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Chapter-1
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Introduction :- The Transport Department, in the Government of Assam has two major subordinate offices namely, the Commissionerate of Transport and Directorate of Inland Water Transport and another enterprise, the Assam State Transport Corporation. The department is one of the major revenue earning departments of the State. With the view to improve the efficiency of the road transport network and its administration effectively the department has taken steps for computerization of the department and has started the process of data entry of driving licenses and registration certificates in Kamrup and Cachar districts and has also started issue of smart card driving and registration certificates in Kamrup, In a phased manner the process of computerization will also be extended to cover all districts of the State. The Transport Department is also contemplating for introduction of the High Security Registration Plates. In view of increase of number of vehicles road accidents in the State has increased substantially. The Government of Assam is committed to look into the matter and take all steps for bringing awareness about the importance of road safety in the present day's context by organizing campaigns, imparting education and creating awareness among road users about road accidents and safety. Several seminars and workshops on road safety are being organized throughout the State and strict action are being taken against those violating traffic rules. The Government is committed to ensure the safety of commuters, and will therefore strive to provide the necessary means to develop an Efficient and safe transport system.

1.Functions and Duties :-

1. To frame Transport policies for the State of Assam
- 2.To implement the Transport policies through the Commissionerate of Transport, State Transport Authority, DTO & Secretary, RTA, in all districts of the State and through Directorate of Inland Water Transport and Assam State Transport Corporation as the case may be,
3. To run the administration of the Transport Department

2. Powers & responsibilities of officers and employees of the department :-

- i) **Addl Chief Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary Secretary** :- He is the administrative head of the department and the advisor to the Minister of Transport in all policy and administrative matters within his department . He is normally assisted by a Joint Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Under Secretary, Superintendent and other subordinate staff.
- ii) **Joint Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Under Secretary, O.S.D** .-Their duties and responsibilities are ordinarily more or less the same. They put up papers, files to the Secretary. Commissioner & Secretary, Addl. Chief Secretary of the department, as per works allotted to them.
- iii) **Financial Advisor** :- His duties are to see that all financial rules, circulars and procedures are properly enforced in implementing various schemes as per policy and decision of the Transport Department and as per instructions and orders communicated by the Finance Department, Government of Assam from time to time.
- iv) **Superintendent** :- His role is very important . The Standard of efficiency in the department depends to a great extent on his personal efficiency, supervision and guidance. He is responsible for the efficient administration of the department and prompt and quick disposal of allotted works. He is assisted by a number of junior and senior administrative assistants.
- v) **Administrative Assistant / Typist** :- The assistants are divided into two categories viz. Sr. Administrative Assistant And Jr. Administrative Assistant. The Jr. Assistant deal with simple and routine type of works

such as maintenance of prescribed registers, receipts, and dispatch of dak etc. The typist deal with matters of typing.

- vi) **Grade IV:-** Their duties are to carry the files and keep the department clean and tidy.

4. Procedure for decision making, supervision and accountability :-

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The decision making power of the department lies with the Addl Chief Secretary / Commissioner & Secretary of the Department. He obtains the approval of the Transport Minister as and when necessary. On receipt of any paper, it is marked to the concerned dealing assistant by the Superintendent to put up in the file after its entry in the receipt register. The dealing assistant then puts up the papers in the relevant file by following the existing procedure as laid down in the Assam Secretariat Manual. When the files are moved through the Superintendent, Under Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Joint Secretary as per work allotment and they examine the matter and put up to the Commissioner & Secretary, Addl Chief Secretary. The Addl Chief Secretary, Commissioner & Secretary accords their approval directly, in some cases and in other cases obtains the approval of the Transport Minister as and when required.

All the officers, including the superintendent are to supervise the works of the subordinate Assistants to ensure timely processing of the papers and each and each one is accountable for any delay, negligence to duty at his or her level

6. Norms for discharge of functions of the Department:-

For implementation of policies and decisions of the department the subordinate assistants process the matter under the guidance of the Addl Chief Secretary / Commissioner & Secretary of the Transport Department . With the approval of the Minister Transport and sometimes the Chief Minister as and whenever necessary, the policies, schemes of the department are implemented

through the Commissioner of Transport, DTO & Secretary RTA , Director Inland Water Transport and Managing Director , Assam State Transport Corporation and other subordinate offices as and when required.

All applications and matters relating to the public are to be addressed to the Commissioner & Secretary, Addl Chief Secretary of the department On receipt of the same the Addl Chief Secretary Commissioner & Secretary endorses it to the concerned officer who then endorses it to the Superintendent for putting it up in the file. The Supdt marks it to the concerned dealing assistant through log book . The dealing assistant processes in the file and puts it up to the Under Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Joint Secretary as per work allotment through the Supdt. The officers in turn put it up to the Commissioner & Secretary / Addl Chief Secretary of Transport Department for decision. The Addl Chief Secretary / Commissioner & Secretary give their decision, and in some matters where required they obtain the approval of the Minister of Transport. There after, with the decision the file is returned to the subordinate officer like Joint Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Under Secretary who communicate it to the persons concerned with the order of the government.

7. Acts. Rules. Regulations, Instructions, Manuals held by the department for discharging its functions :

- i)** Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.
- ii)** Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
- in)** Assam Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1936
- iv)** Assam Motor Vehicles Taxation Rules.
- v)** Assam Passenger & Goods Taxation Act, 1962,
- vi)** Assam Passenger & goods Taxation Rules, 1962
- vii)** Assam Rules of Executive Business, 1968,
- viii)** The Manual of Office Procedure -Secretariat
- IK)** Assam Motor Vehicles Rules, 2003
- x)** The Assam Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1965.
- xi)** The Assam Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules , 1964.
- xii)** The Assam Services (Pension) Rules, 1965
- xiii)** The Fundamental Rules and Subsidiary Rules.
- xiv)** The Inland Vessels Act, 1917.

- xv) *Control & Management of Ferries Rules, 1968.*
- xvi) *The Road Transport Act. 1950.*
- xvii) *The industrial Disputes Act, 1947.*
- xviii) *Motor Accidents **Claims** Tribunal.*
- xix) *Factories Act, 1948.*
- xx) *Workman Compensation Act, 1923.*
- xxi) *Assam State road Transport corporation Employees Service Regulation, 1971.*
- xxii) *Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961.*
- xxiii) *Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.*
- xxiv) *Public Utility Act.*
- xxv) *Trade Unions Act, 1926.*
- xxvi) *Payment of Wages Act, 1936.*
- xxvii) *Payment of Bonus Act, 1923.*
- xxviii) *The ASTC (Prevention of Unauthorized Travel) Act, 1977*
- xxix) *Northern India Ferries Act, 1878.*
- xxx) *Assam Inland Water Transport Service, Ruies, 1971 (Draft)*

6. The categories of documents held by the Transport Department:-

- a) *Budget estimates, supplementary demand, plan and non plan, ceiling for both Hills and General areas*
- b) *Matters relating to issue of vehicle permits, registration of vehicles, driving licenses etc.*
- c) *Matters relating to posting & transfer of DTOs, Enforcement Officers, MVI, A.E.I., etc.*
- d) *Establishment matters relating to gazette officers of the office of Commissioner of Transport.*
- e) *Matters rotating to ASTC,*
- f) *Matters relating to implementation of schemes under NEC,*
- g) *High Court and Supreme Court Cases,*
- h) *Matters relating to computerization of state register of motor vehicles.*

- i) *Issue of Smart Card Driving License & Registration Card,*
- j) *Matters relating to the introduction of high Security Registration Plates,*
- k) *Pension, GIS, GPF, Leave, E.B. crossing matters,*
- l) *Matters relating to appointment on compassionate ground,*
- m) *Matters relating to revenue collection,*
- n) *Matters relating to MV. Check gates,*
- o) *ACR& gradation list of gazette officers,*
- p) *Distribution & Work allotment among Officers and Staff.*
- q) *Matters relating to Inland Water Transport,*
- r) *Establishment matters relating to IWT.*
- s) *Matters relating to Settlement of Ferries*
- t) *Matters relating to Employment Generation schemes of Commissioner of Transport & ASTC.*
- u) *Matters relating to Implementation of Assam Accord,*
- v) *Matters relating to Parliamentary & Assembly Question*
- w) *Matters relating to CM! Aviation,*
- x) *Matters relating to Railway Projects in N.E.R.*
- y) *Matters relating to Road Safety,*
- z) *Implementation of projects under CSS, ACA, NLCPR, NEC etc.*
- aa) *Urban Transport*
- bb) *Matters relating to ISBT & ISTT.*
- cc) *MACT*
- dd) *Matters relating to STA & RTA.*
- ee) *Matters relating to passenger & goods survey.*
- ff) *Matters relating to Transport Survey & Planning.*
- gg) *Matters relating to creation of post*
- hh) *Matters relating to BTC.*
- ii) *Materials for Governors Speech,*
- jj) *Finance Ministers Speech.*

7. Directory of the officers & employees of the Transport Department:

1. Addl Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary	1 No.
2. Secretary	1 No.
3. Joint Secretary	1.No.
4. Deputy Secretary	2.Nos.
5. Undersecretary	2.Nos.
6. Officer on Special Duty	1. No.
7. Financial Adviser & Superintendent	1.No. LNo,
9. Senior Administrative Assistant	2.Nos.
10. Junior Administrative Assistant	4.Nos
11. Typist.	2,Nos.
12. Grade IV	2.Nos.

Transport Survey and Planning Cell

1. Sr. R.O.	1 No
2. R.O.	1 No
3. Asstt, R.O.	1 No.
4. Research Assistant	2 Nos
5. Sub Inspector	2 Nos.
6. Sr.A.A.,	1 No
7. Typist	1 No
8. Computer	3 Nos
9 Driver	2 Nos
10. Peon	2 Nos.
11. Jr. A. A.	1 Nos.

8 .Names, designation and other particulars of Asstt. / State Public Information Officers and Appellate authorities :-

Transport Department

Name & designation of officer

- 1. Shri Alok Kwnar, Commissioner & Secy.*
- 2. Shri Donald Giffellon, Joint Secretary,*
- 3. Shri Dambarudhar Saikia, Deputy Secretary*

*Designated as
Appellate Authority
S. P.I.O.
Asstt.S.P.I O*

Commissionerate of Transport

Name and designation of officer

- 1 Sri Balendra Basumutari Commissioner of Transport*
- 2,.Shri B.M. Doley, Addl Commissioner Transport,*
- 3 Shri B.Pathak, Asstt. Commissioner Transport,*

*Designated as
Appellate Authority
S. P.I.O.
Asstt.S.P.I.O*

Directorate of Inland Water Transport

Name and designation of officer

- 1.Shri N.C.Das,Director f. W.T.*
- 2.Shri K. Rajmedhi, Joint Director, I. W. T.*
- 3.Shri B.K. Phukan Executive Engineer, I. W.T,*

*Designated as
Appellate Authority
S.P.LO
Asstt S.P.LO.*

Assam State Transport Corporation

Name and designation of officer

- 1.ShriK.N.Chetia, M.D. ASTC.*
- 2.Shn Pranab Baruah, DGM, ASTC,*
- 3.Shri Swapan Majumder, Dy.CAO, ASTC*

*Designated as
Appellate Authority
S.P.I.O.
Asstt. S.P.J.O.*

Name and designation of Officer

- 1.Shri Arun Kumar Phukan
Under Secretary
Transport Department*

*Designated as
Nodal Officer*

Chapter II

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE COMMISSIONERATE OF TRANSPORT

After independence, all matters relating to the administration, control and regulation of motor vehicles and carrying into effect the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act of 1939 and rules made there under were vested with the Home Department. Thereafter, the Government vide Notification No. T1MV / 320 / 51 / 3 dated 03.01. 1952, created a separate Transport Commissionerate and appointed a State Transport Commissioner Assam , All powers and functions relating to the administration of the M V. Act 1939, AMY rules, 1960, AMV Taxation Act, 1936, and AMV Taxation Rules , 1936 have been delegated to the State Transport Commissioner. The control of traffic remained with the Inspector General of Police, as a statutory responsibility under the Police Act vide Notification No TIMV. 256/51/ dated 31.03.1952. The State Transport Commissioner is now known as the Commissioner of Transport, Assam , and is functioning as a head of the Transport Department (Road Transport} at the directorate level.

The Commissioner of Transport is one of the major revenue earning departments. The function of the Commissioner of Transport is mainly the collection of government revenue in the form of M. V.Tax, Fees, APGT. C.F. etc. The Commissioner of Transport exercises the powers and under the provisions of the M.V.Act, 1988, CM V. Rules 1989, as and the Assam Motor Vehicle Rules, 2003 , AMV Taxation Act, 1936 and the AMV Taxation Rules, made there under to provide adequate Transport facilities in the transportation of passenger and goods by road and to regulate, co-ordinate and control their operation. The Commissioner transport is also responsible for the administration and control of both commercial and personalized vehicles throughout the State.

The Commissioner of Transport also has to implement some important schemes for the welfare of general public as a whole, especially like creation of awareness on road safety, taking initiatives to train and educate the drivers about the mandatory traffic signals and other traffic control measures with a view to reduce the number of accidents. To assist the Commissioner there are at present 118 nos of gazette officials and 738 nos if other officials and staff. The main objective of the office of Commissioner of transport and Secretary State Transport Authority is to generate revenue

by way of administration of motor vehicles throughout the State and as a head of department also to regulate the co-ordination of Transport vehicles through out the State by the Secretary of S.T.A. The STA. is also responsible to monitor and regulate the activities of the Regional Transport Authorities.

Organisational set up of the office of Commissioner of Transport:-

The Transport Commissioner is headed by a personal of IAS cadre and to assist him there are :-

1. Additional Commissioner of Transport (I)
2. Deputy Commissioner Transport (I)
3. Assistant Commissioner of Transport (1)
4. District Transport Officer (H.Q.) (1)
5. Registrar (1)
6. Superintendent (2)
7. Statistical Officer (I)
8. Audit Officer (I)
9. Sr. Administrative Assistants (9)
10. Jr. Administrative Assistants (13)
11. Grade IV(12)
12. Joint Transport Commissioner (1) B.T.C.
13. Assistant Commissioner of Transport (I) BTC
14. District Transport Officers for Baska, Chirang & Udalguri Districts under B.T.C.
15. District Transport Officers of 22 Districts of the State.
16. District Transport Officer (Registration & Licencing) Kamrup.
17. District Transport Officer & Secretary RTA , Kamrup
18. Principal Driving Training School & DTO (Enforcement).

The DTOs are the Licensing and Registering Authority and Secretary of the Regional Transport Authorities and are being assisted by tffe Motor Vehicle Inspectors and Enforcement Inspectors and other officers in respect of inspection of motor vehicles and the control of motor vehicles as per provisions of the Motor Vehicle Acts and Rules. The DTOs as RTA and the Add! Commissioner of Transport as Secretary, State Transport Authority, regulate and co-ordinate the transport services both passenger and goods in the districts and State respectively.

Besides these there are three numbers of M. V. Check gates for the checking of vehicles at Srirampur, Boxirhat and Dhigharkhal in

Kokrajhar , Dhuburi and Cachar districts respectively to check the Over loading of vehicles and arrest the evasion of government revenue.

There is also a pool Transport Organisation under the control of Commissioner of Transport. The pool was created to meet the temporary demand of drivers for Ministers dignatories and officers as and when required. There is also a Drivers and Conductors Training School, Guwahati headed by a Principal under the Commissioner of Transport, Assam for imparting training to drivers and conductors of motor vehicles which is functioning since December, 1992.

Budget allocation and expenditure :-

YEAR	PLAN (Rs. in lakhs)		NON (Rs. in lakhs)	PLAN
	<i>Budget Allocation</i>	<i>Expenditure Incurred</i>	<i>Budget Allocation</i>	<i>Expenditure Incurred</i>
2006-07	9.00	6.57	1262.52	974.53
2007-08	7.00	3.42	1208.23	876.04 (P)

Revenue Collection:- (Figures in Rs. Crores)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Achievement</i>
2004-05	145.00	150.33
2005-06	160.06	171.63
2006-07	184.00	168.51
2007-08	182,33	165.33 (P)

New Initiatives taken to improve the functioning of the Commissionerate :

- *Issue of Computerized smart card Driving License and Registration Certificate introduced in the office of DTO (R & L)_t Kamrup. Steps will be taken for extension of computerization in DTO offices gradually, to cover all the districts of the State.*
- *Three DTO offices opened in Baska, Chirang and Udalguri districts under BTAD.*
- *Office of the Joint Commissioner of Transport was newly created for ETC and the post filled up.*
- *Office of DTO (R & L) Kamrup, shifted to the new premises at Betkuchi*
- *Vehicles have been purchased and allotted to officers for improvement of the functioning of the office of Commissioner of Transport, and DTO offices for enforcement of MV Acts and Rules to increase revenue flow.*
- *Steps are being taken for early completion of the construction of the DTO offices at Sivasagar, Jorhat, Sonitpur and Goalpara.*
- *Steps have been taken for the construction of nine new DTO offices in the districts of Tinsukia, Barpeta, Silchar, Dhemaji , Nalbari, Dhubri, Kokrajhar, Bongaigaon and Chirang, office of the Joint Commissioner of Transport at Kokrajhar under BTAD and the officer of the Commissioner of Transport at Guwahati under Assam Bikash Yojana*
- *Boundary wall of Dhigharkhal M. V. Check-gate constructed along with the gate in the office of DTO, Silchar. Funds have also been sanctioned for the renovation and repair of Srirampur M. V. Check gate.*
- *New posts of DTO, AfF/, E.I and Grade III and Grade IV staff created for the newly created districts under BTAD and officers and Staff posted.*

- *6 bighas of land at Betkuchi has been acquired for the construction of the driving track at Training Institute on Driving & Research at Betkuchi.*
 - *Road safety Week was observed during the first -week of January, 2008. with the theme, ' Drive to care not to dare '*
 - *Steps are also being taken for restructuring of the Transport Department for improvement of the administration and functioning of the department and proposal has been submitted to the Government for approval.*
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Chapter III

Inland Water Transport Department

1) Brief History of the Department and its Functions: _

Introduction :- Assam is a riverine State. As much as 32 % of the entire country's water resources flow down through the river Brahmaputra, Barak and its tributaries. An per recommendations of the Gokhale Committee the Assam Inland Transport Directorate was established in the year 1959. headed by a Director with its head quarter at Shillong. In October, 1963, the Directorate of IWT was shifted to Guwahati. This was gradually expanded to a full fledged Directorate under the Department of Transport, Assam at Guwahati.

The economic development of a region is directly related with the development of the transport system in the region. Water is one of the most efficient mode of Transportation from the point of energy conservation and because it is environment friendly. It is also the cheapest mode of Transportation for short as well as long distance traffic. It also requires low capital investment if compared with other modes of mechanical transport.

The Brahmaputra river from Sadiya to Dhubri has been declared as National Waterways II in 1988, The over all maintenance of navigability of the river route has been entrusted with the Inland Waterways Authority of India, but this has not been properly maintained causing great in convenience for smooth operation of ferry and commercial services.

The Directorate of Inland Water Transport, Assam was initially set up with a skeleton staff headed by a Director with its head quarter at Shillong. The tiny department started its services with a few ghats taken over from the PWD. The department worked heart and soul to serve the people of Assam and the neighbouring States. Since then the department has never looked back . Most of the wooden boats which were plying under the department were withdrawn and replaced with power vessels.

2) Functions and Responsibilities:-

i) *Operating of Ferry Services :- The IWT Department is operating 74 nos of Ferry Services on the river Brahmaputra, Barak and its tributaries for the purpose of public convenience and utility, out of which 54 ferry are plying m the Brahmaputra valley and 24 nos in the Barak valley.*

ii)*Cargo and Passenger Service :- IWT Department has introduced 61 nos of cargo cum passenger service in Assam for transportation of commuters through out the nook and corner of the State where no road communications are available.*

iii)*Commercial Services :- The IWT department is at present operating its commercial services with the introduction of local trips at Kolkata by hiring out departmental tugs and barges to parties and earning revenue for the State without incurring any government expenditure.*

iv)*River Conservancy :- The department has its own river conservancy wing for maintaining proper navigability of the river route.*

v)*Crew Training Centre :- The Directorate of IWT, is maintaining a crew training center at Guwahati, for imparting training to fresh candidates as well as in service personnel of the department and other organizations in the North East region, both of the public and private sector. More than 2000 crews have passed out from the crew training center.*

v)*Central Workshop :-The IWT Directorate has one floating workshop at Guwahati for repairing and maintenance of departmental vessels and boats.*

3) Organizational Structure: -

a) *Directorate under the department:- The Director, IWT and Chief Ship Surveyor is the administrative head of IWT*

Department, Assam, who monitors all budgetary provisions, expansion and development of ferry services

- b) *Other Subordinate Offices:- The IWT Directorate has three divisions at Guwahati, Dibrugarh and Silchar, The Executive Engineer, is the controller in charge of the respective divisional offices, and they are responsible to look after the smooth operation of ferry services and other establishment matters in the divisions. There are 5 (five) sub-divisional offices at Guwahati, (P.P.C.sub-division) Goalpara, Jorhat, Dibrugarh and Hailakandi. To look after the establishment matters of Commercial services three offices were established at Guwahati, Goalpara and Dibrugarh.*

Present Strength of Staff :- (Regular)

<i>i)OriginalRegular</i>	<i>062</i>
<i>ii)W/C/Regular</i>	<i>1044</i>
<i>in)M/RRegular</i>	<i>1422</i>
<i>iv)M/R Workers (yet to be regularized)</i>	<i>1034</i>

Grand Total *5562*

4) Other Activities of the Department :-

- i) *River Tourism: - For the development of river tourism , the IWT department has introduced 11 nos of floating restaurants (A/C & Non A/C) on board of IWT vessels and three river cruise services on the river Brahmaputra. Air-conditioned long distance river cruise service on M K Charaidew, a vessel belonging to the IWT department leased out to private entrepreneur on hire basis. Also another 2 nos of luxurious A/C cruise vessels S.B. Ranganadi & RPL Ushaban have been introduced on the river Brahmaputra and they are being operated by the IWT Directorate at Guwahati. A floating Discotheque on IWT double decker pontoon Dindingia on river Brahmaputra on hire basis has been introduced For the benefit of Tourist and pilgrims the department is operating the Guwhati Umananda ferry service departmentally.*

- ii) *The IWT department has constructed a RCC jetty on the south bank of the Brahmaputra, at Guwahati under Centrally Sponsored scheme.*
- iii) *The department has completed the construction of IWT river terminal at Badarpur under NEC scheme.*
- iv) *The department has also completed the construction of 7 nos. of 25 m, long single decker floating terminal at north bank of the Brahmaputra at Guwahati under centrally sponsored scheme.*
- v) *The department has implemented the scheme for the construction of 2 nos of 28 m. long double decker floating terminals at the south bank of the river Brahamaputra at Guwahat under C.S. Scheme.*
- vi) *The department has completed the construction of 11 nos, of terminus facilities at different ferry points on the river Brahmaputra under C.S. scheme.*

Fleet Strength of IWT

Passenger ferry vessels

1. Modern vessels	39
2. Single Boat(wooden& steel)	63
3. R.P.L	9
4. Pontoon	42
5. Shallow draft boat (wooden & steel)	37
6. Mar boat (wooden & steel)	25
7. Motor Launch	1
3. Country Boat (Wooden /	24
	240

Commercial Vessels

1. 1000 MT Capacity pusher tug	2
2. 800 MT Capacity pusher tug,	2
3. 44 MT Capacity pusher tug.	3
4. 500 MT Capacity T.F	6
5. 250 MT. Capacity H.L Barge	2
6. 200 MT Capacity H.L Barge	i2

5. Budgetary Allocation and Expenditure:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Plan		Non-Plan	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
2006-07	<u>A State Plan</u> Rs. 198.00	Rs.198.00	<u>Salary</u> Rs.5063.73	Rs. 5063.73
	<u>B. C.S.S.</u> Rs.345.00	Rs.340.10	<u>Non salary</u> Rs. 282.40	Rs.282.40
	<u>C. NEC</u> Rs. 2 22.28	Rs. 196.84		
2007-08	<u>A. State Plan</u> Rs. 220.00	Rs.170.50	<u>Salary</u> Rs. 4 349. 32	Rs.4349.32
	<u>B.C.S.S.</u> Rs. 597.88	Rs.268.80.	<u>Non salary</u> Rs.315.32	Rs.315.32
	<u>C.NEC</u> Rs. 25.44	Rs. 25.44	<u>ABY</u> RS.200.00 Sane. 173.74	Rs.153.95
	<u>D.A.B.Y.</u> Rs.200.00	Rs. 158.95	<u>SD</u> Rs6.00	Rs.6.00

Revenue Collection:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Ferry</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>2006-07</i>	<i>Rs. 3,05.22,500.00</i>	<i>Rs. 135.26.581.00</i>	<i>Rs.4,40,49,081.00</i>
<i>2007-08</i>	<i>Rs.2,87,02,686.00</i>	<i>Rs.1,67,27,377.00</i>	<i>Rs.4,49,30,063-00</i>

6. New-Initiatives & Innovative Schemes to be taken up for development of ways of the State :-

- 1. Construction of 20 nos 17 m. long terminal facilities for major ghat bank on the Brahmaputra under C.S. Scheme.*
- 2. Induction of Air conditioned luxury river service between Guwahati and Kaziranga as a joint venture with ATDC on DLB. Saraighat.*
- 3. Construction of 5 nos of floating B. O. Ps. for BSF.*
- 4. Introduction of high speed catamaran vessels in between Guwahati and Dibrugarh.*
- 5. Induction of 8 nos of Hover Crafts at important major ferry points on the river Brahmaputra and Barak.*
- 6. Induction of high speed 18 m.long shallow draft boats on the river Brahmaputra and Barak.*
- 7. Up gradation of existing Crew Training Center of IWT to a Regional Training Institute at Guwahati.*
- 8. Construction of Slipway project or Pandu for up keeping of Passenger and Cargo vessels.*
- 9. Installation of night navigation aid on Brahmaputa and Barak.*

10. *Improve road connectivity to all ghats.*
 11. *Install Proper cargo handling system at important terminals.*
 12. *Development of ports -with terminal facilities at Dhubri, Jogigopa, Pandu, Silghat, Jamuguri, Neamati, Dikhawmukh, Matmara, Dibrugarh, Jonai, Dhola, etc.*
 13. *Dredging of the Brahmaputra and Barak rivers.*
 14. *Establish a R & D center at Guwahati for the proper design of ships and vessels.*
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Chapter IV

Assam State Transport Corporation

1. Introduction:- Assam State Transport Corporation is one of the premier public enterprises of the State. It plays an important role in the passenger transport network of the entire State of Assam. The ASTC which was in the brink of closure in the early part of 2001 has now turned around because of the bold and result oriented policy adopted by the State Government. Now it has become one of the leading transport corporations of the country.

2. Brief History and Functions of the Corporation:-

The ASTC was an organization set up by the State Government to handle speedy transportation and supply of construction material with a fleet of a good number of trucks during the 2nd World War and was the nucleus of the present Assam State Transport Corporation.

In 1948 the State Government took up the Road Transport nationalization scheme and the State Transport came into being. The nationalized passenger transport services were first introduced on 16th January, 1948, on Guwahati -Nagaon route, a distance of 123 Km. with only 8 nos of buses. The Road Transport Corporation Act, 1950 has been extended to the State of Assam with effect from 10th March, 1970 and the Assam State Transport Corporation was constituted by the government of Assam, under the Road Transport Act 1950, which took over the management of the department undertaking (State Transport, Assam) with effect from 30th March, 1970. The main function of the ASTC is to offer dependable and safe passenger road transport network to every nook and corner of the State.

3. Organizational Structure:-

The ASTC is managed by a Board of Directors constituted by the State Government. The Managing Director is the Chief Executive Officer who is appointed by the State government and he executes the policies and programmes adopted by Board of Directors who are assisted by head of different administrative wings as stated below.

i) Mechanical Chief Engineering Wing (A & T):- This is managed by a Chief Engineer (Mechanical) who is assisted by one Works Manager, Divisional Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Foreman and Mechanic.

ii) Civil Engineering Wing :- It is managed by a Chief Engineer (civil), who is assisted by an Assistant Executive Engineer, Asstt. Engineer and Junior Engineer.

iii) Traffic Wing :- It is managed by a Deputy General Manager (Traffic). There are 10 Traffic Divisions namely at, a) Tinsukia, b) Jorhat, c) Nagaon, d) Guwahati, e) City Service Guwahati, f) Bongaigaon, g) Silchar, h) North Lakhimpur, i) Sivasagar and j) Tezpur.

iv) At present there is one Regional Manager at Jorhat and a Divisional Manager at Guwahati and other divisions are managed by Divisional Superintendents who are assisted by Station Superintendents and Asstt. Station Superintendents.

v) Accounts and Statistics Wing:- The Deputy Chief Accounts Officer is the head of this wing who is assisted by Senior Accounts Officer, Accounts Officer and Divisional Accountant and Internal Auditor. Statistics works is supervised by an Assistant Statistical Officer.

vi) Vigilance Wing:- This wing is presently being supervised by a Divisional Manager (HQ).

vii) Controller of Stores:- There is a central stores at Guwahati -which supplies the Divisional stores and other stock holding units The Controller of Stores is the head of the Central stores and is assisted by a Deputy Controller.

viii) Personnel Branch :- The Chief Personal Officer is the head of the Personnel Branch. He is assisted by a Personal Officer and Assistant Personal officer.

ix) Law and Claims Branch :--This branch is headed by a law officer who looks after all legal matters and MACT claims of the ASTC.

x) Data on Employees:-

A Class I Officers	33
B Class II Officers	31
C Grade III	2147
D Grade IV	485

4. Activities of the Corporation:-

The basic activity of the corporation is to offer dependable and reliable passenger transportation services to the people in every nook and corner of the State. In order to augment revenue collection the ASTC has introduced self employment schemes of 2001 through which private owned vehicles can operate their services by using ASTC infrastructure on fare share basis. As a result of which ASTC is earning an average of Rs. 120.00, lakhs per month.

The ASTC has also constructed a good number of commercial complexes inside major stations and have allotted such complexes to educated un-employed youth on monthly rental basis. Besides this the ASTC has opened some retail diesel pumps at North Salmara, Dalgaon and has also made negotiation with NRL for opening of more outlets to garner more revenue for the corporation. Recently ASTC has opened two PRS counter of N.F. Railway at Nagaon and Morigaon to provide facilities for railway ticket renovations.

5. Plan and Non Plan Budget Allocation & Expenditure:-

The State Government extends financial support to the ASTC in the form of plan and non-plan fund every year. The plan fund is released for meeting capital expenditure and non-plan fund is released for meeting the revenue gap of the ASTC,

(Rs. in Lakhs)

YEAR	Grant No.	Budges Allocation	Amount released	Amount utilized
2006-07	9	Rs. 2067.04	Rs. 1527.50	Rs. 1527.50
	44	Rs. 1647.72	Rs. 941.51	Rs. 941.37
2007-08	9	Rs. 3543.86	Rs. 3278.37	Rs. 3278.37
	44	Rs. 2125.76	Rs. 1000.00	Rs. 1000.00

(Rs. in Lakhs)

	<i>General Areas</i>	<i>Non-plan</i>	<i>Hill areas</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>YEAR</i>	<i>Plan</i>			
<i>2006-07</i>	<i>Rs.500.00</i>	<i>Rs.1012.50</i>	<i>Rs. 15.00</i>	<i>Rs. 1527.50</i>
<i>2007-08</i>	<i>Rs 400.00</i>	<i>Rs. 1000.00</i>	<i>Rs. 10.50</i>	<i>Rs.1410.50</i>

Additional Central Assistance:-

- 1. Construction of Bus Terminus at Sivasagar. Rs.200.00 (lakhs)*
- 2. Construction of Bus Terminus at Dibrugarh, Rs, 200,00 (Lakhs)*

Target and Achievements:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>Financial Target</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Physical Target</i>	<i>Achievement</i>
<i>2006-07</i>	<i>Purchase of vehicles</i>	<i>Rs.515.00</i>	<i>Rs.515.00</i>	<i>32 nos.</i>
<i>2007-08</i>	<i>Purchase of vehicles</i>	<i>Rs.410.50</i>	<i>Rs.410.50</i>	<i>25. nos.</i>

6. New Innovative & Initiatives Taken:-

Achievements 2006-07

- The monthly loss of the ASTC has been reduced from Rs. 100.00 lakhs per month to Rs, 85.00 lakhs per month.*
- 32 nos. of new vehicles were purchased and added to its fleet,*
- ISBT at Betkuchi, Guwahati was inaugurated by Honble Chief Minister on 8th December, 2006.*
- ISBT & ISTT at Silchar was inaugurated by Honble Chief Minister Assam on 22nd January, 2007.*
- Construction of ISTT at Betkuchi, Gwahati is in progress.*

- *Construction of Yatri Niwas Cum NEC Guest House at Paltan Bazar, Guwahati is in progress.*
- *Ninth & Tenth Commercial Diesel pump of ASTC have been commissioned at North Salmara and Dalgaon which are revenue generating units of the ASTC.*
- *Over 15,000 pilgrims have benefited by the services of ASTC buses under Dharmajyoti Scheme for visiting various pilgrimage and religious sites within and outside the State at concessional rates.*

Achievements 2007-08

- *The monthly loss of the ASTC has been further reduced to around Rs. 83.00 lakhs per month.*
- *58 new buses have been purchased and added to its fleet.*
- *2 nos. of Air- Conditioned Deluxe Buses have been introduced for the benefit of Air passengers to Borjhar Airport from Paltan bazaar.*
- *New High Tech low floor Rhino Deluxe city buses have been placed for the benefit of disabled persons and women.*
- *Over 20,000 pilgrims have availed the ASTC bus service under the Dharmajyoti scheme for visiting various religious places within and outside Assam.*
- *2 P.R.S. of N. F, Railway have been opened at ASTC stations at Nagaon and Morigaon.*
- *Construction of two bus terminals at Dibrugarh and Sivasagar under progress.*
- *Work has been started under Assam Vikash Yojana for the construction of DTO offices in nine Districts and also for the construction of the office of Commissioner of Transport at Guwahati and the office of the Joint Commissioner of Transport under BTAD at Kokrajhar.*
- *Construction of retail outlet of NRL at Jorhat and Nagaon is in progress.*
- *Retail outlet of IOC Ltd at Betkuchi taken over by ASTC as a part of its diversification activities.*
- *The present strength of ASTC's own buses is 329 nos and that of POB (private operated buses) is 1724 nos.*