

**REVISED GUIDELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES UNDER
INTER-STATE BORDER AREAS OF ASSAM, 2015**

BORDER AREAS DEPARTMENT

GUIDELINE

1. INTRODUCTION: Assam shares Inter-State boundaries with Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya and West Bengal covering a length of over 2743.1 KM. Since inception, Govt. of Assam has given full concentration towards the development and other issues of the Border areas.

2. BACKGROUND OF DEV. ACTIVITIES: Inter-State Border Areas Development Programme was first initiated in the 7th five year plan (1985-90) by the Govt. of Assam. The main objectives of the programme are to provide basic amenities to the people living in the backward border areas within a minimum radius of 10 KM from the constitutional boundary of the state. The main activities identified were supply of drinking water, construction and improvement of roads and bridges, school building etc. and also improvement of BOPs and link roads etc.

3. AREAS UNDER OPERATION: The inter-state Border Areas fund under Plan/Non-Plan will cover the following 24 districts which are located along the inter-state border and sharing boundary with the neighbouring states of Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur & West Bengal. These districts are Morigaon, Dima Hasao, Dhemaji, Goalpara, Dibrugarh, Kamrup, Kamrup(M), Golaghat, Jorhat, Lakhimpur, Sivasagar, Karbi Anglong, West Karbi Anglong, Tinsukia, Hailakandi, Karimganj, Sonitpur, Cachar, Dhubri, Udalguri, Kokrajhar, Charaideo, Biswanath and South Salmara-Mankachar. The people living in this backward border areas within a minimum radius of 0-10 KM from the constitutional boundary of the state will be benefited from this programme.

4. PROJECTS: The following schemes covered under State Plan and Non-plan Budget will be governed by these guidelines.

4.1 Plan:

1. *Asom Vikas Yojana(AVY)*
2. *Specific Fund(SF)*
3. *Decentralized Planning(DCP)*

4.2 Non-plan:

1. *Construction/Repair/Renovation of BOPs.*

5. FUND FLOW: As provided by State Plan Budget and Hon'ble Chief Ministers Special Package declared from time to time or any other fund allocated for Inter-State Border for which the expenditure will be made as per this Guideline.

6. ALLOCATION OF FUND TO DISTRICT:

6.1 Fund allocation to each District will be made fund wise separately viz. AVY, SF and DCP. The fund zone-wise would be divided as per the length of the district boundary with its neighbouring state/states. Procedure for fund flow of AVY, SF and DCP to the Districts will be calculated as follows:

FUND ALLOCATION TO THE DISTRICT =

$$\frac{\text{TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR DEV. OF INTER-STATE BORDER AREAS (Rs. in lacs)}}{\text{TOTAL LENGTH OF INTER-STATE BOUNDARY(Length in Km)}} \times \frac{\text{LENGTH OF INTER-STATE BOUNDARY OF THE DISTRICT (Length in Km)}}{1}$$

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6.2 Fund would be allotted to the following 5 districts sharing boundary with the **State of Nagaland border** based on the length of Inter-state Boundary(Source-SOI) as shown below:

(a) Sivasagar	-	91.8 km
(b) Jorhat	-	128.5 km
(c) Golaghat	-	126.5 km
(d) Karbi Anglong	-	119.7 km
(e) Dima Hasao	-	45.6 km
Total=		512.1 Km

6.3 Fund would be allotted to the following 7 districts in **Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border** based on the length of Inter-state Boundary(Source-SOI) as shown below:

(a) Udalguri	-	27.7 km
(b) Sonitpur	-	149.2 km
(c) Lakhimpur	-	108.8 km
(d) Dhemaji	-	177.2 km
(e) Tinsukia	-	282.8 km
(f) Dibrugarh	-	31.6 km
(g) Sivasagar	-	26.8 km
Total=		804.1 Km

6.4 Fund would be allotted to the following 8 districts in **Meghalaya border** based on the length of Inter-state Boundary(Source-SOI) as shown below:

(a) Cachar	-	19.5 km
(b) Dima Hasao	-	124.9 km
(c) Karbi Anglong	-	162.1 km
(d) Morigaon	-	14.5 km
(e) Kamrup (M)	-	79.7 km
(f) Kamrup (R)	-	200.9 km
(g) Goalpara	-	169.8 km
(h) Dhubri	-	113.5 km
Total=		884.90 Km

6.5 Fund would be allotted to the following 3 districts along **Mizoram border** based on the length of Inter-state Boundary(Source-SOI) as shown below:

(a) Cachar	-	52.9 km
(b) Hailakandi	-	99.1 km
(c) Karimganj	-	12.6 km
Total=		164.60 Km

6.6 Fund would be allotted to the following 2 districts along **Manipur border** based on the length of Inter-state Boundary(Source-SOI) as shown below:

(a) Dima Hasao	-	73.5 km
(b) Cachar	-	130.6 km
Total=		204.1 Km

6.7 Fund would be allotted to the following district along **Tripura border** based on the length of Inter-state Boundary(Source-SOI) as shown below:

(a) Karimganj	-	46.3 km
Total=		46.3 Km

6.8 Fund would be allotted to the following 2 districts along **West Bengal border** based on the length of Inter-state Boundary(Source-SOI) as shown below:.

(a) Dhubri	-	72.9 km
(b) Kokrajhar	-	54.1 km
Total=		127.00 Km

7. The BOP fund under Non-Plan will be allocated on the basis of the sensitiveness of border and encroachment from neighbouring states as well as the proposals of the DCs/SPs/Commandants etc.

8. Sectors to be covered by the schemes:

- (1) Improvement/Construction of roads and bridges.
- (2) Drinking water facilities.
- (3) School building.
- (4) Solar Electrification
- (5) Community Halls
- (6) Providing Motor vehicle for BOP personnel for patrolling and prevention of illegal encroachment by neighbouring states.

9. SELECTION PROCEDURE OF SCHEMES AT DISTRICT LEVEL:

9.1 District Level Screening Committee (DLSC)

There shall be a District Level Screening Committee(DLSC) headed by DM/DC and comprised of Divisional Forest Officer, District Planning Officer, Project Director of DRDA, Executive Engineers of PWD, PHE etc., Superintendent of Police/Commandant, which would be responsible for planning and implementation of Inter-state Border Areas Development Programmes.

9.2 Proposals of schemes/projects from the DCs shall be called for by the Director of Border Areas against the allocated amount after approval of fund-wise allocation from the Government. Proposals as called for would be double the amount of the actual allocation against the programmes.

9.3 After the receipt of District wise allocation from the Director, Border Areas, meeting of the District Level Screening Committee shall be convened by the DCs for selection of the schemes against double the amount of actual allocation for onward submission to the Director, Border Areas by observing the following points:

1. *Priority will be given to those schemes which are lying nearest to the border.*
2. *The scheme should be need based and benefitted to the people living in the remote border areas.*
3. *Those schemes not touched by any other Dev. Department.*
4. *On demand by bordering people.*
5. *The schemes should be above Rs.20.00 lacs so that a permanent asset can be created .*
6. *All security related schemes should be selected in consultation with the concerned Battalion commandant/Superintendent of police*

9.4 *District Level Committee shall have consultation with the Local Member of Parliament & MLA to know the field-needs of the people and take final decisions keeping in view the people's priorities, and its own assessment for bridging the gaps in public infrastructure and services for selection of works within the overall sectoral priorities.*

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10. STATE LEVEL SCREENING COMMITTEE (I/S)

10.1 The composition of SLSC (I/S) shall be as follows:

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| 1. Chairman | Minister, Border Areas, Assam |
| 2. Vice-Chairman | Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary
Border Areas Department. |
| 3. Member Secretary | Director, Border Areas. |
| 4. Member | Deputy Secretary, Finance Deptt. |
| 5. Member | Representative from P & D Deptt. |
| 6. Member | Deputy Secretary Border Areas Department |
| 7. Member | Under Secretary Border Areas Department |

10.2 The Director Border Areas, Assam after receipt of proposals from Districts level will make scrutiny of the formalities like actual allocation, distance from border, overlapping with schemes of previous years etc., and to prepare the list as per district-wise allocation after necessary addition/subtraction etc. for onward submission to SLSC (I/S).

10.3 The SLSC (I/S) is mandated to finalize the schemes as received from all DLSCs through Director of Border Areas. The SLSC (I/S) will review the progress of works of previous years and to take any decision towards smooth and speedy implementation of projects under state plan. A midterm review meeting may be held to observe the proper implementation of works.

10.4 The SLSC(I/S) is also mandated to review the district-wise allocation and can add/subtract the allocation to meet the special developmental needs of the bordering population as well as *for bridging the gaps in public infrastructure* as per its *own assessment*.

11. Base line survey: In the light of Guideline of International Border, village wise data for entire Inter-state Border Areas of Assam regarding existing basic amenities shall be collected so that the critical gaps can be found out to implement the projects more effectively.

12. Conclusion: Funding for the subsequent year in the Inter-state Border Districts will be based on confirmation of expenditure and receipt of approved list of schemes of the previous year except the preceding year. If there is any shortfall in furnishing the Completion Certificate(Progress of works), Utilization Certificate, Photographs, certified copies of Bills/Vouchers/MB etc. for the amount released during the previous year, except the proceeding year, fund flows to the concerned district would be deducted at the time of preparation of priority list by the Director of Border Areas, Assam. Good performers will get privilege for more fund flows than the allocated amount in the subsequent year and would be asked to propose new schemes/projects as indicated by the Govt.

Fund should be released by the DCs concerned to the implementing agencies immediately upon receipt of the same from the Directorate of Border Areas, Assam. Parking of funds at any level is strictly prohibited.