



**DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE
ON DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENTS
2024-2025**

FIFTEENTH

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**Report on the Demands for the Grant Nos.14, 15, 18, 20 & 50
for the year 2024-2025**

DEPARTMENT : HOME

TWENTY FIRST REPORT

Presented to the House on 21st February, 2024.

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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 **TWENTEITH REPORT** on Demands for **Grant Nos. 14, 15, 18, 20 and 50** of the **Home & Political Department** for the financial year, **2024-2025**.
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 **Home & Political Department** on **15th February, 2024**.
4. The Draft Report was considered and approved by the Committee at their meeting held on **19th February, 2024**.
5. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Officials of the **Home & Political 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.

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Dated 19th February, 2024

Bhabendra Nath Bharali

Chairman

Departmentally Related Standing
Committee on Development (B) Departments
Assam Legislative Assembly

CHAPTER-I

REPORT

Grant No-14 (Police)

After presentation of the Budget in the House for the financial year 2024-25 on 12th Feb, 2024, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee On Development (B) Department in its meeting held on 15th Feb, 2024 to discuss in respect of Grant No.14 (Police), Grant No. 15 (Jail), Grant No.18 (Fire Service), Grant No. 20 (CD & HG) and Grant no 50 (Border Protection and Development) relating to the Home & Political Department.

- 1.1. The Departmentally Related Standing Committee in its sitting held on 15th Feb, 2024 examined the papers and 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 Twentieth Report of 2023-24 in addition to the scrutiny of the budget provisions.
- 1.2. Budget provisions under Grant No. 14 (Police) relating to the Home (Police) Department, 2024-25 are as follows:

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)
VOTED	643834.95	66603.45	710438.40
CHARGED	154.50	000.00	154.50

General Areas

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)
VOTED	643834.95	66603.45	710438.40
CHARGED	154.50	000.00	154.50

Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)
VOTED	0.00	00.00	00.00
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	0.00	00.00	00.00
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Bodoland Territorial Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

• 2055	Police	643834.95
• 4055	Capital Outlay on Police	66603.45
• Grand Total		710438.40

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

While discussion the Budget provision for the year, 2024-25, the Committee found the Budget so allocated comparatively less than the previous Financial Year and there is no clear indication as to why the Budget allocation has been reduced. However, the Committee feels that the Department should communicate with Finance Department, Assam for necessary Budget provision in order to restrict the hindrances that may arise while performing the function of the Department.

1.3 During the course of deliberation with the Departmental Representatives, the following initiatives taken by the Department for Modernization of Police Stations -

I. Modernization of Police Stations:

a. Modernization and Infrastructure Development

Construction of 05(five) new Commando Battalion infrastructure and construction of 119 modern Police Station buildings is on the verge of completion.

b. Modern Equipments for Police – i) Installation of CCTV Cameras in Police Stations , ii) Cyber Crime Police Station, iii) Block Chain Based Evidence Management System, iv) Forensic Kits and v) Procurement of Mobile Forensic Van

1.4 **Preliminary Status Paper relating to CID:**

(A) Project / Scheme under way:

(1) **Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting Management System at CID, HQ Help Line Number 1930**

(2) **Grant of Assistance to States for Strengthening Enforcement Capabilities for Combating Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.**

(3) **Procurement of Licenses and Anti viruses for up gradation of CCTNS Data Centre:**

Procurement of different types of Licenses and Anti Viruses for up gradation of CCTNS Data Centre at the cost of Rs. 2,39,00,00,000/- is under process.

(B) Status of Budget Announcement for CCTNS and ICJS Project for the Financial Year, 2023-24:

Total Fund Received	:	Rs. 1395.95 (in Lakhs)
Fund Utilized	:	Rs. 274.016 (in Lakhs)
Fund to be Utilized	:	Rs. 425.289 (in Lakhs)
Balance Fund	:	Rs. 696.645 (in Lakhs)

1.5 BRIEF NOTE OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES:

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE TRAINING & ARMED POLICE (T&AP) ORGANISATION:- The TAP Office was originally sanctioned by the Govt. Assam as the office of the DIG (TAP& TW) vide Govt. Notification No. HPL/109/69/10, dtd. 20-07-69 and the first IGP(TAP) was posted vide Govt. Notification No HMA./32/82/81-A dtd. 23-03-83. He was also the IGP Inter-State Border of the State, The functional power delegated to the IGP(TAP) was to be the head of the all the Police Training Institutions of Assam the Armed Police Battalions and the Task Force Battalions.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2023

Sports activities - Assam Police has been promoting Sports inside and outside the State and bringing glory to the State by winning medals. Recent achievements during the year 2022-23 and 2023-24 are as follows:

- **ARCHERY**
- **WUSHU**
- **LAWN BOWL**
- **ATHLETICS**
- **ARM WRESTLING**
- **SHOOTING (OUTDOOR)**
- **BOXING**

BRIEF REPORT ON IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF SB

The Law-and-Order situation in the State of Assam from the extremist point of view has improved considerably. With surrender of major militant outfits as well as the sustained efforts and pro-active counter insurgency measures of Assam Police, the overall security scenario in the state of Assam has significantly improved during the last three years.

The signing of historic Bodo accord, Karbi Accord and Adivasi militant groups Peace Accord on 27/01/2020, 04/09/2021 and 15/09/2022 respectively are paving way to peace in the region. The MoS with the ONLA (Dimasa National Liberation Army) was also signed on 27th April, 2023. Due to improvement in the extremist scenario of Assam, the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 has been withdrawn from major parts of Assam w.e.f. 01-04-2022 in a phased manner. At present, AFSPA is in force only in four districts of upper Assam viz. Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Sivasagar and Charaideo.

At present, there are five militant outfits under SoO viz. ULFA(PT) (United Liberation Front of Assam/Pro-talk), KRA (Kuki Revolutionary Army), UKDA (United Kukigam Defence Army) KLO/KLA (Kuki Liberation Organization/Kuki Liberation Army) and HPC(D) (Hmar people's Convention-Democratic) and are waiting to sign MoS with the Govt.

During the year 2023 (till 25th December) Security Forces has apprehended 99 cadres and neutralized 4 cadres viz- DNLA-1, ULFA(I)-1 and KLO (KN) -2 and recovered 36 arms (including 9 AK series weapons), 508 Ammunitions, 19 Grenades, 2 IEDs, 13 Detonators and 0.6 KG Explosives during this period.

Rehabilitation of surrendered militants

Adequate measures have been taken by the Govt. to rehabilitate the former cadres of different extremist organizations in the state of Assam, Till date, a total of 7229 cadres of different extremist outfits are rehabilitated under schemes of GOI and GOA during the last 2 (two) years.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam distributed fixed deposit certificates of Rs. 4 lakhs each to 1182 Nos. (AANLA-125, ACMA-453, APA-124, BCF-340 and STF-140) of former Adivasi cadres and 181 Nos. of former DNA cadres for their rehabilitation in the ceremony of financial grant distribution held on 8th October, 2023 and 27th October, 2023.

Under the special initiative of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Shri Pramod Boro, Hon'ble CEM, BTR, Assam distributed cheque of Rs. 2 lakhs each to 164 NLFB (National Liberation Front of Bodoland) cadres for their rehabilitation in another financial grant distribution ceremony held on 20th October, 2023.

Special three months residential training programme on handloom and weaving was conducted for the former women cadres of PDCK (People's Democratic Council of Karbi Longri), DNLA (Dimasa National Liberation Army), UPLA (United Peoples Liberation Army), KPLT (Karbi People's Liberation Tiger) at KVIC, Kumarikata.

Important Schemes executed by APHC Ltd.

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Achievements
1	Other works under project MOITRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total no. of works taken up – 34 Nos. Total amount sanctioned – Rs. 60.49 Cr. Construction completed – 29 Nos. Work in progress – 05 Nos. Total amount utilized – Rs. 32.96 Cr.
2	Works at 25 th AP (ONGC) Bn, Demow Pathar, Sivasagar.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total no. of works taken up – 19 Nos. Total amount sanctioned – Rs. 15.00 Cr. Work is completed Total amount utilized – Rs. 10.88 Cr.
3	Upgradation of Lachit Barphukan Police Academy to World Class Police Academy, Dergaon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total amount sanctioned – Rs. 167.41 Cr. Work in progress – Rs. 59% (Avg. Pr.) Total amount utilized - Rs. 66.45 Cr.
4	Raising of new Assam Police Commando Battalion at:- 1. Doldoli in Karbi Anglong District. 2. Geleky in Sivasagar District. 3. Birsima in Hailakandi District. 4. Pabhoi in Biswanath District. 5. Ambikapur in Sadia District.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total no. of works taken up – 5 Nos. (works are in progress) Total amount sanctioned – Rs. 839.94 Cr. Total amount utilized - Rs. 331.22 Cr. Physical progress- (i) Doldoli – 54.15% (ii) Geleky - 62.13% (iii) Birsima – 38.82% (iv) Pabhoi – 48.37% (v) Ambikapur – 37.17
5	Works under Special Assistance to the States for Capital Investment, 2023-24.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total no. of works taken up – 16 Nos. Total amount sanctioned – Rs. 135 Cr. Matter is pending at Hon'ble High Court Case No. WP(C)/5944/2023
6	LS Quarters (16 units in 01 Building) at 16 locations all over Assam.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total no. of works taken up – 256 Nos. Total amount sanctioned – Rs. 67.50 Cr.

SLPRB conducted total recruitment for 20286 nos. of vacant posts in Assam Police and other Directorates under Govt. of Assam during the year w.e.f. 01-04-2021 to 31-12-2023. Out of these 20286, a total 19603 nos. of candidates were selected for appointment.

Further, in addition to the above, another 336 nos. of candidates were subsequently selected against existing vacancies in connection with recruitment for

- 2391 posts of Constable (UB) & 4271 posts of Constable (AB) in Assam Police.
- 813 posts of Constable in APRO & 788 posts of Constable etc. in F&ES.
- 754 posts of Constable/Guardsman under DGCD & CGHG
- 154 posts of AISF Bn. Constable (from SPOs only) under DGCD & CGHG

Thus, the total number of candidates selected for appointment by SLPRB since 01-04-2021 to 31-12-2023 is 19939 nos.

Summary

Sl. No.	Year	Recruitment Completed	Number of Candidate Selected	Remarks
1	01-04-2022 to 31-03-2023	14556	14182	
2	01-04-2023 to 31-12-2023	5730	5421	
TOTAL		20286	19603	
TOTAL CANDIDATES SELECTED			19603 + 336 = 19939	

Updated Action taken Report on 20th Report of Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Department, Assam Legislative Assembly Relating to Grant No. "14-Police"

Sl. No.	Observation & Recommendations	Action Taken
1.	The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (8) observed that the Project under Mission MOITRI has not been completed in most of the places. Therefore, the Committee recommended the Department to complete the ongoing constructions as early as possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction works under MOITRI are under progress. Implementing agencies have been intimated to expedite the same. Details given following rows.
2.	<p>The Committee observed that the Simluguri Out Post at Baksa District is still functioning in rented house for a long period.</p> <p>Therefore, the Committee recommended that the Department to take immediate actions for construction of the permanent buildings in all the PSs and Ops running in rented house. Further the Committee recommended the Department to initiate the construction work at Siyalmari Out Post of Nagaon District.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Police Stations are being constructed under MOITRI Scheme. Till date Construction of 90 Nos. of PS Buildings have already been completed. <p>An area of land measuring 1K-05Ls has been allotted for establishment of Simluguri OP building at Baksa District by Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC). But for an OP building, minimum 3 bighas of land is required. Therefore, it is not possible for construction of OP building against the above mentioned allotted land.</p> <p>Further, it is to be stated that, a proposal for establishment of a new OP Siyalmari, Madhupur in Nagaon district is under process.</p>
3.	<p>The Committee observes that the Department has not taken necessary measures to upgrade some of the Out Posts to a Police Station.</p> <p>Therefore, the Committee recommended the Department to take initiatives to upgrade some the Out Posts to a Police Station.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the 4th Conference of Superintendents of Police held in July 2023 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam it was directed to upgrade all Ops to PS. There will be no OP in the state. Govt. of Assam has upgraded 5 (five) nos. of Police Out Post to PS in different Districts - Numaligarh OP / (Golaghat), Lakwa OP (Sivsagar), Bilaipur OP/ (Hailakandi), and Pathsala OP under Barpeta, Goroimari OP/ Kamrup Dist.
4.	<p>The Committee observes that some of the PSS and OPs have no boundary walls which may cause some hazardous problems.</p> <p>Therefore the Committee recommends for construction of Security Fencing in Police Stations and Out Posts The Committee also recommended to the Department to look in to the present state of affairs the Police Camp situated in front of the Guwahati Central Jail.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary walls are included in the Plan & Estimates for Construction of Police Stations under MOITRI, Till date 90 Police Stations have been completed. <p>On the other hand, Administrative approval has been received for Construction of 83 Nos. of Out Post Buildings at different locations in Assam where Boundary walls are included in the Plan & Estimate.</p>
5.	<p>The Committee observed some border related issues / Chaos in Muduki in West Guwahati, Durpang in Assam Arunachal bordering area under Bihpuriya LAC and Lakhinagar GP in Assam Manipur Border.</p> <p>Therefore, the Committee recommended the Department should take necessary initiatives for setting up of Border Out Posts in these border sharing areas to solve the chaos between the peace loving people of the border areas. The Committee also recommends the Department for repairing / renovating Namtola Police Station. Saraideo District near Assam- Nagaland inter State border.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Govt. approval for 162 Nos. of Police Stations (Including Namtola PS) for Construction under MOITRI Scheme have been received, for which Administrative Approval has already been issued to APHC Ltd. And tendering process is going on.

<p>6.</p>	<p>The Committee has appreciated the Department for the actions taken against Drugs in the state. Committee recommended the Department to continue their strict action against the drug traffickers and file charge sheet against the accused. The Committee also recommended the Department for proper rehabilitation for the drug addicted persons.</p> <p>Further the Committee recommended the Department should take necessary action against the circulation of the currency notes at Barpeta road area and to initiate strict action against Unlawful lottery / gambling / teer khel / IPL betting syndicates / fake gold frauds across the State of Assam.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action has been continuing against the drug traffickers. In this regard, a Drug free Assam Mobile App has been launched to collect information about use, sale, supply and drugs transportation from the citizen. Till 17th August, 2023 a total of 25 habitual drugs traffickers have been detained under PIT NDPS Act and 73 cases, along with properties worth of Rs. 19.40 Crores have been frozen under the provisions of Sec. 68F of NDPS Act. Awareness programme by local celebrities has been running in the districts as a part of Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan. 2. A meeting with all the stakeholders of Assam namely Assam Police, Social Justice and Empowerment, Education Department, Health & Family Welfare Department, Home Department, Excise Department, NCB, Guwahati, NGOS running the rehabilitation and de-addiction centers, Doctors from GMCH, Psychiatrists, Principals and Professors of various colleges and Universities, Director FSI etc. was organized by CID on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and licit Trafficking on 26th June 2022, in the conference hall of the APHQ. 3. Following measures have been taking against the Drug Trafficking :- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. All necessary steps are being taken to trace out forward and backward linkage of NDPS cases and actions are being taken by all districts. b. A two day training on 'Digital Forensics, Dark Web and Crypto currencies for the Police Officers of NE states, CPMFs including Assam Rifles and other Central Agencies like, CBI, DRI, Customs, etc. were conducted on 10th and 11th December, 2021, in association with the Narcotics Control Bureau, New Delhi. c. Several training programs have been organized for the cutting edge level officers in the districts pertaining to NDPS Act cases. d. A hand book for Investigating officers of NDPS cases was published by CID, Assam. The hand book comprehensively dealt with search, seizure freezing of assets submission of proposal under PIT NDPS Act and disposal of seized NDPS items etc. e. Assam Police has been closely coordinating with NCB, BSF, Assam Rifles SSB, RPF and other concerned stake holders deployed in Assam for tackling the menace of transportation of drugs by rail and road routes. The District SPs have been directed for coordinated approach along with the mentioned stake holders as and when required. Apart from that Assam Police have been conducting regular naka checking at all strategic points to prevent transportation of drugs by rail and routes. 4. Action against fake currency <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) No case was reported relating to circulation of the fake currency notes in Barpeta Road area. However, O/C has been briefed to keep vigil in this regard. 5. Action has been taking against unlawful lottery / gambling / teer khel / IPL Betting syndicates etc. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 72 nos of cases has already been registered under such illegal activities in Barpeta Dists. Out of which 16 nos of cases has been registered in Barpeta Road PS. 6. Action against fake gold frauds <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) So many cases has been registered regarding fake gold frauds in Barpeta Road PS area and arrested them.
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7.	<p>The Committee has come to know about some oil stealing cases at Vadoi area in Dibrugarh District. Therefore the Committee recommended the Department for the prompt actions against the oil thieves in that area to stop the oil stealing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In order to prevent Oil pilferage/theft activities under Bhadoi OP area, we have intensified our Police patrolling and engaged local reliable sources in this regard. As many as 7 (Seven) cases have been registered from the year 2022 and Ten persons are arrested and recovered total 1890 litres of condensate oil viz.,<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Duliajan PS Case No. 241/2022 Dtd: 01/12/2022i) Duliajan PS Case No.253/2022 Dtd: 23/12/2022i) Duliajan PS Case No. 263/2022 Dtd. 31/12/2022v) Duliajan PS Case No. 30/2023 Dtd. 04/02/2023v) Duliajan PS Case No. 34/2023 Dtd. 05/02/2023i) Duliajan PS Case No. 66/2023 Dtd. 25/04/2023i) Duliajan PS Case No. 148/2023 Dtd. 17/06/2023• No recent activity of oil pilferage is seen in that area. Police surveillance have been increased engaging local VDPs. Surprise Naka checking, joint operations with Oil Security Staff and area domination are being conducted in the area on a regular basis.
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**UPDATED ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE
DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE IN ITS 20TH (TWENTIETH)
REPORT**

**GRANT NO. 14
(Forensic Science)**

Sl. No.	Observation	Recommendation	Action Taken
1.	The Committee observed that the Forensic Laboratories running in the State experiencing various difficulties to modernize the Forensic Laboratories in the State.	The Committee recommended that the Department should take steps for modernization of the Forensic Laboratories by obtaining the requisite fund through SD Budget.	<p>The following actions have been undertaken for modernization and man power development of Forensic Science Laboratories at Directorate of Forensic Science, Assam and Regional Forensic Science Laboratories (RFSL) at Silchar, Bongaigaon and Dibrugarh -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A contingency fund of Rupees 16.17 Cr. was granted by the Government of Assam for procurement of different state of art instruments for modernisation of DFS, Asam and RFSL's at Bongaigaon, Dibrugarh and Silchar. 2. Work order has been placed for the purchase of Bone Homogenizer for DNA division of DFS, Assam. 3. Work order has been placed for the purchase of GCMS for Drugs and Narcotics division of RFSL Bongaigaon and Silchar 4. Work order has been placed for the purchase of GCMS with headspace for Toxicology division of RFSL Bongaigaon 5. Work order has been placed for the purchase o f Audio-Video Authentication with workstation for RFSL Bongaigaon 6. Genetic Analyser has been received from the vender at DFS, Assam for DNA Unit. 7. Seven numbers of Crime Scene Vehicles have been procured and are functional at present. 8. Financial sanction for procurement for other remaining instruments has been requested under that fund. 9. 46 numbers of Laboratory Bearer have been given appointment through SLRC, Assam. 10. Skill test for 36 numbers of Scientific Assistant have been completed and the final result will be declared soon. 11. 13 numbers of Post of Scientific Officer and 7 number of Post of Junior Scientific Officer have been advertised by the APSC.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
GRANT NO. 14

The Committee after holding a threadbare discussion and on close scrutiny of the Report related to Grant No. 14 (Police) of the Home & Political Department, on the evidences provided by the Departmental representatives made the following Observations and Recommendations:

1. The Committee observes that the Department has not completed the up gradation of all Out Posts into Police Stations as assured during the course of meeting of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Dev. (B) Departments last year.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Department should expedite the process to upgrade all the remaining out posts.

2. The Committee observes the crime rates are still increasing in some areas, particularly in regard to Fake Gold & Fake currency including unlawful Lottery throughout the State.

So, the Committee recommends that the Department should take proper measures to control the crime rate in the areas of fake Gold and fake currency as well as unlawful Lottery in the State.

3. During the course of discussion, the Committee also observes that some of the Criminals, who are caught for drugs transaction, sometimes get their bails before obtaining the drugs examination report.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the initiatives should be taken for prompt submission of drugs examination reports so that the substantial actions against the criminals may be undertaken.

4. The Committee also observes that due to the lack of manpower in some of the Out Posts crime rates are increasing and the particular places as pointed out during the course of meeting are as follows:

- (i) Tingrai (Charaideo Out Post),
- (ii) Nawholia (Out Post),
- (iii) Bhadaï Out Post,
- (iv) Debosthan Out Post,
- (v) Mahamaya Out Post,
- (vi) Bhogdoi Out Post in Jorhat.

The Committee, therefore, recommends that the Department should take necessary steps to increase manpower in all the Out Posts including the aforementioned outposts, on priority basis, so that the criminal activities may be controlled with prompt actions.

5. The Committee observes that the concerned Department has not taken steps to set up fencing surrounding the Firing Range Area for which a lot of civilians face hazardous problems or even death.

So, the Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary measures to set up fencing surrounding the Fire Rang Areas, specially including Sukanjuli of Tamulpur LAC on the humanitarian ground.

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the amount sought for, under Grant No. 14 (Police) may be approved by the August House.

Action Taken Report on the recommendations may be submitted to the Committee within ninety days from the date of presentation of the Report to the House.

**CHAPTER-II
REPORT
Grant No-15 (JAIL)**

2.1 The total allocation of fund in respect of Grant 15 for administration of Home (Jail) Department during the year 2024-25 is as follows:

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)
VOTED	11387.83	5000.00	16387.83
CHARGED	20.00	000.00	20.00

General Areas

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)
VOTED	10805.19	4730.00	15535.19
CHARGED	20.00	000.00	20.00

Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)
VOTED	510.60	150.00	660.60
CHARGED	000.00	000.00	000.00

North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)
VOTED	72.04	120.00	192.04
CHARGED	000.00	000.00	000.00

Bodoland Territorial Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)
VOTED	000.00	000.00	000.00
CHARGED	000.00	000.00	000.00

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

• 2056	Jails	10805.19
• 4059	Capital Outlay on public works	4495.00
• 4070	Other Administrative Service	235.00
• Grand Total		15535.19

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

While discussion the Budget provision for the year, 2024-25, the Committee found the Budget so allocated comparatively less than the previous Financial Year and there is no clear indication as to why the Budget allocation has been reduced. However, the Committee feels that the Department should communicate with Finance Department, Assam for necessary Budget provision in order to restrict the hindrances that may arise while performing the function of the Department.

Under the Jail Department the Prisons are treated as "Correctional Home" and the main theme is to feed, maintain and transform the prisoners as a good citizen.

2.2 THE VISION, THE MISSION AND THE OBJECTIVES OF THE JAIL DEPARTMENT:

a. Vision-

The vision is to make the prisons vibrant centers of reformation, re-assimilation and re-habilitation of prisoners with the value of dignity. The functions, roles and responsibilities of the Directorate (Inspectorate General of Prisons, Assam) is to make prisons a safe place by maintaining the required level of security and discipline and to make the best use of the period of imprisonment for reformation and rehabilitation of prisoners by providing them basic facilities and appropriate correctional treatment with self-esteem to lead a life as law-abiding, self-supporting and useful members of the society.

b. Mission, Objective and Function –

The key objectives of the Assam Prison Headquarters are to provide basic amenities, education, health care, hygienic sanitation, safety and security for prisoners along with vocational training for skill up gradation, rehabilitation and social empowerment. Further the purpose is to focus to instill good values through meditation, yoga and other cultural activities and extend facilities for legal aid to prisoners.

2.3 CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES:

All the prison officers are nominated and attended the different Training Programme outside the state during the year 2023-2024 either physically or virtually, for instance -

Online mode of training programme:-

- BPR&D, New Delhi, has organized an online workshop on "*Prison related Issues*"
- The Institute of **Central Academy for Police Training**, Bhopal has organised a one-day online training on "Accidental Deaths & Suicide"

Offline mode of training programme:-

- **Central Academy for Police Training**, Bhopal has organized a training programme physically on "**Executive Prison Administrator**"
- The Institute of **Joint Assistant Director (Trg)**, Mahipalpur, NH-8, New Delhi has organised a residential 5 days course on "**Enrollment User Training**"
- **Central Academy for Police Training**, Bhopal has organizing 6 (six) days programme for prison officers on "Sentence Planning"
- The Institute of **Indian Law Institute**, Bhagwan has organised a programme on "Human Rights"
- The Joint Asstt. Director, Mahipalpur has organised a 3 days course on "**Prison Statistics in India**".

2.5 RECOGNITION AND AWARDS:

- "**PRERANA BOTA**" 2023 is introduced to felicitate the 6 nos. of Jail Officials for their outstanding sincerity during the duty time.
- **Ashirwaad Anusthan** was organized in various Jails to bless the wards of jail inmates who are going to appear in the ensuing **Class X board examinations**. A total of 31 candidates was gifted study materials and shared a meal with their parent.

2.6 NEW INITIATIVES:

- Establishment of a **High Security Jail** under the initiatives of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India at Kamrup for 255 inmates is under tendering process. The Government of India has already provided an amount of Rs.10.00 Crore for the same as first phase.
- For the purpose of shifting the existing Jails located at the centre of city to the outskirts, land has been allotted at Tezpur, Goalpara, Sivasagar, Mangaldoi, Lakhimpur and Dhubri and handed over to Prison Authorities. The process of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for construction of aforesaid jails at new locations has been entrusted to PWD and is under process.
- Proposal for allotment of land of 100 Bighas was submitted to the DC, Jorhat for establishment of Assam Prison Academy at Jorhat.
- No land has been allotted till date for shifting of Jails from the existing location in Dibrugarh, Silchar, Nagaon, Karimganj and Kokrajhar. This department had requested to concerned authority for allotment of land for the same and is under process.
- To commemorate the **75th Anniversary of Independence**, under the “**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**” scheme Govt. of India had decided to give special remission for short term prisoners in 3(three) phases ie. on 15th August,2022, on 26th January,2023 and on 15th August, 2023 wherein a total of 25 inmates from Assam Prison Department has been recommended for final release by the Assam Govt. and they are finally released from the Jails.
- The Co-operative Society at Jail Campus - Central Jail, Guwahati has already been registered by the name and style of “**SRIJAN Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd.**” containing Registration No. Assam 3/2022-2023 dated 11-11-2022 for prison reforms and rehabilitation of inmates as a pilot project.

2.7 ANY OTHER DETAILS RELEVANT TO THE ORGANIZATION:

- Under the modernization of Prison Project the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi has also provided an amount of Rs.3.00 Crores for procurement and installation of **Security Equipments**.
- A **total of 62 (Sixty Two)** convicts have been granted remission and released from Jails of Assam during the year 2023.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE DRS COMMITTEE IN ITS 20th REPORT. GRANT NO. "15-JAIL" FOR THE YEAR 2023-24.

SL. NO.	Observation	Recommendation	Action Taken
1.	The Committee observed that the process of shifting of the proposed 12 (twelve) Jails namely Silchar, Dibrugarh, Tezpur, Nagaon, Lakhimpur, Sivasagar, Goalpara, Mangaldoi, Dhubri, Karimganj, Kokrajhar to new locations are not completed.	The Committee recommended the Department to take necessary measures for shifting of these Jails as early as possible.	In pursuance of the announcement by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam in the Cabinet for shifting existing Jails which are located in the center of urban areas to rural areas and Speech of Budget Session 2023- 24 that "District Jails located at the center of Dibrugarh, Cachar, Tezpur and Jorhat cities will be relocated, land has been allotted at Tezpur, Goalpara, Sivasagar, Mangaldoi, Lakhimpur and Dhubri and handed over to the Prison authorities for shifting the Jails. Accordingly, the Chief Engineer, PWD (Bldg), Assam has been requested to submit the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for initiating the construction of the aforesaid 6 (six) Jails. No land has been allotted till date for shifting of Jails from the existing location in Dibrugarh, Silchar, Karimganj, Kokrajhar and Nagaon. Concerned authority has been requested for allotment of land and the same is under process.
2.	The Committee observed that the Assam Prison Academy should be constructed in Jorhat.	The Committee recommended the Department to take necessary steps for the construction and establishment of Assam Prison Academy.	Proposal for allotment of land of 100 Bighas was submitted to the District Commissioner, Jorhat for establishment of Assam Prison Academy. But, no land has been allotted till date for establishment of Assam Prison Academy.
3.	The Committee felt the need of imparting Skill Training in various trades amongst the Jail inmates in all Jails across the state.	The Committee recommends that the project SRIJAN (Sustainable Rehabilitation in the Jail of Assam) should cover all the Central and District Jails.	The Co-operative Society has already been formed at Central Jail, Guwahati as pilot project by the name and style of "SRIJAN Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd". The Skill Development Training in various trades amongst the Jail inmates in the Jails across the State has been going on since a long period with the collaboration of District Authority, NGO's, and Govt. / Semi Govt. Institutions etc. Further, the aforesaid skill training has also been given by the existing Jail Craft Instructors / Instructress.
4.	The Committee observes that the Central Jail, Guwahati has inadequate space which leads to unsatisfactory living conditions for the inmates.	The Committee recommends the Department to take necessary steps for increasing the spaces in the Central Jail, Guwahati. The Committee also recommended for construction of New Jail Building by Supplementary Demand of fund for the year 2023-24 is required.	For reducing overcrowding as well as space increasing in the Central Jail, Guwahati the construction of vertical extension of Jail Manufactory Building (200 capacity) and construction of two nos. of Assam Type Quarantine Ward for Prisoners with Toilet Block at second floor of Barrack No-5 inside the Central Jail, Guwahati (Left wing) (100 capacity) and Right wing (100 capacity) had already been completed. The concerned Executive Engineer PWD (Building) had already been submitted plan and estimate for Vertical Extension of Ward No-4 on Second Floor by providing Assam Type Building at Central Jail, Guwahati (200 capacity) and the same is under process,

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant No. 15 (Jails)

The Committee after holding a threadbare discussion and on close scrutiny of the Report related to Grant No. 15 (Jail) of the Home & Political Department, on the evidences provided by the Departmental representatives made the following Observations and Recommendations:

1. The Committee observes that shifting of Jails from existing location has not yet been completed fully because of non allotment of lands in some places including Dibrugarh, Silchar, Karimganj, Kokrajhar and Nagaon.

The Committee, therefore, recommends that the Department should carry out the process and undertake the provisions for shifting of Jails from their existing locations as early as possible.

2. The Committee observes that during the course of Spot Study Visit to Central Jail, Guwahati has inadequate space and approximately one third of the Jail is covered by stones which led to shortage of Space to undertake extension works of the existing infrastructure. The Committee also observed that the existing isolation wards of the Jail are situated near the inner road of the Jail.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary steps for removal of the Stones for space in order to undertake construction works of new wards and other new infrastructure projects. Further, the Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary steps for shifting of the existing Isolation ward to other suitable location.

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the amount sought for, under Grant No. 15. (Jail) may be approved by the August House.

Action Taken Report on the recommendations may be submitted to the Committee within ninety days from the date of presentation of the Report to the House.

CHAPTER - III
REPORT
GRANT NO. 18 (FIRE SERVICE)

3.1 The total allocation of fund in respect of Grant No.18 for administration of Home (FIRE SERVICE) Department during the financial year 2024-25 is as follows:

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in Lakhs)
VOTED	22203.22	6817.00	29020.22
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

General Areas

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in Lakhs)
VOTED	19586.22	6787.55	26373.77
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in Lakhs)
VOTED	509.03	6.20	515.23
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in Lakhs)
VOTED	478.44	6.25	484.69
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Bodoland Territorial Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in Lakhs)
VOTED	1629.53	17.00	1646.53
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

• 2070	Other Administrative Services	19586.22
• 4059	Capital Outlay on Public Works	3062.00
• 4070	Other Administrative Service	3725.55
• Grand Total		26373.77

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

3.2 THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES:

The Fire and Emergency Services, Assam was initially established as State Fire Service Organisation, Assam in the year 1956 under a SP rank officer known as the Supdt. of Police-cum- Fire Service Advisor. Presently, the organization is headed by an officer in the rank of Spl. Director General of Police with designation as Director of Fire & Emergency Services, Assam under the administrative control of Home & Political Department, Govt. of Assam.

The Fire & Emergency Services, Assam provides service and assistance to the citizens for prevention, control and fire fighting to ensure safety of life and property from fire related incidents and other man-made and natural disasters/emergency situations. The geographical location of Assam in seismic Zone-V makes the state vulnerable to earthquakes and landslides thus posing serious threat to life and property.

There are 124+13=137 sanctioned Fire & Emergency Services Stations (13 newly sanctioned by the Govt. out of notified 45) and 5 Coys. of SDRF Bn. Besides, the department has opened 7 Ad-hoc Fire Stations and 10 Fire Camps utilizing the existing resources. The total strength of this Directorate is 3764 personnel.

Training: A Training Centre under the name and style "Elementary Fire Fighting Training School" was set up at Sila, North Guwahati in the year 1968 imparting training to the personnel of Fire & Emergency Services. This Training Centre was renamed as "**Regional Training Centre**" (RTC) by the Govt. of India in the year 2004. Regional Training Centre is primarily responsible for imparting Elementary Fire Fighting Training and Basic Police Training for new recruits of F&ES, Assam including SDRF personnel. Motor Mechanic and Pump Operator Course, External Sub-Officers' Course are also conducted for the in-service personnel as well as for the trainees from other agencies like ONGC, APDCL, NEEPCO and other States of North Eastern Region. Besides, new types of advance training on CSSR (Collapse Structure Search and Rescue) and MFR (Medical First Responder) training, Breathing Apparatus Training (Smoke Chamber) Gallery and Fire Fighting Training Simulator are also imparted to the in-service personnel from time to time.

New name of the Organisation- The State Fire Service Organization has been renamed as "**Fire & Emergency Services, Assam**" w.e.f. 07-01-2013 vide Govt notification no LGL.56/2012/13.

3.3 Vision and mission:

- A. **Vision:** To respond to all types of disasters and emergency situations, both natural and man-made, caused by fires, earthquakes, landslides, flood and erosion, drought emergency, chemical and biological mishaps, bomb explosions, major accident on road, air and water etc. speedily and effectively to save life and property of the people of Assam.
- B. **Mission:** To preserve life and property; promote public safety; and foster community support in a professional manner.

3.4 BRIEF NOTE ON GRANT NO. 18:

During the financial year 2024-2025, a massive reorganization and expansion programme is proposed to be undertaken keeping in view the public demand for these very essential services and to effectively combat all types of disaster, man-made and natural. To achieve this goal, this department has submitted the budget demand for Rs. 27220.21 Lakh.

3.5 NEW SCHEMES LAUNCHED BY THE GOVT.:

- A. Presently, there are 137 sanctioned F & ES Stations in different places of Assam. After sanctioning of 31 notified F & ES Stations, it would be 168 F & ES Stations. The Director has submitted a proposal to the Govt. for sanction of 16 notified F & ES Stations (copy enclosed) land of which has already been allotted by Revenue Authority.

As per RMSI report 2012, there should be 202 Fire & Emergency Services Stations in different places of Assam. So the department has already submitted consolidated proposal to the Govt. for establishment of another 36 (thirty six) new Fire & Emergency Services Stations as well as creation of various posts.

- B. Initiative has also been taken up for allotment of land for establishment of 31 numbers of notified Fire & Emergency Services Stations.
- C. The Govt. had given the administrative approval for construction of 14 nos. of new Fire & Emergency Services Station building projects at (1) Bahari Bazar, (2) Chaygaon, (3) Duni, (4) Kalaigaon, (5) Katigora, (6) Sootea, (7) Mirza, (8) Kalgachia, (9) Jogighopa, (10) Sonapur, (11) Patacharkuchi, (12) Borhola, (13) Simaluguri and (14) Digbol. The NIB of these building projects are at final stage and the construction works will be started shortly.
- D. It is proposed for raising of one more company of SDRF Bn. during the financial year 2024-2025.
- E. During the financial year 2024-2025, it is proposed for construction of new F&ES Station buildings at 1. Baithalangshu, 2. Borgang, 3. Goroimari, 4. Mazbat, 5. Baghmara, 6. Rani, 7. Dhupdhara, 8. Kakopathar, 9. Kaithalkuchi, 10. Manikpur, 11. Kamalpur, 12. Nellie, 13. Borbhag, 14. Goroimari and 15. Hajo in Assam where land has already been allotted by the Revenue Authority.
- F. During the financial year 2024-2025, budget estimate has been submitted for construction of 4 nos. of RCC workshop at Goalpara, Mangaldai F&ES and 1 & 2nd Company Hqrs. of SDRF Bn. at Lilabari and Kathal, construction of staff quarter for SDRF Bn. at Goalpara F&ES Station premises, construction of RCC (G+2) Barrack cum Garage for SDRF Bn. at Nalbari F&ES Station premises.
- G. The department has proposed to procure fire fighting as well as essential Search & Rescue equipments like 8-Water Tender Pump, 11-Mini Water Tender Pump, 2-Foam Tender, 1-Recovery Van, 10-Deep Diving Sets with Communication System, 10 - High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor and various essential search and rescue equipments etc. during the financial year 2024-2025.

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE COMMITTEE
IN ITS 20TH REPORT, GRANT NO 18, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE
YEAR 2023-2024.**

Sl. No.	Observations	Recommendations	Action Taken
1	The Committee observed that there is a need of establishment of new Fire & Emergency Services and Staff Quarters in Sapekhati (Saraideo), Mazbat Udalguri), Rangapani (Bongaigaon), Mornoi (Goalpara), Azara (Kamrup), Ghahigaon (Sonitpur), Dhola (Golaghat), Lumding (Hojai), Orang (Darrang), Bilasipara (Dhubri), Motinagar-Lakhipur (Cachar), Simalutola GP, Dagaon (Nagaon), Baskandi (Cachar), Jirighat (Lakhipur, Cachar), Gorchuk (Kamrup Metro), Simaluguri (Lakhimpur), Ghorapar (Nalbari).	Therefore the Committee recommended the Department for setting up new Fire & Emergency Services at above mentioned areas.	Fire & Emergency Services Stations at Bilasipara (Dhubri) and Lumding (Hojai) are already sanctioned vide Govt. Notification Nos. HMB.182/94 /296 dated 03/12/2008 and HMB.196/2009/48 dated 20/01/2010 and are fully functional. Moreover, another 3 (three) Fire & Emergency Services Stations viz. at Mazbat (Udalguri), Orang (Darrang) and Baskandi (Cachar) have already been notified vide Govt. notification No.HMB.87/1994/282 dated 20/05/2015. Proposals for establishment of new Fire & Emergency Services Stations in the remaining locations have been received from the Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services on 14/08/2023, and will be processed accordingly as per rules and guidelines.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant No. 18 (Fire)

The Committee after holding a threadbare discussion and on close scrutinization of the Report related to Grant No. 18 (Fire & Emergency) of the Home & Political Department, on the evidences provided by the Departmental representatives, made the following observations and recommendations:

- The Committee observes that numbers of Fire Service Stations are not increasing as assured in the last Meeting of DRSC on Dev. (B) Department.

The Committee, therefore, recommends for necessary initiatives to increase and implement the Fire Service Stations as assured earlier including new Fire Service Stations, wherever necessary and as mentioned under the 'NEW SCHEMES LAUNCHED' by the respective Department.

With this observation, the Committee recommends that the amount sought for, under Grant No. 18. (Fire Service) may be approved by the August House.

Action Taken Report on the recommendations may be submitted to the Committee within ninety days from the date of presentation of the Report to the House.

CHAPTER – IV
REPORT
GRANT NO. 20 (CD & HGs)

3. The total allocation of fund in respect of the Grant No. 20 for administration of Home (CD & HGs) Department during the financial year 2024-25 is as follows:

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in Lakhs)
VOTED	35403.30	1613.00	37016.30
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

General Areas

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in Lakhs)
VOTED	34733.80	1613.00	36346.80
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs.in Lakhs)
VOTED	379.77	0.00	379.77
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in Lakhs)
VOTED	219.81	0.00	219.81
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Bodoland Territorial Council

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs in lakhs)
VOTED	69.92	0.00	69.92
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

• 2070	Other Administrative Services	34733.80
• 4070	Other Administrative Services	1613.00
• Grand Total		36346.80

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

4.1 PRELIMINARY STATUS RELATING TO GRANT NO.-20

In India, on 6th December 1946, Home Guards were raised in Bombay to assist the police in controlling civil disturbances and communal riots. Subsequently, this voluntary force was engaged to meet emergencies like floods, fires, famines etc. In the wake of Chinese Aggression in 1962, the Centre advised the States and Union Territories to merge their existing voluntary organizations into one all-India force known as 'Home Guards' which would be voluntary both in concept and character. Accordingly, in the State of Assam also, the department of Home Guards and Civil Defence came into existence in the year of 1962.

In the state of Assam there is a Directorate of Civil Defence and Home Guards headed by police officer of IPS cadre in the rank equivalent to the DGP of the State. The Director General is assisted by one IGP rank Officer who is also an IPS cadre. One Dy. DCD & Dy. CGHG in the rank of SSP, 2 (two) Senior Staff Officer of Home Guards cadre and one Senior Staff Officer of Civil Defence cadre in the rank of SP are assisting DGCD and CGHG in discharging his duty. Ministerial Staff as per scale and combatant staff (attached) have been taking care of official work in the Directorate.

There are four wings under the Directorate of CIVIL Defence and Home Guards, Assam are rendering services for assistance to the state police as well as civil administration viz.

- a) Home Guard
- b) Civil Defence
- c) Armed Home Guard Battalion
- d) Training Wing

4.2 HOME GUARDS WING:

There are district Home Guards establishments in 15 Revenue Districts viz. Kamrup, Nagaon, Jorhat, Golaghat, Dibrugarh, Lakhimpur, Sonitpur, Darrang, Nalbari, Barpeta, Goalpara, Dhubri, Karbi-Anglong, Dima-Hasao and Cachar. The above 15 Home Guard districts come under three Home Guards Divisions viz., (1) Lower Assam Division at Guwahati, (2) Upper Assam Division at Jorhat & (3) Hills Division at Cachar, Silchar. Each division is headed by an officer of Home Guards cadre equivalent to the SP rank. Each Home Guards District is headed by an officer of Home Guards cadre equivalent to Dy. SP rank (10 districts) and Addl. SP rank (4 districts).

The Govt. of Assam has enhanced the duty allowances of Home Guards Volunteers from Rs. 300/- per day per head for basic trained Home Guards and Rs. 315/- per day per head for advanced trained Home Guards to Rs. 767/- per day per head w.e.f. 19-10-2022.

An ex gratia grant to the next of kin of Home Guards for death due to extremists' attack or during counter insurgency operation is equivalent to that of Police personnel i.e. Rs. 50 Lakh and Rs. 2 lakh for injury due to extremists' attack or during counter insurgency operation.

It may be mentioned further that Assam Home Guard Act and Rules 1947 have been amended in 2015 enabling a Home Guard volunteer to work up to the age of 55 years if he or she is willing to serve further after expiry of three years tenure.

4.3 CIVIL DEFENCE WING

There are 14 (fourteen) Civil Defence Districts in Assam to carry out the Civil Defence activities viz Dhubri, Goalpara, Bongaigaon, North Lakhimpur, Dibrugarh, Sivsagar, Jorhat, Tezpur, Tinsukia, Mangaldoi, Kokrajhar, Karbi-Anglong, Golaghat and Kamrup, Guwahati.

The Civil Defence establishment in a district is headed by an officer of Civil Defence cadre i.e. Dy. Controller of Civil Defence in the rank of Dy. SP and concerned District Magistrate (D.M) is the Controller of Civil Defence in the district.

The role of Civil Defence establishment in the district is to train Civil Defence volunteers to assist the district administration at the time of natural calamities and man-made disaster under the provision of Civil Defence Rules and Regulation 1968. The authorized target of Civil Defence volunteers is **75,836** for maintaining 12 (twelve) Civil Defence services in the 14 (fourteen) Civil Defence districts.

4.4 ARMED HOME GUARDS BATTALION:

There are 4 (Four) armed Battalions under the Directorate of Civil Defence and Home Guards, Assam. Assam Special Reserve Force Battalion-I (ASRF Bn-I), Borjar, Nalbari and Assam Special Reserve Force Battalion-II (ASRF Bn-II), Karagaon, Karbi-Anglong are engaged in maintenance of public order and security of the State under police department. Each ASRF Bn. consists of 1232 personnel from Commandant to Grade-IV.

4.5 Central Training Institute, (Civil Defence & Home Guards), Panikhaiti:

It is a combined state level training institute of the department where the basic as well as advance training, leadership training, disaster management training to both volunteers and paid staff, NGOs are imparted on regular basis. Also, combatant basic, refresher, cadre course training is imparted to regular staff of both Civil Defence and Home Guards, Battalion cadre of the department. The institute is headed by an officer of Home Guards cadre equivalent to the rank of SP.

4.6 Brief Note on Grant No 20 CD & HG for the year 2024-25

- i) **01 Salary:** An amount of Rs. 33098.25 lakh has been proposed to meet the Salary, Arrear Salary etc.
- ii) **02 Wages:** An amount of Rs. 246.23 lakh has been proposed for payment of duty allowance of CD Volunteers for participation on and HG Volunteers in two occasion for participation on Independence Day/ 6th December Raising Day/Republic day parades.
- iii) **03 TE:** An amount of Rs. 28.68 lakh has been proposed for payment of Travelling Expenses of Home Guards personnel.
- iv) **04 OE:** An amount of Rs. 154.10 lakh has been proposed for purchase of furniture, office stationery articles, payment of Telephone Bills, Electricity bills, POL etc.
- v) **05 PPS:** An amount of Rs. 2.65 lakh has been proposed for payment of fees for obtaining legal service etc.
- vi) **06 RRT:** An amount of Rs. 12.57 lakh has been proposed for payment of Rent for hired buildings.
- vii) **13 MW:** An amount of Rs. 648.85 lakh has been proposed for payment of constructional works under the DDO's HQ.

- viii) **14 MW:** An amount of Rs. 0.01 lakh has been proposed as token money for payment of Minor Constructional works.
- ix) **15 ME:** An amount of Rs. 39.00 lakh has been proposed for purchase of Machinery equipments and Arms & Ammunition.
- x) **16 MV:** An amount of Rs. 11.10 lakh has been proposed for purchase of Staff and functional vehicles.
- xi) **17 Maintenance:** An amount of Rs. 0.01 lakh has been proposed as token money for maintenance and repairing of Machinery and equipments.
- xii) **19 MS:** An amount of Rs. 896.97 lakh has been proposed for payment of supply of Dry Ration to the ASRF BN & AISF Bn personnel, Uniform articles, medicine etc. for ASRF, AISF & HGs personnel.
- xiii) **26 OC:** An amount of Rs. 10.01 lakh has been proposed for payment HGs refresher training for HGs volunteers and advance training at CTI for Home Guard & Civil Defence Volunteers.
- xiv) **99 IFT:** An amount of Rs. 4.05 lakh has been proposed for purchase of Computer & Printers and payment of AMC of Home Guards Deployment system and others.

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE COMMITTEE
IN ITS 20TH REPORT, GRANT NO 20, (CD & HGs)**

Sl. No.	Observations	Recommendations	Action Taken
1	The Committee observed that the Government of Assam has enhanced the duty allowances of Home Guard volunteers from Rs. 300/- per day per head for basic trained Home Guards and Rs 315/- per day per head for advanced trained Home Guards and Rs 767/- per day per head, but the wages of the Home Guards volunteers working in Oil India Limited, Duliajan has not been enhanced till date. .	The Committee expressed satisfaction for the enhancement of the wages of the Home Guard volunteers recommended the Department to take necessary measures to enhance the salary of Home Guard volunteers engaged in Oil India Limited, Duliajan	The Oil India Limited, Duliajan is already paying duty allowances to the Home Guard volunteers at enhanced rate of Rs. 767/- per day per head w.e.f the date of issue of Govt. notification No HMB. 150/2015/299 dtd. 19-10-2022 and in addition to that Rs. 50/- per day per head is paid as approved by the authority of Oil India Limited, Duliajan
2.	The Committee observed that at present there are only 15 Home Guard Districts in Assam viz Nagaon, Golaghat, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Lakhimpur, Sonitpur, Darrang, Kamrup, Nalbari, Barpeta, Goalpara, Dhubri, Karbi- Anglong, Dima Hasao and Cachar. The Committee also come to know that the Department has already submitted proposal for establishment of 7 (seven) more Home Guard Districts in Majuli, Dhemaji, South Salmara, Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Hailakandi and Sivsagar.	The Committee recommended for set up of one more new Home Guard establishment District at Charaideo in addition to the proposed 7 districts.	As per recommendation, proposal for creation of new Home Guards District establishment at Charaideo in addition to the proposed 7 Districts submitted to Govt. vide letter No. CG.72/FB/2006/PT/15, dtd. 05-08-2023. The matter is under process.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

GRANT NO. 20 (CD & HGs)

The Committee after holding a threadbare discussion and on close scrutinization of the Report related to Grant No. 20 (CD & HG) of the Home & Political Department, on the evidences provided by the Departmental representatives, made the following observations and recommendations:

The Committee observes that the Home Guards have yet been deterred to enjoy the social security / facilities as enjoyed by other police personnel in the State.

Consequent upon the miserable conditions of the Home Guards, the Committee recommends that the Department should enhance the social security / facilities to the existing Home Guards providing (i) PM Yojana Bima (in Health & accidental case), (ii) Ration Card facilities etc.

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the amount sought for, under Grant No. 20. (CD & HGs) may be approved by the August House.

Action Taken Report on the recommendations may be submitted to the Committee within ninety days from the date of presentation of the Report to the House.

CHAPTER – V
REPORT
(GRANT NO. 50 (Border Protection & Development)

5. The total allocation of fund in respect of the Grant No. 50 for administration of Home (Border Protection & Development) Department during the financial year 2024-25 is as follows:

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)
VOTED	349.49	4868.76	5218.25
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

• 2575	Other Special Area Programmes	349.49
• 4575	Capital outlay on Special Areas Programmes	4868.76
• Grand Total		5218.25

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

5.1 BRIEF NOTE ON GRANT NO-50

Border Areas Department was created in 1988 and Grant No. 50 is towards development of backward border areas of Assam. It was renamed as Border Protection and Development Department in 2017. There is a Directorate under the administrative control of Border Protection and Development Department. The main objective of Border Protection and Development Department is to provide minimum basic amenities like construction of Roads/Bridges, drinking water, school building, market shed, community halls etc. to the people residing in the Interstate and International Border areas of Assam.

5.2 There are two major head of accounts under Grant No. 50

- (1) **Revenue Head: 2575-other special areas programme and**
- (2) **Capital Head: 4575 -Capital outlay on special areas programme.**

- 5.3 The total length of Interstate border areas of Assam is 2743.1 Km shares with Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura and West Bengal For development of Inter-state border areas, schemes are taken up in 24 districts having inter-state boundary. Border Development Activities are taken up in the interstate border areas for upliftment of the socio-economic status of the bordering population. Fund is also provided to the existing BOPs for better security. New BOPs are also constructed to save the life and property of the bordering population as well as to protect the territorial boundary.

5.4 The International Border Areas of Assam cover total nine (9) districts. The length of Indo-Bhutan Border is 265.80 KM and districts are Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa, Tamulpur and Udalguri. The length of Indo Bangladesh Border is 267.30 KM and the name of the districts are Dhubri, South Salmara-Mankachar, Cachar and Karimganj for development of International Border Areas, Govt. of India, MHA implements BADP (Border Areas Development Programme) and funding pattern is 90:10. Under this programme, infrastructural development schemes have been taken in the border areas within 0-10 km from the international boundary.

5.6 New schemes launched by the Government Schemes have been taken in 24 districts having inter-state borders and 9 districts of international Indo-Bangladesh and Indo Bhutan borders of the state.

The new scheme for providing Grants-in-Aid to the existing BOPs along the inter-state border has been taken up during the FY 2022-23 for infrastructure upgrades and maintenance of the BOPs. During the FY 2022-23, Grants-in-Aid for Rs. 3.70 Cr. to 74 BOPs @ Rs. 5.00 lacs. was provided. The list of the BOPs against which Grants-in-Aid was provided is enclosed herewith at Annexure I. The scheme is also continued in the current Financial Year. During the current FY, an amount of Rs. 2.85 Cr. has already been provided to 57 BOPs @ Rs. 5.00 lacs each. The list is also enclosed at Annexure II.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE COMMITTEE IN ITS 20TH REPORT, GRANT NO 50, BORDER PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024.

Sl. No	Particulars	Action
1.	Action Taken Report on the recommendations made by Committee in its 20 th Report, Point no-6 DRSC on Development (B) departments 2023-24	<p>Border Protection & Development Department (BPDD) has no action to be taken on the setting up of Police Outpost in the Interstate border at Karbi Anglong, Biswanath and Muduki in West Guwahati as Police Outpost is not dealt by Border Protection & Development Department.</p> <p>However, the status of the BOPs are as follows:-</p> <p>50 (fifty) new BOPs are to be constructed in a staggered manner, i.e. 20 nos in 2022-23, 20 nos in 2023-24 and 10 nos in 2024-25.</p> <p>Rangapahar Tilla Basti BOPs in Karbi Anglong was approved for the year 2022-23 and PWD, the implementing Department has called for tender and accordingly work order has been issued. As the issues with Nagaland have been settled, the work is being started soon.</p> <p>In respect of Dukurdisha BOP, tender was floated and work allotment is under process as per information received from Executive Engineer, Diphu Building Division, Diphu.</p> <p>As per list submitted by the SP (B), Assam 0/0 Spl. DGP (Border), Assam, vide letter no. SPL.DGP(B)/IV/96/Pt-IV-02/Meeting/2022/3161 dated 02/09/2022, 50 new BOPs excluding Mugunghalap was taken up for construction in 3 FYs-2022-23, 2023- 24 and 2024-25.</p> <p>4(four) new BOPs in Biswanath 1) Radhasoo Forest Protection Camp, Dikal Forest Protection Camp, Niharjan Forest Protection Camp, Phulbari Camp have been approved for construction during FY 2024- 2025.</p> <p>The BOP namely, Muduki Longsai Bhalakhowa will be constructed in Jimirigaon along Assam-Meghalaya Border in Kamrup District, which has already been approved for construction FY 2023-2024. The Site has been selected for implementation of the scheme.</p> <p>The fund for construction of BOPs and the implementing agency is PWD (Building).</p> <p>Information received from Executive Engineer, Diphu Building Division, Diphu.</p> <p>As per list submitted by the SP (B), Assam 0/0 Spl. DGP (Border), Assam, vide letter no. SPL.DGP(B)/IV/96/Pt-IV-02/Meeting/2022/3161 dated 02/09/2022, 50 new BOPs excluding Mugunghalap was taken up for construction in 3 FYs-2022-23, 2023- 24 and 2024-25.</p> <p>4(four) new BOPs in Biswanath 1) Radhasoo Forest Protection Camp, Dikal Forest Protection Camp, Niharjan Forest Protection Camp, Phulbari Camp have been approved for construction during FY 2024- 2025.</p> <p>The BOP namely, Muduki Longsai Bhalakhowa will be constructed in Jimirigaon along Assam-Meghalaya Border in Kamrup District, which has already been approved for construction FY 2023-2024. The Site has been selected for implementation of the scheme.</p> <p>The fund for construction of BOPs and the implementing agency is PWD (Building).</p>

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GRANT NO. 50 (BORDER PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT)

The Committee after holding a threadbare discussion and on close scrutinization of the Report related to Grant No. 50 (Border Protection & Development) of the Home & Political Department, on the evidences provided by the Departmental representatives, made the following observations and recommendations:

The Committee observes that the provisions for Inter-State Border Protection have not yet been undertaken proper measure for setting up of New Border Out Posts, as assured in the last meeting of the Committee.

So, the Committee strongly recommends that the Department should take adequate initiatives to enhance the New Border Out Posts near the area of Inter-State Borders considering the seriousness of its necessities in some places.

After making a detailed scrutiny of the Demands for Grants of the Department of Home and assessing the progress of various important programmes and projects administrated by it, the Committee recommends that demands for Grant nos. 14, 15, 18, 20 and 50 as sought by the Department of Home & Political for the year 2024-25 are in order and may be approved by the August House.

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

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