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ON DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENTS  
2024-2025**

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**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**Report on the Demand for the Grant No.29  
for the year 2024-2025**

**DEPARTMENT : HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE**

**TWENTY SIXTH REPORT**

**Presented to the House on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024.**

**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT  
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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING  
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## INTRODUCTION

1. I, as Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this **TWENTY SIXTH REPORT** on Demands for **Grant Nos. 29** of the **Health & Family Welfare Department** for the financial year, **2024-25**.
2. Demands for Grant have been examined by the Committee under Rule 260 J (1) (a) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.
3. The Committee took evidence of the representatives of the **Health & Family Welfare Department** on **15<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**.
4. The Draft Report was considered and approved by the Committee in its meeting held on **19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**.
5. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Officials of the **Health & Family Welfare Department** for placing before them the requisite materials and their considered views in connection with the subjects under consideration and also thanks to officials of Finance and Transformation & Development Departments for their kind co-operation..
6. The Committee would also like to place on record their deep sense of appreciation for the invaluable assistance rendered to them by the Officials of Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat attached to the Committee.

**Dispur :**  
Dated 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

**Shri Bhabendra Nath Bharali,**  
**Chairman,**  
Departmentally Related Standing  
Committee on Development (B) Departments,  
Assam Legislative Assembly.



**REPORT**  
**CHAPTER-I**

**HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT-AN OVERVIEW**

The Health and Family Welfare Department which had two sections namely Health A and Health B was bifurcated respectively into two Departments namely Health and Family Welfare Department and Medical Education & Research Department vide notification No.AR.28/2022/6 dated 05/05/2022.

The Health and Family Welfare department has the twin objectives of improving population health and providing equitable access to quality health care across the State. In view of establishing a healthy and more productive population, the Department is also committed to formulating various health and family planning policies, strategies, and schemes.

The Health and Family Welfare Department has the following subordinate offices :-

- ☐ Director of Health Services, Assam
- ☐ Director of Health Services (Family Welfare), Assam
- ☐ Director of AYUSH, Assam
- ☐ National Health Mission, Assam
- ☐ Assam State AIDS Control Society
- ☐ Commissioner of Food Safety & Drug Administration

**DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES, ASSAM**

The Director of Health Services, Assam is a public service department which provides curative, preventive, promotive maternity, child health care and primary health care facilities to rural and urban areas of the state of Assam through the different types of health institutions in the state. Utmost efforts have been made to improve quality services to the patients jointly combined with the support of the National Health Mission (NHM) Assam.

The main functions of the department are broadly classified as under:

**I. Primary Health Care Facilities:**

- a) Rural Health Care Facilities
- b) Urban health Care Facilities

**II. Prevention & Control of Communicable & Non-Communicable Diseases**

The national programs are now implemented and executed through NHM, Assam and supervised by the Director of Health Services, Assam, are as follows:

- 1) National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme (NCVBDP)
- 2) Integrated Diseases Surveillance Programme (IDSP)
- 3) National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS)
- 4) National Programme of Control of Blindness & Vision Impairment (NPCBVI)
- 5) National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP)
- 6) National Programme for Health care of Elderly (NPHCE)
- 7) National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP)
- 8) National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme (NIDDCP)
- 9) National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP)
- 10) National Mental Health Programme (NMHP)
- 11) National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness(NPPCD)
- 12) National Oral Health Programme (NOHP)
- 13) National Programme for Prevention and Control of Fluorosis (NPPCF)
- 14) National Programme for Palliative Care(NPPC)



**Other Programs included are:**

- 1) Public Health Education
- 2) Evaluation & Statistics
- 3) School Health Services

The Director of Health Services, Assam is the Head of the Department who exercises control, gives direction and guidance in respect of all plans and programmes. He is also assisted by a team of both technical and non-technical staff of the Department which consists of Addl. Director of Health Services (G), Addl. DHS(Hills) Addl. DHS (SP) Addl. DHS(Upper Assam Region), Addl. DHS(Lower Assam Region) and Addl. DHS (BTAD). The Addl. DHS (Upper Assam Region) is posted at Jorhat while Addl. DHS(Lower Assam Region) is posted at Guwahati. Moreover, the Addl. DHS (BTAD) is posted at Kokrajhar who acts as the in-charge Director of Health Services of BTR area. In the district level, the Joint Director of Health Services is the head of district organization, who is assisted by CM&HO (CD), Addl. CM& HO (FW), DIO, DMO etc. with regard to communicable and non-communicable diseases like TB, Malaria, Leprosy etc. and at Sub-Divisional level the Sub-Divisional Medical & Health officer (SDM&HO). Their services are being utilized for implementation and supervision of all health programmes. The Superintendent of all hospitals and in-charge of District and Sub-Divisional Civil Hospitals (Deputy Superintendents) are also playing key roles for implementation of schemes launched by health department from time to time.

**Activities of the year 2023-24**

(a)**Recruitments** : In keeping with the Govt. policy of providing 1 lakh jobs by the Government of Assam, the Directorate of Health Services, Assam appointed 2402 nos. of selected candidates against the existing vacant posts of Grade-III (Technical & Non Technical) and Grade-IV (MTS) during the calendar year 2023 in various health institutions in the state for better efficacy in health-care delivery system.

Further, another 2831 nos. of non-gazetted posts of Grade-III (Technical & Non Technical) & Grade-IV (MTS) are already proposed to the Government for approval and recruitment. Accordingly, after approval of the same, recruitment process for appointment shall be initiated by publishing advertisements at the earliest.

**(b) Medical Reimbursement:**

Medical Reimbursement Status w.e.f. 1/04/2023 To 20/01/2024

Total Bill Received	Bill Already Disposed	% Of Disposal
1,200	1,056	88%

**(c) Activities for Online Registration of Birth & Deaths:**

After implementation of online registration of birth and death, the issues related to birth and death has been reduced and as of July 2023, 98.09% registration of birth is done while 93.34% death is registered.

Under grant No. 29 there is a total budget provision of Rs.149376.48 Lakh for the financial year 2023-2024 under the Directorate of Health Services, Assam out of which Rs.146983.1 Lakh is under EE (Establishment Expenditure) and Rs.2393.38 under SOPD. This Directorate has spent Rs.105374.03087 Lakhs (71.69%) of funds under EE (Establishment Expenditure) and Rs.1076.58036 Lakhs (44.98%) under SOPD up to 25/01/2024.



**DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES (FW)**

**OBJECTIVES OF THE DIRECTORATE:-**

**The objectives of Directorate of Health Services(Family Welfare) are-**

1. Ensure full Immunization of pregnant women and children from vaccine preventable diseases.
2. Maintain sex ratio by implementation of PC&PNDT Act.

The Addl. Chief Medical & Health Officer (FW) is responsible for implementing the Family Welfare Programme at district level.

**Services delivered by the DIRECTORATE to the Citizens.**

1. Free supply and administering of all vaccines for inoculation of infants, children & pregnant women from vaccine preventable diseases like Tetanus, Toxiod, Diphtheria, Tuberculosis, Whooping Cough, Japanese Encephalitis, Hepatitis-B, Measles, Polio Militias, Rota Virus, Rubella etc.
2. Create awareness in the community about the Pre conception & Pre natal Diagnostics Technique Act 1994 for prevention of female feticide and improve declining sex ratio.

**UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME**

The Government of Assam is committed to reduce child mortality and morbidity in the State by improving Full Immunization coverage through immunization against twelve life threatening vaccine preventable diseases.

1. **Routine Immunization** : Assam has achieved during 2022-23 FIC of 610633 children(85.61%) and during 2023-24 (up to December,2023), FIC of -447940 (83%) (Data source from HMIS portal).
2. **Intensified Mission Indradhanush5.0** : To Identify and vaccinate all left-out and drop-out children under 5 years of age and pregnant women, Government Of India has been conducted three rounds of Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI)5.0 in this year 2023 and total 2,98,617 lakh beneficiary were vaccinated in all three rounds.
3. **Pulse Polio Immunization** : India including Assam has been declared Polio free on 27<sup>th</sup> March,2014. In order to sustain Polio free status, 33.47 lakh children of age 0-5 years were vaccinated in 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 i.e. 98.41% of the targeted children in 23 districts of Assam during Sub-National Immunization Day (SNID) 1st round. During, SNID 2<sup>nd</sup> follow up round in 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, 26.5 lac children were vaccinated which is 98% of targeted children in 19 districts of the State.
4. **Measles Rubella Elimination Progress** : Strengthen Surveillance and MR Cases indentified 1936 and Rubella cases identified 14. WHO has declared 26 outbreak of Measles cases and Public Health response done in all 26 outbreak are as : Total 13 districts were effected and No. of Children vaccinated 2889 through ORI and vaccinated 5645 children through additional 20 sessions. Also in Routine Immunization MCV-1 coverage is- 82.67% and MCV-2 coverage is-77.17%.
5. **Td-10 & Td-16** : Under Comprehensive school screening programme, Tetanus Diphtheria immunization will be administered to all school going children in the age group of 10 and 16 years of age.



**STATUS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PC & PNDDT ACT.1994 IN CASE OF ASSAM  
UPTO DECEMBER/2023**

As per direction of Govt. of India and Verdicts of Honorable Supreme Court of India, the PC & PNDDT Act has been fully implemented in Assam along with other states of India, from the year 2002 onwards.

**1. Number of USG Clinics Registered by the DAA in the State:**

At Govt. Level = 238

At Private Level = 1546

Total = 1784 upto December '2023

**2. Reporting :**

1. Quarterly and monthly reporting are done regularly.

2. Inspection done 8032 nos. USG clinics/laboratories all over Assam.

**Activities undertaken to reverse skewed sex Ratio in Assam**

1. State level & District level capacity building workshop and awareness workshops are held during the year.
2. State level and district level review meetings were held.

**Action Taken against USG centre violations under PC & PNDDT Act in Assam**

- Total Seized / Sealed = 17 nos.
- Total Registration Certificate Cancelled & Close of Hospital/Clinic/centers = 325 nos.
- Total SLP Cases filed against judgment in the Gauhati High Court – 2 nos.
- Total Court Cases prosecuted = 17 nos,
  - Kamrup (Metro) - 8 nos.
  - Nagaon-3 nos.
  - Tinsukia-3 nos.
  - Sonitpur-1 no.
  - Cachar -1 no.
  - Kamrup R-1 no.

Two Doctors and two proprietors are convicted u/s 23 of the PC & PNDDT Act and Rules.

**National Health Mission, Assam:**

The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) was launched on 12th April 2005, to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the rural population, especially the vulnerable groups.

NRHM seeks to provide equitable, affordable and quality health care to the rural population, especially the vulnerable groups. Under the NRHM, the Empowered Action Group (EAG) States as well as North Eastern States, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh have been given special focus.

**Vision of National Health Mission (NHM):**

“Attainment of Universal Access to Equitable, Affordable and Quality health care services, accountable and responsive to people’s needs, with effective inter-sectoral convergent action to address the wider social determinants of health”.

The fund flow from the Central Government to the states would be as per the procedure prescribed by the Government of India. At present Ratio of Central and State Share is 90:10.

Keeping the commitment of the Nation to achieve the SDG goals, Government of Assam is also committed towards achievement of United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals in the State.

Accordingly, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam has initiated spectrum of activities to achieve SDG Goal – 3 “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”.

Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam has initiated Swasthya Sewa Utsav to assess the quality of the service providers and service delivery of the health institutions.



1<sup>st</sup> round of Swasthya Sewa Utsav was held from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023 across the State where 1245 health facilities including 21 district hospitals, 16 sub divisional hospitals, 208 community health centres and 1,000 primary health centres were assessed. 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Swasthya Sewa Utsav was conducted from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 where 1261 health facilities including 22 district hospitals, 15 sub divisional hospitals, 213 community health centres and 1,011 primary health centres were assessed. The initiative has helped to assess the actual gap of Infrastructure, HR, Diagnostics, Services, etc to achieve the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) 2022 standards. Swasthya Sewa Utsav will be annual exercise which will be carried out in the month of November.

Quality diagnosis is vital for medical practitioners to make effective decisions about treatment. Under Chief Minister's Free Diagnostic Services CT Scan, X- Ray and Laboratory services are being provided free of cost to all irrespective of APL/BPL status.

**Total 14,03,461 patients availed free CT Scan Services; 35,48,097 patients availed free X-Ray Services till 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

Free Laboratory services was started on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. Total 74,09,737 patients availed free Laboratory services till 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Outsourced laboratory started for high cost low volume test in PPP mode with effect from 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 where 78,503 patients availed the tests free of cost. Further, In-house Laboratory services started from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 where 5,37,266 patients availed free laboratory services in the State till 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

The Government of Assam is providing essential drugs free of cost to patients visiting Government hospitals under **free drugs services**. State has notified the modified Essential Drugs List (EDL) to treat communicable and non-communicable diseases also super-speciality diseases like Cancer, Nephro, Hemophilia, Thalassemia etc. Free drugs as per essential drugs list are also provided to tea garden hospitals.

The Hemo-Dialysis Centres under **Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP)** has been implemented in Assam in Public Private Partnership mode through M/s Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited, Chennai from 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Under Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme, 41 Dialysis Units are functional in 33 Districts of Assam. These Dialysis Units are providing free Hemo-Dialysis services to the patients of Assam. A total of 5,28,178 Dialysis sessions have been conducted and total of 18,232 patients have been served till 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 since its inception from June 2019.

In order to provide comprehensive primary health care services along with diagnostics facilities in Tea Garden Areas and hard to reach areas of the State; Health & Family Welfare Department has launched **Mobile Medical Unit (MMU)** and till 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 **total 1,21,40,552 (1.21crore) patients treated in 2,18,951 camps** organized by these MMUs.

Special focus given for pregnant women of tea garden areas. The "**Wage Compensation Scheme for Pregnant Women of Tea Garden Areas of Assam**" has been inaugurated on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. The objective of the scheme is to provide better health and nutrition to the Pregnant Women of the Tea Garden Areas to prevent Maternal & Infant Mortality. Under the scheme a cash benefit is provided to each pregnant women of tea garden areas in four installments for better health & nutrition supplements so that she can better look after herself and her unborn baby without compromising the livelihood of her family and do not have to work till the advance stage of delivery. In the Budget 2023-24, it is decided to increase the amount from Rs. 12,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- under wage compensation scheme for pregnant women of tea gardens. Till 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 total 1,07,864 numbers of beneficiaries were benefited (at least received one instalment) and an amount of Rs. 96.33 Crore (Rs. 96,32,99,800/-) have been disbursed to the beneficiary's bank account.

Financial assistance provided to 8,361 numbers of beneficiaries (status till 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023) since inception under **Assam Arogya Nidhi**.

Under **Snehasparsha** scheme total 1,167 children benefited under the scheme.

**Snehasparsha plus** - health care initiative to the children up to 14 years of age with neurological disorders especially Cerebral Palsy, Congenital Neurological Disorders, Motor Neurone Disease etc. implemented in the State. One-time assistance @Rs.50,000/- and monthly assistance @Rs.2,500/- for 36 months are provided to the eligible beneficiaries.



One- time financial assistance @ Rs.50,000/- each released to 3,421 nos. of beneficiaries (since inception 2021 till 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023). Instalment of Rs.2500/- each released to 2,404 beneficiaries.

**Free Treatment for Children having Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)** is a compassionate and matchless initiative of Government of Assam. Total 11,153 children benefited under the scheme till 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Since inception, total 20,866 children having cleft lip and cleft palate got free operation under **Mission Smile** till 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Following the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister for establishment of **Ayushman Bharat (AB) - Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs)** to deliver comprehensive primary health care, total 4,480 numbers of AB-HWCs are made functional in the State.

Total 13,38,339 **eSanjeevani Teleconsultation services** provided since inception out of which 13,07,020 through eSanjeevani-HWC and 31,319 teleconsultation through eSanjeevani-OPD.

Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (**Tele-MANAS**) initiative launched on occasion of World Mental Health Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and was officially launched by Govt. of Assam on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022. Tele MANAS is a comprehensive mental health care service. Dedicated 24X7 Tele-MANAS call centre established at NHM State HQ. Total 11,016 calls (Inbound= 6,744 and outbound= 4,245) were made till 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and counselling provided through Tele-MANAS.

Under **Sanjeevani - Village Health Outreach Programme**, total 1,07,17,505 patients examined since inception (2010-11) till November 2023.

#### **Assam State AIDS Control Society (ASACS):**

Assam State AIDS Control Society (ASACS) since its inception in 1998 has come a long way and has been able to cross many milestones and has been able to halt the HIV pandemic to a great extent through National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) being implemented under National AIDS Control Organization. Now, NACP Phase V is being implemented in the state w.e.f. 2021 to 2026.

#### **Status of 95-95-95 in Assam:**

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) no 3.3 states elimination of AIDS as public health threat by 2030 and to achieve this goal, the target of 95-95-95 has been set for 2025.

Assam has been able to achieve the target of 65 percent of the first 95 in Oct, 2023 from 54 percent in March 2023. In second 95, the achievement is 79 percent in October, 2023 from 76 percent in March 2023 and for the third 95, achievement is 97 percent in October, 2023 from 94 percent in March, 2023.

#### **Awareness activities:**

Assam State AIDS Control Society (ASACS) has been disseminating HIV messages for mass awareness across the state. These activities are conducted through different mediums of communication viz. Mass Media (Radio, Television, Newspaper), Outdoor Media (Hoardings/Information Boards/Bus Paneling/Train Paneling/Wall Painting) Mid media (Folk Campaign through Natika (Street Paly) Oja Pali, IEC Stalls during festivals) social media (Facebook/X/Instagram) and Red Ribbon Clubs in colleges.

Since its formation Assam State AIDS Control Society (ASACS) has expanded the service facilities to prevent new infection through the Targeted Intervention (TI) projects, HIV counselling and testing through Integrated Counselling & Testing Centres (ICTC) and treatment through the Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART) Centres.



**SCHEMES FOR AIDS-RELATED ACTIVITIES BY GOVT. OF ASSAM**

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Achievement
1.	Special Care Home for orphans of infected/affected by HIV	<input type="checkbox"/> One Child Care Home named 'Kasturi' with 32 nos. orphans functioning in Guwahati.
2.	Financial Assistance to Widows of AIDS Victim	<input type="checkbox"/> Till date, 684 nos. of widow have received one-time financial assistance grant of @Rs. 1.00 lakh each out of which 83 widows received the grant in 2023.
3.	Improvement of ART Centres	<input type="checkbox"/> At present 9 nos. Anti-Retro Viral Therapy Centres (ART) are functioning in Assam out of which there are 2 nos. ART Plus Centre at GMCH, SMCH, 6 ART Centres at AMCH, FAAMCH, JMCH, TMCH, DMCH & SKKCH and 1 no. Facility Integrated ART Centre in BP Civil Hospital, Nagaon. <input type="checkbox"/> ART Dispensing Centre has been established in 6(six) Central Jails of Assam in the districts of Kamrup (Metropolitan), Dibrugarh, Cachar, Jorhat, Tezpur and Nagaon. <input type="checkbox"/> NACO has accorded approval for establishment of Anti-Retroviral Therapy Centres at Dhubri Medical College & Hospital and Kokrajhar Medical College & Hospital in 2023. <input type="checkbox"/> ART Centres at Nalbari, Lakhimpur and AIIMS, Guwahati will be established in 2024.
4.	Reimbursement of Transportation, Investigation and Medicine Cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Presently 15316 nos. of on ART patients are being provided reimbursement of transportation, Investigation, and medicine cost till November 2023. Out of above, 4004 new patients benefitted in 2023 under this scheme.
5.	Diagnosis of HIV under ICTC	<input type="checkbox"/> At present 450 ICTCs are functioning in the State for HIV detection. <input type="checkbox"/> HIV Testing and Detection of Positive (January to Nov, 2023): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Client: HIV Testing-241338 HIV Positive 5943(2.46%)</li> <li>• Pregnant Women: HIV Testing 646453 HIV Positive 307 (0.047%)</li> </ul>
6.	IEC Activities for Awareness of HIV/AIDS	<input type="checkbox"/> There are 280 nos. of Red Ribbon Clubs (RRC) in colleges where IEC activities are being taken place out of which 41 nos. of new RRCs established in 2023.
7.	OPD-OST (Opioid Substitution Therapy) Dispensing Centres in 10 districts of Assam which has high IDU (Injecting Drug Users) burden	<input type="checkbox"/> Due to the rapid rise of Injecting Drug Users (IDU) in the state and to bring them into mainstream, Govt of Assam has approved establishment of OST Dispensing Centres in 10 districts of Assam which has the high IDU burden. These centres have been established in 2023.
8.	Strengthening of Laboratory services	<input type="checkbox"/> Assam State AIDS Control Society has established a HIV-1 Viral Load Testing Laboratory at Department of Microbiology, Gauhati Medical College & Hospital to provide doorstep ART service facility to the patients.
9.	ASACS Employees Welfare Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> As on date 370 numbers (approx.) of employees are working under ASACS on contract basis. The amount is utilized towards the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Death benefit to NOK of ASACS employees who die in harness on duty @ Rs. 5.00 lakhs. Total 7 nos. of employees benefitted with the scheme out of which 1 case has been benefitted in 2023.</li> </ul> Medical Reimbursement facility up to Rs. 5.00 lakhs per annum towards in-patient treatment of the employees under ASACS and their dependent family members w.e.f 01/04/2023.
10.	Strengthening of Blood Bank GMCH	<input type="checkbox"/> The Blood Bank GMCH is the State-of-the-Art Model Blood Bank in Assam and upgraded with all advanced facilities.



11.	Consumable & Equipment Management in Govt. Blood Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Establishment of new Blood Centre:</b> This year Government of Assam has established 6 (Six) nos. of new Blood Centres @Hojai SDCH Hojai, Jakhlabandha SDCH Nagaon, Barpeta Civil Hospital Kalgachia, Dhubri Medical College Hospital, Nalbari Medical College Hospital and Kokrajhar Medical College Hospital. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Up gradation of existing Blood Centers to Blood Components Separation Units:</b> At present there are 12 nos. of Government BCSU are available in Assam. This year Government of Assam has established another 7 nos. of BCSU at District Hospital SKK Golaghat, LGB Tinsukia, Kanaklata Civil, Sonitpur, SM Dev Civil, Cachar, & 3 Medical College hospital (Nalbari, Kokrajhar, Dhubri).
12.	Strengthening of ASBTC	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Promotion of Voluntary Blood Donation by conducting VBD Camps with various stakeholders:</b> ASBTC with the support of Government of Assam has procured 11 nos. of Blood Collection Mobile Vans which are stationed at various Medical Colleges and District Hospitals for conduction of outdoor Voluntary Blood Donation Camps to improve 100% voluntary blood donation across the state of Assam. With the financial support of Assam Government, ASBTC procured another 5 nos. of Mobile Blood Donation Vans this year to promote voluntary blood donation across the rural far-flung areas in Assam.

**Financial Achievement of ASACS:**

**i) NACO Fund**

National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) has allocated Rs. 4507.37 lakh in the financial year 2023-24 under approved Annual Action Plan. Total fund received from NACO till date is Rs. 3196.61 lakh and expenditure made till 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2023 is Rs 1800.41 lakh.

**ii) State Govt. Fund**

During 2023-24, an amount of Rs. 293.13 lakhs have been sanctioned for AIDS related activities and an amount of Rs. 1057.40 lakhs were unspent balance form the previous year as on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Total expenditure till 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2023 is Rs. 450.62 lakhs.

**Financial Achievement of Blood Transfusion Services under State Govt. Fund:**

During 2023-24, an amount of Rs. 1080.26 lakhs have been sanctioned for Blood transfusion Services and an amount of Rs. 1752.98 lakhs were unspent balance form the previous year as on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Total expenditure till 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2023 is Rs. 917.01 lakhs.

**1. Fiscal Target Achieved during the last 3 years**

The detail of fund received by Assam SACS and Assam State Blood Transfusion Council from the Govt. of Assam under the different Head of Accounts till 2023-24 is given below:

**Utilization of fund (Rs. In Lakh)**

	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>730.10</b>	<b>1135.79</b>	<b>1539.07</b>

Assam State AIDS Control Society (ASACS) received fund through NHM, Assam from Health and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Assam under Grant No. 29.

**New schemes launched by the Government Assam AIDS Control Society.**

**A. Financial Assistance to Children infected/affected with HIV/AIDS (under the HoA 2210-03-800-3594-NS-32-99 SOPD G):**

The children of Assam less than 18 years of age who are infected with HIV/AIDS and have lost their both the parents where at least one of the parents died due to HIV/AIDS will be provided with one time financial assistance of Rs. 1.0 lakh as Bank Fixed Deposit. As on date 75 children are found to be eligible for enrolment under the scheme.



### **ATAL AMRIT ABHIYAN SOCIETY**

Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is a Central Government Health Assurance Scheme governed by National Health Authority, New Delhi and implemented in the State by Atal Amrit Abhiyan Society.

After the State migrated to National Food Security Act (NFSA) database and convergence of AB-PMJAY with the State Scheme AA-MMJAY; 58 lac families under NFSA family database in the State with valid Aadhar linked ration card holders are eligible to avail the cashless medical benefits under the Schemes.

The Government further decided to issue fresh Ration Cards to approximately 8 lac families which will now also enable additional 40 lac beneficiaries to avail benefits under PMJAY and MMJAY which has made the schemes more inclusive ensuring the coverage of the poor and vulnerable families of the State taking the count to approximately 66 lacs NFSA families to be benefitted by the Schemes. Till date 1.61 crore e-KYC of eligible NFSA individuals have been done and 1 crore Ayushman cards have been delivered.

### **ACHIVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF FOOD AND DRUGS ADMINISTRATION, ASSAM** **(COMMISSIONERATE OF FOOD SAFETY, ASSAM)**

As per requirements of FSS Act, Govt. has notified the Commissioner of Food Safety, Assam who is the head of the administration of food safety in the State.

All enforcement and implementation on food safety of the state is being executed at the Commissionerate level. Food Safety & Standards Authority of India, New Delhi, has taken various initiatives in the process of organizing training programmes, seminars, awareness amongst regulators/ stakeholders/ consumers etc., survey works, grant of licensing/ registration, sanction for launching prosecution etc. in time bound manner. The Commissionerate of Food Safety is taking initiatives for the implementation of the various provisions of Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 (in short FSS Act, 2006), to regulate and monitor the quality and safety of the food in the state advisories issued by FSSAI.

#### **Physical achievements:**

1. Under the Commissionerate of Food Safety, Licenses and Registrations under FSS Act, 2006 are being granted to the Food Business Operators who are doing food business in various categories. Steadily the numbers of license/registration issued are increasing along with revenue generated by the Commissionerate.
2. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), New Delhi has provided 23 (twenty three) Food Safety on Wheels (FSW) to the state under Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Commissionerate and FSSAI. These FSWs are being used for spot testing and detection of adulteration food item, creation awareness amongst citizen, consumers, Food Business Operators etc. and training across the state.
3. Under the Central Sector Scheme, FSSAI has sanctioned fund for up-gradation of the State Public Health Laboratory, Assam, the only NABL accredited FSSAI notified laboratory in the state. The sophisticated machines viz LC-MS/MS, GC-MS/MS, ICP-MS, HPLC, GC-FID etc. have been installed at the State Public Health Laboratory under this programme. Further, a sophisticated Microbiology laboratory has been set up in the laboratory under the above scheme.
4. Different initiatives like Registration & License Melas, Eat Right School campus, BHOG, fruits & vegetable markets etc. are being conducted from grants received from FSSAI as noted above.
5. 32 new Food Safety Officers have been recruited on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 thereby increasing manpower of the enforcement wing of the Commissionerate. Further, advertisement for recruitment of 16 (sixteen) more Food Safety Officers has been published by the Medical & Health Recruitment Board, Assam.



## REPORT

### CHAPTER-II

2.1 The Departmentally Related Standing Committee sitting held on 15 February, 2024 examined the papers and documents received from the departments and took evidence of the departmental representatives. At the same time, the Committee considered the Action Taken report on the recommendations made in its Twenty Fifth Report of 2023-24 in addition to the scrutiny of the budget provisions.

2.2 Budget provisions under Grant no 29 relating to the Health & Family Welfare Department, 2024-25 are as follows:

	REVENUE (Rs. in lakhs)	CAPITAL (Rs. in lakhs)	TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)
<b>VOTED</b>	500631.96	34735.26	535367.22
<b>CHARGED</b>	100.00	0.00	100.00

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

• 2210	Medical and Public Health	455625.10
• 2211	Family Welfare	43585.32
• 2215	Water Supply & Sanitation	1421.54
• 4210	Capital Outlay on Medical & Public Health	34517.26
• 4211	Capital Outlay on Family Welfare	218.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>535367.22</b>

The Budget estimate under Grant No. 29 is Rs.535367.22 presented before the House for approval. The total allocated money is proposed to be spent in the Revenue and Capital expenditure respectively.

While discussing the Budget provision for the year 2024-25, the Committee found the Budget so allocated is 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 Finance Department, Government of Assam for necessary Budget provision in order to restrict the hindrances that may arise while performing the function of the Department.



**OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2023-24.**

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1.	<p>The Committee examined the Untied Grants sanctioned by the Govt. of India to the public Health facilities of Assam and observed that the Grants are insufficient effective service delivery and management of District Hospital, SDCH/CHC, PHC, HWC-SC &amp; Sub Centres. Further the wages of cleaning staffs, sweepers &amp; other employees who are engaged by the Hospital Management Committees in meagre.</p> <p>Therefore, the committee recommended the Deptt. for an increase of Budget in the untied grants and take necessary steps for increasing the salaries of the cleaning staffs, sweepers &amp; the other employees at the earliest as well as solve other management issues.</p> <p>The Committee also recommended the Deptt. that the State Govt. should also contribute funds matched with the allocation of the Govt. of India so that the total allocation of fund is twice the amount and if necessary move SD proposal in this regard.</p>	<p>As per the recommendation of the Committee, proposal was submitted to the MoH&amp;FW, Govt. of India vide letter No. NHM/FIN/ FMR/3730/2018-19/2947 Dated 18-05-2023 for increase of budget allocation for Untied Grants of Public Health facilities of the state to twice of the present untied amount.</p> <p>Revised proposal:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Types of Health facility</th><th>Untied amount allotted under NHM</th><th>Proposal for revised untied amount</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DH</td><td>Rs.10 Lakh</td><td>Rs.20 Lakh</td></tr> <tr> <td>SDCH</td><td>Rs.5 Lakh</td><td>Rs.10 Lakh</td></tr> <tr> <td>CHC/MH</td><td>Rs.5 Lakh</td><td>Rs.10 Lakh</td></tr> <tr> <td>PHC</td><td>Rs.1.75 Lakh</td><td>Rs.3.50 Lakh</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sub-Centre</td><td>Rs.0.20 Lakh</td><td>Rs.0.40 Lakh</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Presently Untied amount is considered under NHM for entire country as follows-  <i>District Hospital= Rs. 10.00 lakh, SDCH/CHC= Rs. 5.00 lakh, PHC= Rs. 1.75 lakh &amp; Sub-Centre= Rs. 0.20 lakh.</i></p> <p>Moreover, the proposal was discussed in the last NPCC meeting at New Delhi held on 31-10-2023 and accordingly it was informed that the revised Untied Grant may be considered after approval in the Mission Steering Group (MSG) meeting.</p>	Types of Health facility	Untied amount allotted under NHM	Proposal for revised untied amount	DH	Rs.10 Lakh	Rs.20 Lakh	SDCH	Rs.5 Lakh	Rs.10 Lakh	CHC/MH	Rs.5 Lakh	Rs.10 Lakh	PHC	Rs.1.75 Lakh	Rs.3.50 Lakh	Sub-Centre	Rs.0.20 Lakh	Rs.0.40 Lakh
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2.	<p>The Committee during its course of deliberations with the Department observed that some irregularities still existed regarding payment of compensation to the near relative of people who succumbed to death due to Covid. The Committee further observed that many people were denied payment of compensation by the Deputy Commissioner's of Assam due to lack of funds.</p> <p>Therefore, the Committee recommended the Department to clear all the loop holes and stream line the process regarding payment of compensation to the near relative of people who succumbed to death due to Covid. In this connection, the Committee directed the Department to take up the matter and issue instructions to the Deputy Commissioner's of Assam regarding payment of compensation.</p>	<p>As per recommendation of the Committee, NHM, Assam had issued an instruction to the District Commissioners for settlements of all the pending eligible applications through online portal of "Prarthana Scheme" and accordingly 24 cases have been recommended by concerned District Commissioners and payment has already been made to the beneficiaries from NHM Head Quarter.</p> <p>As on date, total 1039 nos. of beneficiaries have been benefited under the scheme with total financial involvement Rs.1039.00 Lakhs.</p> <p>It may be mentioned that all online applications under the scheme recommended by District Commissioners are processed centrally at NHM HQ and eligible cases are approved for payment.</p> <p>Fund for the scheme is available under Assam Arogya Nidhi.</p>																		
3.	<p>The committee observed that there are allegations against some organization who were entrusted to distribute the cards of Pradhan MantriAyushman Bharat Yojana of collecting excess money from the beneficiaries.</p>	<p>Some allegations were received that certain unscrupulous individuals/agencies were involved in collection of money from NFSA eligible beneficiaries for providing AB-PMJAY cards. Work orders of the agencies who were entrusted with the work of enrolment under AB-PMJAY were canceled and FIRs were lodged in the Districts (Barpeta, Biswanath) and in the State (Guwahati).</p>																		



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	The Committee therefore strongly recommended to identify the organizations involved in such malpractices and cancel such organizations and initiate necessary legal actions against them at the earliest.	The work of enrolment and validation of eligible NFSA families under the Scheme were given to the Front Line Workers of Health, NHM and P&RD (ASRLM). These Front Line Workers are doing e-KYC and Ayushman card delivery campaign of eligible NFSA families by house to house visits and by camp modes.
4.	<p>The Committee during the course of deliberations observed that many poor people are not able to enroll themselves for PM Ayushman Bharat Yojana due to many factors.</p> <p>The committee therefore recommended that poor people who do not have rations cards be allowed to avail the services of the Yojana by submitting yearly income certificate forwarded by the Goan Pradhan/ S.D.C.</p>	Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is a Central Government Health Assurance Scheme governed by National Health Authority, New Delhi and implemented in the State by Atal Amrit Abhiyan Society. After the State migrated to National Food Security Act (NFSA) database and convergence of AB-PMJAY with the State Scheme which will lead to coverage of entire NFSA family database in the State, Ayushman Asom- Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana; valid Aadhar linked ration card holders are entitled to avail the cashless medical benefits under the Schemes. In the State, approximately 66 lacs NFSA families will be benefited by the Schemes. Till date 1.61 crore e-KYC of eligible NFSA individuals have been done under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and Ayushman Asom-Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana by Front Line Workers. 1 crore Ayushman cards have been delivered till date.
5.	<p>The Committee during the course of discussion observed that there is shortage of beds in all Government Hospitals and other institutions. Hon'ble Member of the Committee deliberated that in emergency cases many patients faced problems due to shortage of beds.</p> <p>The Committee therefore, strongly recommended the Department to increase bed in Health Institutions where the number of patients is more. The Department is instructed to increase the number of beds in Borhat PHC under Charaideo District at the earliest and local MLA to be consulted in this regard.</p>	<p>Government of Assam has taken steps to increase number of beds in various categories of Healthcare facilities. During FY 2022-23 &amp; 2023-24, total of 1594 number beds have been supplied.</p> <p>As Borhat MPHC is old and dilapidated, it is proposed for construction of new PHC building at Borhat under 15<sup>th</sup> FC Health Grant for the FY 2024-25.</p> <p>The new building will increase the number of bed for the Borhat PHC.</p>
6.	<p>The issue of dilapidated conditions of Government Hospitals and other Health Institutions of Assam was taken up with the Department and discussed in details specially the need for urgent infrastructure development of such Institutions. Therefore, the Committee recommended and directed the Department to take necessary steps at the earliest regarding the following Health Institutions :-</p> <p>i) Presently there are only 6(six) Nos. of Dialysis beds at BPHC, Nagaon. Considering the huge numbers of kidney patients in Nagaon who require Dialysis at regular intervals the nos. of beds to be increased on an emergency basis.</p>	<p>i) Dialysis Unit of BP Civil Hospital, Nagaon has already been upgraded to 10 Bedded Unit.</p> <p>ii) As per letter No. NHM/DPMU/Nagaon/5057 received from Joint, DHS, Nagaon the following development in terms of infrastructure is proposed for Buragohainthan Block PHC :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Block Primary Health Centre Building</li> <li>New Quarter for Hospital Staff.</li> <li>Parking Area.</li> <li>Internal Road Development.</li> <li>A conference Hall.</li> <li>Development of the low lying area by earth filling.</li> <li>Development of the Boundary Wall.</li> </ol>



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	<p>Further necessary steps to be taken to increase the number of beds in Nagaon District Hospital from 6 to 10 numbers along with necessary renovations/infrastructure development.</p> <p>ii) To improve the infrastructure development of Health Institutions of Buragohain Block PHC under Nagaon District in consultation with the Local MLA as early as possible.</p> <p>iii) To review the present state of affairs of Health Institutions of Kamarkuchi Block CHC under Barkhetri LAC and Gohpur CHC and take necessary steps regarding renovation/ infrastructure development at an early date in consultations with the local MLA's.</p>	<p><b>h) Diesel Generator and Solar for uninterrupted Power Back up.</b></p> <p>Following actions have been initiated:</p> <p><b>a) Construction of Block Public Health Unit (BPHU) is already sanctioned under PM ABHIM (for FY 2023-24). Tender already floated.</b></p> <p><b>b) A new PHC building is proposed under 15th FC Health Grant (for FY 2024-25).</b></p> <p><b>c) The other requirements suggested by Joint DHS, Nagaon is proposed in SOPD.</b></p> <p>iii)</p> <p><b>Regarding Kamarkuchi BPHC:</b></p> <p>As per letter received from Joint Director of Health Services, Nalbari, the Kamarkuchi BPHC building is in dilapidated condition and is not feasible for repair &amp; renovation.</p> <p>Construction of a new PHC building at Kamarkuchi BPHC is proposed under 15th FC for the FY 2024-25.</p> <p>Further, a Block Public Health Unit (BPHU) building under PM-ABHIM is also sanctioned at Kamarkuchi BPHC and will be taken up shortly.</p> <p><b>Regarding Gohpur CHC:</b></p> <p>Gohpur CHC has been already upgraded to 50 bedded SDCH along with new residential quarter and canteen and is functioning since 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022.</p> <p>Construction of Block Public Health Unit (BPHU) at Gohpur CHC is under progress (45% physical progress) under PM-ABHIM.</p>
7.	<p>The Committee recommended providing all necessary medical equipments to the health institutions of Assam at the earliest for their smooth functioning.</p> <p>With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total amount of Rs. 712913.11 lakhs as sought for, under Grant No.29 Health &amp; Family Welfare Department for the financial year, 2023-24 be approved by the August House. The Action Taken Report on the recommendations may be submitted to the Committee within 90 days from the date of presentation of the report in the House.</p>	<p><b>Govt. has taken various steps to provide bio-medical equipment to various public health facilities as per gap assessment and requirements.</b></p> <p><b>In the FY 2022-23 &amp; 2023-24 indent for procurement of equipment amounting to Rs.48,612 lakhs was issued to AMSCL for various type of Health facilities under different schemes namely NHM ROP, ECRP-II, PM ABHIM, 15<sup>th</sup> FC health grant etc.</b></p>



**OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2024-25**

After having a threadbare discussion on the preliminary status papers, Action Taken Report, performances of Budget etc. furnished by Health & Family Welfare Department, Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments made the following Observations and Recommendations :-

1. The Committee during its course of deliberations with the Department observes that the Untied Grants sanctioned by the Government of India for Public Health Facilities of Assam is insufficient for effective service delivery.

The Committee, therefore, recommends the Department to make necessary arrangements for utilizing some fund from the Tied Fund of J.J.M. and Swach Bharat for cleaning of hospitals at Block level or under Municipal Corporation.

2. The Committee observes that there is lack of general awareness among people regarding the cashless medical benefits and other services available under AB-PMJAY and Ayushman Asom Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yajana Scheme in Government Hospital & other Public Health Facilities.

The Committee, therefore, recommends that the Department should take necessary steps for creating general awareness among people by affixing in the Notice Boards regarding the medical services so that the people can avail facilities in Government/Private Hospitals under the Schemes or through other means of publicity.

3. The Committee observes that due to the shortage of Government doctors the people cannot avail necessary medical treatment in Government Hospitals as per requirement.

The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that the Department should take necessary action at the earliest ensuring that minimum 1(one) Doctor is posted in PHC and minimum 2 (two) Doctors are posted in Model Hospital & CHC in all districts of Assam.

4. The Committee during the course of discussion with the Departmental representatives observes that many Primary Health Centres in Assam are not functioning properly including Ramchondi Dhinopathar Primary Health Centre at Katlicherra due to shortage of doctors.

The Committee, therefore, recommends that the Department should take necessary action to appoint required number of doctors in all PHC's and ensure its smooth functioning.

5. The Committee observes that doctors in Government Hospitals & other Public Health facilities of Assam prescribe medicines with brand name to the patients for diagnosing their treatment for which the patients have to incur more price for purchasing the prescribed medicines.

The Committee in this connection, strongly recommends the Department should ensure that the Doctors prescribe the name of molecules instead of brand names of medicines in all Government Hospitals.



6. The Committee during the meeting observes that the functioning of Government Hospitals in Assam has ample scope for improvements in varied areas with little effort.

The Committee therefore strongly recommends the Department should take necessary action regarding the following :-

- (i) The Committee observes that in many Civil Hospitals of Assam Oxygen Generate Machines are out of order and not functioning.

Therefore, the Committee recommends to activate the oxygen generate machines for public interest.

- (ii) The Committee observes that many Civil Hospitals are not working properly.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Department should take initiatives to make all Civil Hospitals more functional for public interest.

- (iii) The Committee observes that many mini PHC's in Assam are not completed till date.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Department should complete the mini PHC's for making it functional.

- (iv) The Committee observes that the Food Safety Inspection is not properly done by the Department.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Department should appoint Food Safety Officers in each district. The Committee also recommends to appoint Food Safety Officers if posts are lying vacant at an early date.

- (v) The Committee observes that in many Public Health Facilities necessary provisions for its smooth functioning including drainage/outlet have not been completed for instance, in the proposed building plan of the new Civil Hospital Building, Nazira.

Therefore, the Committee recommends the Department to take up the work in all Public Health Facilities at an early date in greater public interest.

- (vi) The Committee observed that the Rangapani PHC under Bongaigaon District is in a dilapidated condition.

The Committee therefore recommends the Department to upgrade the PHC to CHC alongwith repairing the existing quarters at the earliest.

7. The Committee observes that there is no Service Rule of Government Physiotherapists and they have not received pay fixation.

As such, the Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary action for implementation of Service Rule and pay fixation on priority basis for Government Physiotherapists.

**With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total amount of Rs.535367.22 lakhs as sought for under Grant No.29 Health & Family Welfare Department for the Financial Year 2024-25 be approved by the August House.**

**The Action Taken Report on the recommendations may be submitted to the Committee within 90 days from the date of presentation of the report in the House.**



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