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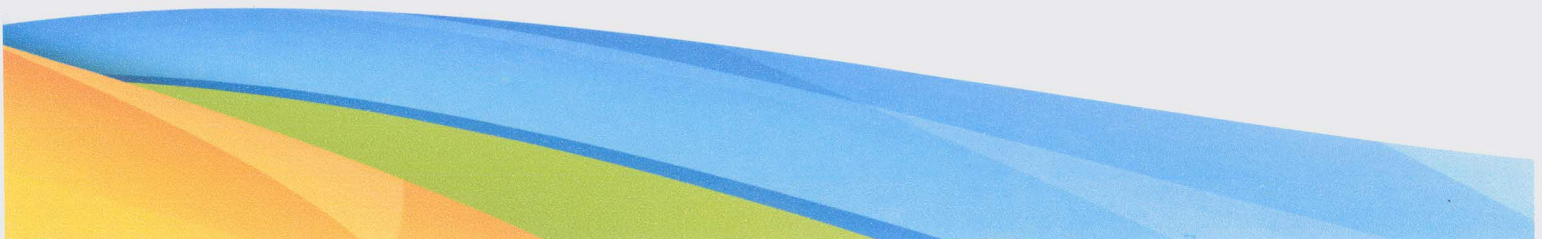ASSAM STATE PUBLIC FINANCE INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

Assam Society for Comprehensive Financial Management System (AS-CFMS)

"Minutes of the First Meeting of the Governing Body (GB)"

Venue: Assam Administrative Staff College, Room No.308, Assam

Date: 13/08/2020 Time: 3:00 pm.

The Governing Body of Assam Society for Comprehensive Financial Management System(AS-CFMS) held on 13/08/2020 at 03:00 pm under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam and Chairman, Governing Body, AS-CFMS in the room no. 308 of Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati.

Members present:

1. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam
2. Shri Hemanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Finance Minister of Assam
3. Shri Kumar Sanjay Krishna, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Assam
4. Shri Santanu Bharali, Legal Advisor to HCM, Assam
5. Shri V.S. Bhaskar, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Hill Area Development Department, Government of Assam
6. Shri Jishnu Barua, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Government of Assam
7. Shri Maninder Singh, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Guwahati Development Department, Government of Assam
8. Shri Paban Kumar Borthakur, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Transformation and Development Department, Government of Assam
9. Shri Sanjay Lohiya, IAS, Principal Secretary to CM, Government of Assam
10. Shri Samir Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Assam
11. Shri Neeraj Verma, IAS, Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department & Administrative Reforms and Training Department, Government of Assam
12. Shri Avinash Purushottom Das Joshi, IAS, Principal Secretary, Environment and Forest & Excise Department
13. Dr. J.B. Ekka, IAS, Principal Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Government of Assam
14. Shri Anurag Goel, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Health & C.T., Commissioner & Secretary
15. Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Assam
16. Dr. K.K. Dwivedi, IAS, Commissioner, Transport Department, Government of Assam
17. Dr. M. Angamuthu, IAS, Commissioner, WPT & BC Department, Government of Assam
18. Shri Rakesh Kumar, IAS, Commissioner, Excise Department, Government of Assam
19. Shri Rajesh Kemprai, Commissioner and Special Secretary, PWR Department, Government of Assam
20. Dr. K.K. Nath, Secretary, IT Department, Government of Assam
21. Dr. P. Uday Praveen, IAS, Deputy Secretary, Finance department, Government of Assam

The List of the Members present at Annexure-X

The GB discussed on the following Agenda Items:

1. Overview of AS-CFMS Society
2. Broad Objectives of the Society
3. World Bank assisted ASPIRe Project:
   - 3.1. ASPIRe: An Overview
   - 3.2. ASPIRe: Components
   - 3.3. ASPIRe: Progress Made
   - 3.4. ASPIRe: DLI Status
4. Specific Agenda: GB Meeting
   - 4.1. Inclusion of Hon'ble Finance Minister as Vice Chairman
   - 4.2. Approval of Bye Laws (Modified) of AS-CFMS
   - 4.3. Audited Annual Accounts of the Society
   - 4.4. Apprisal of Decisions of previous EC Meetings
   - 4.5. Restructuring of ASPIRe
5. Way Forward: Near Future

At the outset Shri Samir Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government of Assam, Finance Department and Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to Government of Assam, Finance Department and Project Director, AS-CFMS, Welcomed the Chairman, Members and Special invitees of Governing Body, AS-CFMS.

In his welcome speech, Principal Secretary to Government of Assam, Finance Department highlighted the approaches, components and key achievements of AS-CFMS.

Thereafter, Dr. P. Uday Praveen, IAS, Deputy Secretary to Government of Assam and Additional Project Director, AS-CFMS made a power point presentation to discuss agenda wise items.

Agenda Item No. 1.: Overview of AS-CFMS Society

APD, AS-CFMS apprised the GB about the overview of AS-CFMS.

Resolution: The Governing Body noted the same.

Agenda Item No. 2.: Broad Objectives of the Society

APD, AS-CFMS apprised the GB about the broad objectives of AS-CFMS.

Resolution: The Governing noted the same.

Agenda Item No. 3.: World Bank assisted ASPIRe Project:

3.1: ASPIRe: An Overview

APD, AS-CFMS apprised the GB about the overview of AS-CFMS.

Resolution: The Governing Body noted the same.

3.2: ASPIRe: Components

APD, AS-CFMS apprised the GB about the three project components-

3.2.1 Strengthening Public Finance Institutional Capacity

    3.2.1.1 Strengthening **cash and debt** management

    3.2.1.2 Strengthening **Public Procurement Framework** and scaling up e-procurement

    3.2.1.3 Strengthening **Public-Private Partnership Framework** and institutional capacity

    3.2.1.4 **Institutional strengthening** of Finance Department

    3.2.1.5 **Training and capacity building** to implementing departments

3.2.2 Strengthening Expenditure and Revenue Information Systems

    3.2.2.1 Design, development and implementation of **Financial Management Information Systems**

    3.2.2.2 Enhancing **e-collection** and **e-payment** systems

    3.2.2.3 Designing/upgrading information systems and institutional strengthening in Office of the **Commissioner of Taxes**

    3.2.2.4 Design, development and implementation of **workflow based** information system in **Excise Department**

3.2.3 Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation and Co-ordination

Resolution: The Governing Body noted the same.

3.3: ASPIRe: Progress Made

3.3.1: Component 1

    3.3.1.1: Cash and Debt Management

    3.3.1.2: Public Procurement

APD, AS-CFMS apprised the GB about the progress made under Component 1.

Resolution: The Governing Body noted the same.

3.3.2: Component 2

    3.3.2.1: Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS)

APD, AS-CFMS apprised the GB about the progress made on IFMIS under Component 2.

Discussion's held:

    i.   *The Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned that though it has been claimed that Online Administrative Approval (AA)/Financial Sanction (FS) are*

implemented but this is not compulsory. For this reason, Finance Department is unaware of the exact liability to the Government.

ii. *The PD, AS-CFMS mentioned that the basic issue is, whenever the delegation of power is given to the Senior Most Secretaries, their Financial Sanctions are not being generated online. It was suggested to make all Financial Sanctions mandatorily online and this will help to get clarity about the overall financial commitment to the Finance Department. PD, AS-CFMS also mentioned that the same has been already submitted to the Hon'ble Finance Minister for his consideration.*

iii. *The Hon'ble Finance Minister said that many Departments have requested earlier to give them some time before making online FS mandatory. The Hon'ble Finance Minister also explained the Hon'ble Chief Minister that major departments like PWD, etc. are using the system. But those departments have their power to sanction administrative approval till Rs.2 Cr., are not coming online for the same. At present approximately 80% FS are online but if the decision can be taken, rest 20% can be easily achievable.*

Resolution: It was resolved that finance Department shall ensure that all AA and FS are mandatorily issued online at the earliest.

3.3.2.2: e-Collection and e-Payment
3.3.2.3: Commercial Tax
3.3.2.4: Excise

3.3.3: Financing Components

APD, AS-CFMS apprised the GB about the progress made on other sub-components under Component 2 and Financing Components.

Resolution: The Governing Body noted the same.

3.4: ASPIRe: DLI Status

- *DLIs: Disbursement Linked Indicators:*

	DLI#1	DLI#2	DLI#3	DLI#4	DLI#5	Total
DLI Description	Enhanced controls in budget execution and reporting	Enhanced transparency of key budget, financial, and procurement information	Increased e-collections and e-payments	Enhanced services provided by Office of the Commissioner of Taxes using e-Governance	Enhanced services provided by Excise Department using e-Governance	

DLI wise Total Value	$9.0 mn	$4.0 mn	$4.0 mn	$6.0 mn	$6.0 mn	$29.0 mn

3.4.1	Status of achievement : DLI #1
	DLI Indicators: Enhanced controls in budget execution and reporting
	Baseline: Processes of Budget distribution, budget control, and bill submission by the DDOs are manual; no decision support system for Finance Department

Year	To be achieved	Status	Resolution
Year 1 March 31, 2018	Contract awarded by AS-CFMS for FMIS systems integrator.	**Already achieved**	The Governing Body noted the same.
Year 2 March 31, 2019	Budget distribution module for HoD / BCO to DDO's operationalized & integrated with FMIS Treasury system	**Already achieved**	The Governing Body noted the same.
Year 3 March 31, 2020	100% of transactions of Works & Forest Departments made through treasury system.	**Delayed**	i. The Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister raised that the system developed by AMTRON is ready to use. But it is not yet fully mandatory. ii. The Principal Secretary to Government of Assam, Forest Department, submitted to The Hon'ble Chairman, GB that it has been already reviewed and 90%-95% are online. After

			make it compulsory, remaining 5%-10% will also become online within next two to three months.
			iii. The Hon'ble Finance Minister mentioned a meeting has to be convened with Forest, PWD, Water Resource Department and other departments to identify the reason as to why the amount Government has been receiving is not as per the anticipated projection of forest royalty based on PWD work done.
Year 4 March 31, 2021	Decision support system implemented for Finance Department	**In Progress**	**The Governing Body noted the same.**
Year 5 March 31, 2022	At least 75% of the DDOs have submitted bills online to the treasuries using the FMIS.	**Already achieved**	**The Governing Body noted the same.**

3.4.2	**Status of achievement : DLI #2**
	DLI Indicators: Enhanced transparency of key budget, financial, and procurement information.
	Baseline: Limited budget disclosures; No public access to budget execution reports and procurement contract award; Absence of SBD

Year	To be achieved	Status	Resolution
Year 1 March 31, 2018	i)Finance Department has notified and published the procurement rules and SBD in the Official Gazette of GoA	The Hon'ble Cabinet approved the rules on 10/08/2020, it will be achieved within a few days.	The Governing Body noted the same.
	(ii) Budget disclosures made by Finance Department	**Already achieved**	The Governing Body noted the same.
Year 2 March 31, 2019	Provide public access to information on at least 60% of procurement contracts	Delayed	i. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Department, elaborated that after downloading the tender documents and price bid, departments are not completing the online processes mandatorily. ii. The Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed all the senior officials of different Departments to complete the online processes. iii. The Hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned that the compliances to online Award of Contarct (AOC) is in pursuance towards

			Good Governance and Transparency.
Year 3 March 31, 2020	Additional Budget disclosures	In Progress and it will be achieved very soon.	The Governing Body noted the same

3.4.3	Status of achievement : DLI #3
	DLI Indicators: Increased e-collections and e-payments
	Baseline: E-collection for excise is nil; for the CoT 35% by volume for VAT and nil for other taxes; Fragmented systems and low base of e-payments

Year	To be achieved	Status	Resolution
Year 1 March 31, 2018	E-Collection portal developed and rolled out for excise and all non-GST taxes	Already achieved	The Governing Body noted the same.
Year 2 March 31, 2019	(i) At least 70% of excise and non-GST Tax (administered by the COT) collected through e-Collection portal	In Progress	The Governing Body noted the same.
	(ii) at least 60% payments made electronically using e-kuber.	Already achieved	The Governing Body noted the same.
Year 3 March 31, 2020	(i) At least 80% of excise and non-GST Tax collected through the e-Collection portal	In Progress	The Governing Body noted the same

	(ii) at least 70% payments made using e-kuber. (Yet to be claimed)	**Already achieved**	**The Governing Body noted the same**
Year 4 March 31, 2021	(i) 100% of excise and non-GST tax collected through the e-Collection (ii) at least 80% payments made electronically using e-kuber. (Yet to be claimed)	**Already achieved**	**The Governing Body noted the same.**

3.4.4	**Status of achievement : DLI #4**
	DLI Indicators: Enhanced services provided by Commissioner of Taxes using e-Governance
	Baseline: Fragmented and outdated IT applications; e-return filing at 15% for VAT; e-returns do not have in-built electronic scrutiny feature; and no e-governance solutions for non- GST State taxes

Year	To be achieved	Status	Resolution
Year 1 March 31, 2018	Contract for new IT application for CoT awarded by AS-CFMS	**Already achieved**	**The Governing Body noted the same.**
Year 2 March 31, 2019	CoT has operationalized the utilities for e-returns and online scrutiny of returns for all non- GST state taxes in the new IT application	**In Progress**	**The Governing Body noted the same.**

Year 3 March 31, 2020	CoT has operationalized the utilities for Invoice matching and ITC auto-population for VAT returns in the new IT application	In Progress	The Governing Body noted the same

3.4.5	**Status of achievement : DLI #5**		
	DLI Indicators: Enhanced services provided by Excise Department using e-Governance		
	Baseline: All procedures and processes are manual in the Excise Department. Excise revenue INR 807 crore in 2015–2016.		

Year	To be achieved	Status	Resolution
Year 1 March 31, 2018	(i) Assam has notified Excise Rules 2016. (ii) Contract for e-governance Solution for Excise Department	**Already achieved** **Already achieved**	**The Governing Body noted the same.** **The Governing Body noted the same.**
Year 2 March 31, 2019	Excise has issued at least 10% of all transport permits electronically	**Already achieved**	**The Governing Body noted the same.**
Year 3 March 31, 2020	Excise has issued at least 50% of all transport permits electronically	**Already achieved**	**The Governing Body noted the same**

Agenda Item No. 4.: Specific Agenda: GB Meeting

4.1. Inclusion of Hon'ble Finance Minister as Vice Chairman

APD, AS-CFMS mentioned that at the time of notification of the AS-CFMS Society in 2016, the Hon'ble Chief Minister was also the Hon'ble Finance Minister. Now, it is proposed to include the Hon'ble Finance Minister as the Vice Chairman of the GB,   AS-CFMS.

Resolution: The Governing Body approved the same.

4.2. Approval of Bye Laws (Modified) of AS-CFMS

Original Clauses	Modifications/ Comments
By-Laws of AS-CFMS **V. Sanction Procedure:** 3.For the programs included in the approved Annual Work Plan for AS-CFMS projects, Financial Sanctions shall be accorded as per the delegation of financial powers delineated below: a) All programs upto Rs.1cr. shall be sanctioned by the SPD, AS-CFMS. b) All programs above Rs.1 cr. and upto Rs.10 cr. shall be sanctioned by the SPD only after the approval of the President, AS-CFMS. c) (Detailed Powers highlighted in Annexure 5P/33AG).	**V. Sanction Procedure:** 3.For the programs included in the approved AWP for AS-CFMS projects, Financial Sanctions shall be accorded as per the delegation of financial powers delineated below: (Additional powers highlighted in Annexure 8.4,P/30) a) All programs upto Rs.1cr. shall be sanctioned by the SPD, AS-CFMS. b) All programs above Rs.1 Cr. and up to Rs.5 Cr. shall be sanctioned by the SPD only after the approval of the Vice President, AS-CFMS (the Senior most Secretary of Finance Department) c) All programs above Rs.5 Cr. and upto Rs.10 Cr. shall be sanctioned by the SPD only after the approval of the President, AS-CFMS.

Resolution: The Governing Body approved the By-Laws of AS-CFMS with proposed modification.

4.3. Audited Annual Accounts of the Society

The Audited Financial Statements of AS-CFMS for FY 2016-17, FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 was placed in the GB for their perusal.

The GB was informed that these reports have been prepared by AMD & Associates, the auditor of AS-CFMS and submitted to the World Bank as a part of due diligence.

Audit for FY 2019-20 shall be completed before December 2020 and submitted to World Bank, as required.

Resolution: The Governing Body noted the same.

4.4. Apprisal of Decisions of previous EC Meetings

The GB was apprised about the key decisions taken in the last Four Executive Committee Meetings chaired by the Chief Secretary to Government of Assam as President EC.

Ratification of Bye Laws of AS-CFMS	**The Governing Body gave post-facto approval for the same.**
Permission for Opening of Bank Account for AS-CFMS	**The Principal Secretary, Finance Department explained the provision for the same to The Hon'ble Chairman, GB .** **The Governing Body gave post-facto approval for the same.**
Approval of HR Manual for AS-CFMS	**The Governing Body gave post-facto approval for the same.**
Approval for ASPIRe Office(Shree Kamakhya Tower)	**i) The Governing Body gave post-facto approval for the same.** **ii) The Hon'ble Chairman, GB enquired about the total no. of employee of the society and self-owned office. It was explained that as it is a temporary project; permanent office was not established.**

	Department and will be accommodate under the same. iv) It was decided that Centre for Public Financial Management established in the AASC Khanapara will be supported by the project for capacity augmentation and will be strengthened in consultation with AASC. The project shall explore similar initiatives at the offices of the CoT (Kar Bhawan), DOAT, DLAF centered towards capacity augmentation, training and delivery of key infrastructure.
Framing of Assam Public Procurement Act, 2017	The Governing Body gave post-facto approval for the same.
Upgradation of Data Centre and IT Equipment	The Governing Body gave post-facto approval for the same.
Creation of Assam Public Finance Management Institute	The Governing Body gave post-facto approval for the same.
Conception & creation of Center of Excellence in Data Analytics	The Governing Body gave post-facto approval for the same.
Implementation of eGRAS and way forward	The Principal Secretary, Finance Department, explained The Hon'ble Chairman, GB about the eGRAS process and utility. The Governing Body noted the same and gave post-facto approval for the same.

4.5. Restructuring of ASPIRe

This is the first restructuring of the project. The request included:

I. *Cancellation of exchange rate savings:* The exchange rate savings of approx. Rs 26 crores (equivalent to $ 3.50 mn) is proposed for cancellation/ repurposed for use to finance emergency activities to support COVID-19 response. The project cost is limited to the original outlay of Rs.283 crores.

II. *Modification in sub-components/ activities*: the following activities are proposed to be scaled down:

   a) due to unforeseen delay in approval of the procurement rules by the state cabinet, the planned downstream procurement reform activities, establishment of State Procurement Facilitation Cell and the procurement capacity building activities/ investment and targets are proposed to be lowered to coincide with the remaining implementation period;

   b) further follow on activities under PPP as planned need to be lowered, limited to internal capacity building due to short time remaining in the project;

   c) Similarly, a formal institutional review/study of the functions of the Finance Department, which was dovetailed to FMIS implementation and procurement reforms, also is proposed to be curtailed in view of the start of FMIS implementation in the year 3 of the project.

   d) Corresponding PFM capacity building is to be scaled down with focus on strengthening the LFAD and the strengthening of the internal cadres to take eventually over the O&M of the various systems being developed under the project.

   e) Accordingly, the investments proposed in downstream activities, including those on capacity building and the related intermediate results / targets have been reduced.

III. *Scaling up of technical assistance to DLIs*: the project, under the technical assistance part, has completed the design of the application of a Digital Infrastructure for Direct Benefit Transfers (DIDS). In developing the design, the state has benefitted inputs from and consultation with industry and domain experts such as EkStep Foundation, IIT Guwahati, etc.

The procurement for contracting IT vendor has been completed and the contact is ready for award. The request, as part of the restructuring is to scale up the support under the project from technical assistance to implementation of the DBT solution. This support for setting up DIDS will enabling faster roll out of DBT schemes from scheme design to implementation, which currently takes 1 ½ to 2 years. The COVID-19 has made it necessary for states to strengthen/integrate its various social protection schemes and investment in such an IT platform will be beneficial for the state. It is envisaged that the once the core IT platform and institutional framework for DIDS is established and a few schemes on-boarded, the benefits of the model will enable other schemes to come on board and/or start sharing data post the project period.

Changes in the DLIs:

DLI #	Component	Year	Original Project Structure (DLR)	Revised Project Structure (DLR)	Value
DLI#1: Enhanced controls in budget execution and reporting	2.1	Year 4	Decision support system in FMIS has been implemented for the Finance Department.	Contract awarded by AS-CFMS for FMIS systems integrator. ($1 mn). Budget distribution module for HoD/BCO to DDOs operationalized and integrated with existing treasury system by the Finance Department. (US$1.50 mn) (	USD 2.5 M

	2.1	Year 5	At least 75% of the DDOs have submitted bills online to the treasuries using the FMIS. [$ 1.00 mn for achievement up to 75%; and $ 0.125 mn for every additional 5% achievement over 75%]	At least 80% of the DDOs have submitted bills online to the treasuries using the FMIS. ($1.50 mn for achievement upto 80% and $ 0.25 mn for every additional 5% achievement over 80%) At least 90% of the Monthly Accounts have been rendered to AG (A &E) timely by the Accounts Rendering Units ($ 1.50 mn)	USD 3.5 M
DLI 2: Enhanced transparency of key budget, financial, and procurement information	2.1	Project End (Sept 22)	None	Integrated FMIS solution functional with core modules migrated to FMIS (FinAssam) and integrated with select external systems (US $ 1.50 mn)	USD 1.5 M

	1.2	Year 4	The Finance Department has provided public access to information on at least 90% of procurement contracts awarded within the financial year over the e-procurement threshold within 30 days of award.	i) Procurement Rules approved by the state Cabinet. (**$ 0.50 mn)** ii) Additional Budget disclosures made by Finance Department i.e (a) object head wise expenditure (b) salary details for core government; and (c) publication of Child and Gender Budget statement. (**$ 0.50 mn**)	USD 1 M
	1.4	Year 5	The Finance Department has provided public access to in-year Budget execution reports in user friendly formats.	i) The Finance Department has provided public access to information on at least 60% of procurements for which price bids have been opened in 2 cover system, in the last 12 months over the	USD 1 M

				e-procurement threshold. ($ **0.750 mn**) ii) State Procurement Portal developed and key procurement performance indicators to be published ($ **0.25 mn**)	
	1.4	Project End (Sept 22)	None	The Finance Department has provided public access to in-year Budget execution reports in user friendly 5 formats.	USD 1.5 M
DLI 3: Increased e-collections and e-payments	2.2	Year 4	At least 100% of excise and non-GST taxes collected through e-collection At least 80% payments made by treasuries electronically	(i) at least 80% payments made by the treasuries have been made electronically using e-kuber. ($ **0.50 mn**) (ii) at least 90% of excise revenue collected	USD 1M

				through the e-Collection portal ($ 0.50 mn)	
	2.2	Year 5	None	(i) at least 80% of non-GST tax (administered by the COT) collected through the e-Collection portal. (0.50 mn)-	USD 0.5 M
	2.2	Project End (Sept 22)	None	At least 70% revenue of three additional services, other than excise and CoT, have been collected through the e-Collection portal	USD 0.5 M
DLI 4: Enhanced services provided by Office of the Commissioner of Taxes using e-Governance	2.3	Year 4	CoT has generated Tax arrears certificate for initiating tax arrears recovery online within 30 days of completion of assessment.	CoT has operationalized the utilities for e-returns and online scrutiny of returns for all non-GST state taxes in the new IT application	USD 2 M

	2.3	Year 5	100% of Non GST tax returns for the previous year are filed electronically	Non-GST tax returns (VAT, Agriculture Income tax and Electricity Duty Tax) are e-enabled and are filed electronically.	USD 1 M
		Project End (Sept 22)	None	Data Analytics Capacity for GST and Non-GST taxes established and utilized	USD 0.5 M
DLI 5: Enhanced services provided by Excise Department using e-Governance	2.4	Year 4	Excise Department has issued at least 80% of all transport permits [issued in the financial year] electronically [$ 0.80 mn for achievement up to 80%; and $ 0.05 mn for every additional 5% achievement over 80%]	Excise Department has issued at least 80% of all transport permits issued in the last three months electronically	USD 2.5 M
	2.4	Year 5	The Excise Revenue	The Excise Revenue	USD 1 M

			Collection has increased by at least 80% over the revenue in financial year 2015-2016 [$ .40mn for achievement up to 80%; and $ 0.025 mn for every additional 5% achievement over 80%]	Collection has increased by at least 80% over the revenue in financial year 2015-2016.	
DLI 6: Establishment of Centralized IT Platform for State DBT Schemes	2.5 (new)	Year 4	None	Award of contract to SI for development of centralized IT Platform. (USD 0.75 mn). Establishment of DBT Cell with staff. (USD 0.25 mm)	USD 1 M
	2.5 (new)	Year 5	None	Centralized IT platform is deployed in Live production environment and two schemes are on-boarded.	USD 0.75 M
	2.5 (new)	Project End (Sept 22)	None	80% of beneficiaries are receiving	USD 0.5 M

				payments through the DBT Platform for two select schemes. ($0.25 for each scheme)	

The GB was apprised about the Restructuring of the project as mentioned above.

Resolution: The Governing Body noted and approved the same.

Agenda item No. 5.: Way Forward: Near Future

5.1. Technology Intervention

5.1.1. Establish Single Platform for State DBT schemes to be established as a Open Digital Ecosystem (ODE) under GovTech 3.0.

5.1.2. Assam only state in India & amongst 5 countries globally to be selected for IFMIS Technical Assistance from KPFIS (Korea) & World Bank last year.

5.1.3. Real time transfer of Data between Government of Assam and AG office through server authentication.

5.1.4. MoU with IIT Guwahati for capacity building in Advanced analytics and machine learning

The GB was apprised about the way forward related to Technology Intervention as mentioned above.

Resolution:

i.   The Hon'ble Chairman, GB appreciated the effort behind the selection of the state of Assam for IFMIS Technical Assistance from KPFIS (Korea) & World Bank last year. The GB also approved the other points mentioned above.

5.2. Procurement Initiatives

5.2.1. Notification of Approved Assam Public Procurement Act and Rules

5.2.2. State-wide capacity building activities on new Act & Rules

5.2.3. Encourage departments to use Government-e-Marketplace

5.2.4. Lowering the e-procurement threshold to facilitate Procurement Process Online.

5.2.5. State Public Procurement Portal to be developed as the single authentic source of procurement information in Assam

The GB was apprised about the way forward related to Procurement Initiatives as mentioned above.

Resolution:

i. *The Principal Secretary raised the topic related to State owned GeM platform where local vendors will be prioritized and promoted.*

ii. *The Hon'ble Chairman, GB and the Hon'ble Finance Minister Suggested a high level meeting should be conducted with Government of India to discuss the same.*

iii. *The GB also approved other points mentioned under agenda no. 5.2.*

5.3. Revenue Enhancement

5.3.1 Data Analytics Centre for Revenue Enhancement

5.3.2 Public Finance Capacity Building Institute: Partnerships with Regional or International Institutes.

5.3.3 Assist Departments (Transport, Forest, Mining & Revenue) in enhancing Revenues through consulting engagement.

5.3.4 Bring all revenue earning & citizen focused initiatives under GRAS - Forest, Revenue, Transport

The GB was apprised about the way forward related to Procurement Initiatives as mentioned above.

Resolution: The GB noted and approved the

i. *The Hon'ble Finance Minister suggested to look into the non-tax revenue options also and build a similar kind of things as Excise.*

ii. *GB also approved other points mentioned under agenda no. 5.3.*

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Sarbananda Sonowal)
Chief Minister, Assam