barak Valley under the Fishery Department.	The Fishery Department currently exercises jurisdiction over the revenue fisheries of the state. Revenue Fisheries of Barak Valley are under the jurisdiction of Department
Point No.9	The Committee reiterated its earlier recommendations that the Department should take proper provision to demarcate all natural Beels in close co-ordination with the Revenue & Disaster Management Department and also to take effective measures to control illegal encroachment on the water bodies.	- The Administrative Department has already communicated to the concerned District Commissioner to demarcate the existing Revenue Fisheries on urgent basis. - The AFDC limited already requested the concerned District Commissioner to demarcate the remaining Beels and necessary instruction issued to the concerning Lessee's and Beel Manager. It is pertinent to mention here that most of the beels under AFDC is well demarcated.
Point No.10	The Committee reiterated its earlier recommendations that the Department should use the huge wet lands of Tongia GP and	After communication made by AFDC Limited to the Divisional Forest Officer, South Division, Hojai, and the DFO has communicated with the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force,

DakhinparThaisupar GP areas measuring 332Bighas and 465 Bighas, for Pisciculture which would be very beneficial for economic growth.	Guwahati vide letter No. FNST/B/Fishery/Tangia GP/Kaki RF/2024/756-58 Dated: 6/2/2024 after proper survey for handing over the possession of 332 Bigha of land covered pond at Tongia GP of Lumding LAC with necessary Govt. official notification to AFDC Ltd. after necessary communication from our end. At the same time, a reminder letter vide letter cited under ref. (ii)No.AFDC927/2021/1347 Dtd 02.08.2024 (iii) No.AFDC927/2021/139 Dtd 31.12.2024& (iv) No.AFDC927/2021/3744 Dtd 15.02.2025 was communicated again to DFO, Nagaon South Division, Hojai to take necessary initiatives. Again another 4th reminder letter was communicated to DFO, Nagaon South Division vide letter cited under ref. (v)No.AFDC927/2021/3914 Dtd 07.03.2025 to expedite the process of handing over the possession of proposed area with necessary official notifications to AFDC Ltd. at the earliest. But the Corporation is yet to receive any communication from their end for further progress. • For development of wetland at DakhinparThaisupar GP measuring 465 Bighas of Land as per recommendation of the Hon'ble Committee a letter was issued to Asstt. Executive Engineer, AFDC Ltd. vide letter cited under ref. (vi) No.AFDC927/2021/3925 Dtd 07.03.2025 for submission of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for development of the said wetland. Moreover, a spot verification report of the said wetland by the Asst. Executive Engineer was submitted to your good office vide letter No. AFDC.927/2021/778 Dated: 21/06/24 with necessary fund provisions for development of the wetland. Also another letter was communicated vide No. AFDC.927/2021/1358 Dated: 02/08/2024 for inclusion of the development of pisciculture area in DakhinparThaisupar GP under the Externally Aided Project, ADB subject to fulfilment of ADB's selection criteria.
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Point No.11	• The Committee reiterated its earlier recommendation and strongly directed the Department to take necessary steps for proper development, conservation, tourism, and Pisciculture etc. of Son Beel (the 2nd largest wetland in Asia) and also to take proper action for ample budgetary provision for Son Beel as it has the scope of substantial revenue and employment generation. • AFDC Ltd has communicated last year that the Son Beel cover huge area of 900 Ha and the corporation has taken initiatives for development of the Beel. The corporation has already issued NOC to APGCL for installation of Floating Solar Power Plant, which will cover 35 ha water area. As the beel is very large in size, AFDC Ltd has requested the budget support for development of the Beel from the Government. For development of Son Beel there is a budget announcement amounting to Rs. 100Crore for the scope of substantial revenue and employment generation. • The department has planned to seek Rs.100Crore from centrally sponsored Scheme such as PMMSY for holistic development of Son Beel.
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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.
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Deputy Secretary
Assam Legislative Assembly.

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OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FISHERY GRANT NO.54

After presentation of the Budget in the House for the Financial Year 2026-27 and after having a fruitful discussion on Preliminary Status paper, Action Taken Report the Committee made the following Observation and Recommendations.

1. The Committee strongly recommends that the Department should take necessary steps to create awareness programme among the local people through different local organization to prevent fishing during breeding season.
2. The Committee also strongly recommends that the Department should take all necessary preparatory measures prior to implementation of any new scheme. The Department should involve the local MLA, social media and other appropriate communication channels to create public awareness for effective and successful implementation of the scheme.
3. The Committee strongly recommends that the Department should take strict action against those who found fishing during the breeding the seasons and the amount of fine should be increased to ensure effective implementation.
4. The Committee observed that there is lack of awareness regarding the schemes sanctioned for *Patkati Beel*, Hajo.

Therefore, Committee recommends that the Department should take up a visible project with consultation of local MLA regarding all the schemes sanctioned for *Patkati Beel* and take necessary steps as required.

5. The Committee strongly recommends to filling the vacant post of the Department for the smooth functioning.
6. The Committee strongly recommends that the Department should organise awareness training programme regarding the schemes sanctioned for the fish farmers.

7. The Committee has observed that the most of the fish farmers are using urea and other chemical to increase the production of fish which may not be good for human consumption.

Therefore, to control the use of these pesticides the Committee strongly recommends that the Department should carried out ground level water testing in every quarter in all the Govt. sponsored private and business pond. Further, the Committee also directed the Department to submit an action taken Report in this regard in the next Committee meeting.

The Committee recommends that the Budget allocation under Grant No. 54 for the Financial Year 2026-27 for the Fishery 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.
