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NOTIFICATION

The 1st August, 2026

No. ECF. 801431/41.- In the interest of public service, the Governor of Assam is pleased to notify the Assam Compressed Biogas (CBG) Policy 2026. The Policy shall come into effect on 1st August 2026, *i.e.* the date of notification in the official gazette; and shall remain in force for a period of 5 (five) years from the date of notification, or until amended, suspended or withdrawn by the State Government, whichever is earlier.

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ASSAM COMPRESSED BIOGAS (CBG) POLICY 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

The State of Assam envisions establishing a **regionally balanced and resource-responsive Compressed Biogas (CBG) ecosystem** that converts organic waste into clean energy, strengthens energy security, and creates long-term environmental value. By leveraging its diverse bio-resource base — comprising agricultural residues (primarily paddy straw), animal dung, municipal organic waste, and dedicated energy crops like Napier grass — the State seeks to embed CBG as a key pillar of its clean energy transition and waste-to-wealth strategy.

Besides, recognizing that feedstock availability, logistics, and demand profiles vary across zones, the State's further vision is to promote a zonally differentiated CBG development pathway. This approach enables optimal utilization of locally available feedstock, improves operational reliability of plants, and supports scalable and efficient deployment of CBG infrastructure across the State. In alignment with this vision, the State Government envisages development of a calibrated mix of CBG plants across its various zones; *viz.* Upper Assam, Central Assam, Lower Assam, Bodoland Territorial Region, Hill Region and South Assam/ Barak Valley.

Through this spatially anchored and feedstock-aligned plant mix, Assam aspires to emerge as a leading example of structured CBG deployment in the country.

2. OBJECTIVES

The overarching goal of this Policy is to enable the large-scale deployment of CBG plants across Assam by addressing structural challenges in the feedstock supply chain, plant set up and operations, ancillary infrastructure readiness and existing ecosystem. The Policy aims to position CBG as an integral component of the State's clean energy transition, circular economy framework, and waste management strategy by creating a predictable and enabling ecosystem for project development and operations.

In furtherance with this goal, the key objectives of the Policy comprise are as follows:

- 2.1 Harnessing renewable potential** to increase the share of clean energy in the state's mix and meet net-zero targets.
- 2.2 Enabling reliable, cost-efficient feedstock supply chains** through structured aggregation, storage, and logistics aligned with local waste.
- 2.3 Creating investment opportunities** and facilitating a circular economy to generate direct and indirect employment.
- 2.4 Enhancing ease of doing business** by streamlining access to land, power, water, and statutory clearances via a Single Window Mechanism.

2.5 Fostering investor confidence through policy clarity, regulatory stability, and time-bound project approvals.

3. APPLICABILITY AND TIMELINE

3.1 Applicability: This policy applies to all new CBG projects and associated activities within Assam. Eligible feedstock include agricultural/crop residues, animal dung, municipal solid waste (segregated organic fractions), agro-industrial residues (press mud), and energy crops (*e.g.* Napier grass).

Besides, all the projects covered under this Policy shall have to comply with applicable laws, rules, and standards issued by the Government of India and the Government of Assam; including those relating to environment, safety, land use, quality specifications and statutory approvals.

Moreover, the Petroleum and Natural Gas PSUs of both the Central and the State Governments, as well as private entities, engaging in CBG projects shall be eligible for benefits under the policy.

However, the projects commissioned prior to the effective date of this Policy shall not be eligible for incentives or benefits under this Policy, except where specific transition or migration provisions are expressly notified by the State Government.

3.2 Timeline: This policy shall come into effect from its date of notification in the official gazette; and shall remain in force for a period of **5 (five) years** from the date of notification, or until amended, suspended or withdrawn by the State Government, whichever is earlier.

3.3 Review: The implementation framework, fiscal outlays, and incentive mechanisms shall be reviewed at the end of each financial year, with suitable modifications, extensions, or rationalization to be decided and formalized based on ecosystem maturity, market response, and fiscal considerations.

4. INCENTIVES AND REGULATORY REFORMS: In order to promote CBG plants and use of CBG, financial incentives in the form of subsidies and tax exemptions shall be accorded in accordance with the provisions of this Policy. Besides, regulatory reforms in the relevant sectors shall be effected in order to facilitate the setting up of such plants without encountering much of inhibiting bureaucratic hassles and legal compliances. In this context, the measures shall pertain to 6 (six) broad pillars:

- **Pillar 1 (*Foundational Infrastructure Support for Setting up CBG Projects*)**

It shall comprise the according of assured land access and time bound provisioning and shifting of utilities through a single-window, deemed-approval framework to prevent project development delays and upfront entry barriers for CBG projects.

- **Pillar 2 (*Feedstock Supply Chain*)**

It shall comprise the institutionalization of a structured, catchment-based feedstock ecosystem to ensure reliable, year-round and cost-efficient supply of agricultural residues, municipal waste, animal waste, and sugar by-products to CBG plants.

- **Pillar 3 (*Plant Setup and Operations Support*)**

It shall comprise the enhancement of the bankability and early-stage operational stability of CBG plants through capacity-linked capital assistance, power cost rationalization and structured manpower support mechanisms.

- **Pillar 4 (*Bio-Manure (FOM/LFOM) Management and Supporting Infrastructure Development*)**

It shall comprise the enabling of sustainable monetization and market integration of fermented organic manure while supporting development of essential project infrastructure such as approach roads, utility systems, and CBG evacuation linkages.

- **Pillar 5 (*CBG Demand Creation and Transport Sector Integration*)**

It shall comprise the creation of assured and scalable demand for domestically produced CBG through structured integration with the transport sector, fiscal incentives for CNG vehicle adoption, and streamlined regulatory approvals.

- **Pillar 6 (*Development of Ecosystem Enablers*)**

It shall comprise the creation of a predictable, investment-friendly CBG ecosystem through tax and interest support, innovation and R&D incentives and a digital single-window approval mechanism with defined timelines and accountability.

5. PILLAR 1: INFRASTRUCTURE AND LAND SUPPORT

5.1 Land Support:

The Government of Assam shall provide a comprehensive framework for land availability, allotment and associated facilitation measures as elucidated below:

- **Land Allotment:** Subject to availability of land and the suitability of the proposed project, suitable land parcels shall be allotted by the State Government to CBG plants at the rate of at least **4.5 Bighas per TPD of capacity**. In the case of larger hubs involving energy plantations, the State shall facilitate long-term leases of wasteland at nominal rates.

- **Concessional Lease:** The Government land allotted by the State Government for CBG projects shall be leased at a concessional rate – *i.e.* at a lease rate not exceeding **1.5% of the circle rate** per acre per year for an initial period of thirty (30) years, or as may be notified by the State Government from time to time. However, the applicable lease rate shall be subject to an escalation of up to 5% every two (2) years over the preceding lease rate unless otherwise revised by the State Government.
- **Lease of Panchayat Land:** The State Government shall also facilitate the lease of Panchayat land at reasonable rate directly through Panchayat (as per prevailing Government Policy) for setting up of CBG projects for minimum period of 30 years.
- **Land Bank:** The State Government shall develop and maintain a dedicated land bank for CBG projects, mapped to project-wise feedstock catchment areas. Identified land parcels shall be hosted on a publicly accessible digital portal indicating their location, extent, title status and land-use details.

Applications for allotment of land from the Land Bank shall be disposed of within a period of six (6) months from the date of receipt of a complete application, subject to availability of suitable land and fulfilment of the prescribed eligibility criteria and statutory requirements.

Land allotted to a CBG project from the Land Bank shall, as far as practicable, comprise a single contiguous parcel. Allotment of fragmented or non-contiguous parcels shall not ordinarily be permitted.

- **Exemptions:** Full exemption from **stamp duty, registration charges** and **land conversion fees** shall be provided for land used in CBG projects. Other applicable charges in case of land acquisition or lease for CBG projects shall also be fully exempted.

Besides, deemed Non-Agricultural status shall be accorded for the land utilized for development of CBG projects. However, an application must be submitted to the Revenue and Disaster Management Department of the State Government, through the District Commissioner concerned, for notifying the conversion.

- **Coordination by State Nodal Agency:** Land allotment and facilitation under this Policy shall be coordinated through the State Nodal Agency, which shall act as a single point of contact for CBG developers for approvals and inter-departmental coordination.

5.2 Provisioning and Shifting of Utilities:

To ensure timely commissioning of Compressed Biogas (CBG) projects, the State Government shall extend comprehensive support for the provisioning and shifting of utilities (electricity, water, roads) through a structured and time-bound framework – with a provision for deemed-approval framework if clearances are not issued within **60 days**.

6. PILLAR 2: FEEDSTOCK SUPPLY CHAIN

6.1 Integrated Feedstock Planning Framework: In order to ensure continuous, reliable and cost-effective availability of feedstock for Compressed Biogas (CBG) projects, the State Government shall establish a structured, decentralized and institutionally anchored feedstock supply chain framework.

- **Defined Feedstock Catchment Area:** Each CBG project shall be assigned to a clearly defined feedstock catchment area – which shall serve as the primary zone for feedstock aggregation and supply. Based on plant capacity, feedstock availability and logistical considerations, the District Level Committee of the concerned district (or its District Commissioner on its behalf) may, where necessary, approve extension of the catchment area to one or more adjoining revenue circles.

Where the assessment establishes that surplus biomass is available within a catchment area beyond the requirements of the existing CBG project(s), the competent authority may permit establishment of additional CBG projects within such catchment area, subject to availability of adequate surplus biomass and ensuring that the feedstock requirements and viability of the existing project(s) are not adversely affected.

- **Aggregator-Based Supply Model:** The State Government shall adopt an aggregator-based feedstock supply model for each catchment area. Under this model, long-term contractual arrangements shall be facilitated between the CBG project developer, registered feedstock aggregators, and farmers other feedstock suppliers. To enable this, IT based portal and mobile app shall be developed by the State Nodal Agency to onboard and integrate developers, aggregators and suppliers on a single platform for transparent contracting, coordination and monitoring of feedstock supply.
- **Feedstock Aggregation and Storage Centres:** The State Government shall have provision for feedstock aggregation and storage centers within designated catchment areas to support efficient logistics and year-round feedstock supply. Such centers may be developed by project developers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), cooperatives, Panchayats, Urban Local Bodies, or authorized aggregators with facilitation support from the State Government.

6.2 Agricultural Residue based Feedstock Support: To strengthen the agricultural residue supply chain for CBG projects and address issues such as open burning and unutilized crop residues, the State Government shall implement the following measures:

- **Paddy Straw Focus:** Recognizing paddy straw as the primary available biomass in Assam, the Agriculture Department of the State Government shall prioritize its collection to prevent field burning.
- **Machinery Subsidy:** The State Government shall support the procurement and deployment of biomass aggregation and handling machinery, including balers, rakers, trolleys, shredders, loaders, and

transportation equipment. Registered feedstock aggregators or CBG producers, as the case may be, shall be eligible to avail supplementary capital subsidy of up to 20% of total machinery cost, subject to a maximum limit of 5 (five) crore per project over and above Central Government's Scheme for biomass aggregation. Such machinery subsidy shall be disbursed in five equal annual installments.

The subsidy ceiling shall be subject to annual revision based on prevailing market prices of biomass aggregation machinery. The State Government shall notify revised benchmark cost annually, considering inflation, import dependency and market volatility, to ensure continued commercial viability of procurement of biomass aggregation machinery.

- **FPO Integration:** The Agriculture Department of the State Government shall form at least one **Farmer Producer Organization (FPO)** per development block for biomass collection and execute long-term supply contracts with CBG developers.
- **Wasteland Utilization:** Large-scale energy plantations (e.g., Napier grass) on scrub/wastelands shall be encouraged by the Agriculture Department of the State Government through pilots to ensure a year-round feedstock supply of CBG plants.
- **Agriculture Waste Utilization:** Agricultural Produce Markets shall also execute long term feedstock delivery contracts with CBG producers for collection of agricultural waste and residues generated within their premises, and for their systematic delivery to Compressed Biogas (CBG) plants. Such waste residues shall be exempted from levy of Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) fees for a period of at least seven (7) years from the date of notification of this Policy.

6.3 Municipal Solid Waste based Feedstock Support: In order to enhance urban sanitation, promote scientific processing of segregated organic waste and reduce landfill dependency, the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs of the State Government shall ensure that the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) under its jurisdiction (including municipal corporations, municipal boards, town committees) do integrate municipal biodegradable waste streams with CBG projects as part of a structured urban waste management framework.

- For this purpose, the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) shall facilitate long-term arrangements for the supply of segregated organic municipal solid waste to CBG projects located within or serving their respective catchment areas, in accordance with the applicable Solid Waste Management Rules. Such arrangements shall ensure reliable and regular availability of feedstock to CBG projects at no cost to the CBG producer, subject to prescribed feedstock quality standards and applicable regulatory requirements. The ULBs shall also facilitate the collection, segregation and delivery of such organic waste to the designated CBG project in accordance with the agreed arrangements.

- The agreements/ memoranda of understanding for such arrangements shall be registered in the portal of the State Nodal Agency, which in turn shall monitor and facilitate the implementation thereof.

6.4 Press Mud and Other Sugar Mill By-Product Based Feedstock Support: In order to ensure availability of press mud and other sugar mill by-product at fair market price for Compressed Biogas (CBG) projects, the State Government shall implement the following measures:

- In catchment areas where CBG plant is established using press mud or any other sugar mill by-product as feedstock, such feedstock shall be prioritized for use in the CBG plant and shall not be diverted for competing uses (such as use as an organic manure or as a fuel in brick kilns), except where surplus quantities are formally assessed and certified by the competent authority notified by the State Government.
- Long-term feedstock supply contracts shall be executed between sugar mills/ sugar cooperatives and CBG project developers for assured supply of press mud. Such contracts shall also provision for reverse supply of bio-manure (fermented organic manure) generated from the CBG plant to the sugar mills/ sugar cooperatives or designated agencies. The purchase price of press mud and the rate for supply of bio-manure shall be mutually agreed between the sugar mill and the CBG project developer.

6.5 Animal Husbandry based Feedstock Support: In order to advance circular economic principles and transform livestock waste into clean energy and bio-fertilizer, the Veterinary Department of the State Government shall integrate animal husbandry waste streams into a structured waste-to- wealth framework that promotes resource recovery, rural sanitation and sustainable bio-resource utilization. For this purpose, the following provisions shall be implemented:

- The Veterinary Department of the State Government shall facilitate long-term feedstock supply arrangements between gaushalas, cattle sheds, dairies and CBG project developers for supply of animal dung and livestock waste. Such arrangements shall include fixed fee- based supply contracts to ensure predictable feedstock availability while improving circular economy and animal waste management outcomes.
- The Veterinary Department of the State Government shall also encourage aggregation of cattle dung at village level through cooperatives, SHGs, FPOs or registered aggregators to support decentralized feedstock logistics.

7. PILLAR 3: PLANT SETUP AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT

7.1 Capital Subsidy: To mitigate high upfront capital requirements and improve the bankability of Compressed Biogas (CBG) projects, the State Government shall provide capital support at the rate of **₹0.5 crore per TPD** of installed capacity, capped at **₹20 crore per project**. Such capital subsidy shall be disbursed in five equal annual installments.

- Besides, the projects located in Special Category areas, including aspirational districts and border area districts, if rich in biomass, shall be eligible for additional capital support of up to 5%, subject to the aforementioned overall cap on total assistance.
- Moreover, the projects using cattle dung or agri-residue as primary feedstock are eligible for an additional **5% capital support**.

7.2 Power Incentives: Electricity duty on power consumed by CBG plants in their operations shall be **fully exempted** for a period of up to **10 years** from the date of commencement of commercial operation. Besides, a Power Tariff Support @ **₹2 per unit** shall be provided for 5 years from the date of commencement of commercial operation, with an annual ceiling of ₹ 40 lakhs.

7.3 Labour Support: To promote local employment, the State Government shall provide a **One-Time Employment Incentive of @ ₹ 10,000/- to the employer [i.e. CBG entity] against each local youth employed by the unit.**

- The State Government shall also reimburse the employer's contribution towards the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) for eligible employees domiciled in Assam, subject to a cap of 1,000 per month per female employee and 500 per month per male employee for a period of at least five (5) years from the date of commencement of commercial operation of the CBG plant.

8. PILLAR 4: BIO-MANURE (FOM/LFOM) MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

8.1 Bio-Manure (FOM/LFOM) Management and Utilization: Bio-manure (fermented organic manure) generated as a by-product of Bio-CBG plants constitutes an important input for sustainable agriculture and soil health improvement. In order to promote its systematic utilization and market integration, the Agriculture Department of the State Government shall undertake the implementation of the following measures:

- **Research Promotion:** The Agriculture Department of the State Government, in coordination with the Assam Agricultural University, and other designated institutions of excellence, shall promote research, marketing and distribution of bio-manure produced by CBG plants, to create farmer awareness and acceptance.
- **Organic Manure Cooperatives and FPOs:** The Agriculture Department of the State Government shall promote formation and strengthening of Organic Manure Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)/ Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for organized aggregation, quality standardization and structured marketing and distribution of FOM/ LFOM in order to enable organized market access and ensure sustainable commercialization of organic manure.
- **Market Integration:** The Agriculture Department of the State Government shall develop an enabling mechanism to facilitate sale and purchase of bio-manure through licensed fertilizer outlets and other approved distribution

channels, and have it mandated for use in State Government plantations and forest nurseries.

- **Offtake Support:** Preferential treatment shall be given for FOM offtake by major state industries, such as **Tea Estates**, to boost soil organic carbon.
- **Value Added Facilities:** The Industries, Commerce and Public Enterprise Department of the State Government shall extend support for establishment of digestate value-addition facilities, including granulation units to convert FOM/LFOM into standardized, transportable and market-ready organic fertilizers.

8.2 Supporting Infrastructure Development:

- The Public Works (Roads) Department of the State Government shall develop approach roads to ensure adequate site accessibility for feedstock movement, by-product transport and plant operations.
- The State Government shall provide doorstep power connectivity, water supply systems and gas pipelines to the CBG plants.
- The State Government shall provide financial assistance for installation of waste management systems, including Effluent Treatment Plants (ETP), Sewage Treatment Plants (STP), and pollution control equipment up to 50% of the eligible capital expenditure thereon, subject to a limit of ₹ 2.5 crores per project. Such financial assistance shall be disbursed in 5 equal annual instalments.
- The State Government shall ensure availability of 33/11 kV power connectivity from the nearest suitable substation subject to technical feasibility and availability of adequate load capacity for CBG plants located within a radius of five (5) kilometers. The cost of dedicated infrastructure, augmentation or extension required for such connectivity shall be borne by the CBG project developer in accordance with applicable regulations.
- The State Government shall promote development of CBG industrial clusters in proximity to high-density biomass zones, agro-industrial hubs, livestock concentration areas or municipal waste generation centers. Such clusters shall be developed with shared feedstock aggregation infrastructure, storage facilities, common utilities and coordinated evacuation linkages.
- The State Government shall amend its City Gas Distribution (CGD) policy to ensure that provisions related to the creation of CBG evacuation infrastructure are integrated therein. Such integration shall include, inter alia, time-bound and deemed approval mechanism, transparent and standardized framework for Right of Use (RoU), restoration charges, dehydration/ decompression/ desulphurization of CBG to meet PNGRB standards, and other applicable permissions and charges to enable timely and cost-effective evacuation of CBG through CGD networks.

9. PILLAR 5: DEMAND CREATION AND TRANSPORT SECTOR INTEGRATION:

9.1 Procurement by Transport Operators: To create assured demand for domestically produced Compressed Biogas (CBG) and enhance the bankability of CBG projects, the Transport Department of the State Government shall institute the following measures for integration of CBG within the transport ecosystem:

- The Transport Department of the State Government, through its agencies like Assam Transport Corporation Limited, shall procure at least 10-20% of their total CNG requirement from CBG plants located within the State of Assam, subject to availability, quality compliance, and commercial viability.
- **Encouragements and Incentives for Retrofitting:** The Transport Department of the State Government shall extend capital support, as may be notified separately, for conversion of eligible public transport buses or private vehicles to CNG, in accordance with applicable technical and safety standards.

Educational institutions and private transport operators in cities with population exceeding 5 lakhs shall be encouraged to transition to CNG/ CBG-based vehicles within two (2) years from notification of this Policy. In other cities and towns, such transition shall be encouraged within four (4) years. Capital support shall be provided for the conversion of public transport buses and private vehicles to CNG/CBG.

9.2 Regulatory Facilitation for CNG Vehicle Ecosystem: In order to streamline the regulatory processes and ensure time-bound approvals for adoption of CNG vehicles and conversion infrastructure, the Transport Department of the State Government shall implement the following facilitative measures:

- Applications for approval of CNG vehicles and CNG kits certified by Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) or International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) shall be processed within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of complete application. Validity certification and compliance verification shall be undertaken once every three (3) years in accordance with applicable safety norms.
- Endorsement of CNG fuel conversion on the Registration Certificate (RC) shall be completed by the concerned RTO/DTO within ten (10) working days from submission of complete documentation and inspection.
- Approval for establishment of CNG Retro-fitment Centres (RFCs) shall be granted within fifteen (15) days of receipt of complete application, subject to compliance with applicable technical and safety standards.

10. PILLAR 6: DEVELOPMENT OF ECOSYSTEM ENABLERS:

10.1 Tax and Interest Support: To reduce financing costs and to ease taxation for Compressed Biogas (CBG) projects, the State Government shall extend the following support measures:

- The State Government shall provide up to 100% reimbursement of net State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) paid through debit in electronic cash ledger for a period of 5 (five) years from the date of commencement of commercial production, subject to a ceiling of 100% of eligible Fixed Capital Investment, and also subject to annual ceiling as notified by the Finance Department.
- The State Government shall provide an Interest Subsidy @ 50% of total interest on term loan for 5 years, subject to a ceiling of ₹ 40 lakhs per annum.

10.2 Research, Development, and Innovation Support: In order to promote innovation, indigenization and technological advancement in the CBG sector, the State Government shall extend targeted support for research and development as follows:

- The State Government shall establish a dedicated **Research & Development (R&D) and Innovation Fund** for the CBG sector to support technology improvement, operational efficiency enhancement and ecosystem strengthening. The Fund shall be utilized to undertake targeted initiatives such as enhancement of digester efficiency, development and standardization of Fermented Organic Manure (FOM) products, technology validation studies and other operational efficiency/ technology improvement initiatives. The modalities, eligibility criteria and implementation framework of the Fund shall be notified as part of the Operational Guidelines of the Policy.
- The State Government shall provide at least 100% reimbursement of expenses incurred for filing and registration of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and geographical indications (GI) related to CBG technologies, processes, products and by-products subject to a maximum limit of ₹10 lakh per project during the first five (5) years from the date of commencement of commercial operation.
- The State Government shall examine the feasibility of decentralized, plastic-tank based Biogas generation systems at the household and community level in rural, semi-urban and urban areas. This assessment shall be undertaken in consultation with the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation (DOWS), the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) and other relevant stakeholders. The evaluation shall include technical viability, financial sustainability, scalability potential, safety standards and integration with existing rural sanitation and waste management systems.

10.3 Institutional Capacity Building and Skill Development: In order to ensure availability of a skilled technical workforce and build long-term institutional capability for sustainable CBG sector growth, The State Government shall establish a dedicated CBG Skill and Capacity Development Framework with the following provisions:

- The Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department (SEED) of the State Government shall develop standardized certification and training modules for plant operators, maintenance technicians, safety supervisors and quality control staff associated with CBG plant operations.
- Structured training programs shall be implemented in collaboration with the Assam Skill Development Mission, the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and Polytechnics, Assam Engineering Institute, Assam Agricultural University, other State Government Engineering, Technology, Veterinary and Integrated Universities, and other accredited institutions of the State of Assam.

10.4 Single Window Mechanism: In order to ensure coordinated implementation, reduce approval timelines and improve ease of doing business, the State Government shall establish a single window mechanism for approvals, permissions and clearances required.

- The State Nodal Agency shall develop an online dashboard-based portal for submission and processing of applications related to the implementation of this CBG Policy, and make it operational within six (6) months from the date of notification of this Policy.
- The State Nodal Agency shall also be responsible for integrating CBG portal with the existing EoDB portal within six (6) months from the date of notification of this Policy.
- All the project related approvals, clearances, NOCs will be granted via the single window mechanism only.

11. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE UNDER THE POLICY

11.1 State Level Committee (SLC): The SLC shall be headed by the **Chief Secretary** of Assam. Its composition shall be as follows:

Sl. No.	Officer	Position in Committee
1.	Chief Secretary, Assam	Chairman
2.	Senior-most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Industries, Commerce & PE Department	Member Secretary
3.	Senior-most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Department	Member
4.	Senior-most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Department of Housing & Urban Affairs	Member
5.	Senior-most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Department of Panchayat & Rural Development	Member
6.	Senior-most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department	Member

7.	Senior-most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Fishery Department	Member
8.	Senior-most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue & Disaster Management Department	Member
9.	Senior-most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Transport Department	Member
10.	Senior-most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment & Forest Department	Member
11.	Senior-most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Department	Member
12.	Managing Director, Assam Gas Company Ltd.	Member
13.	Managing Director, Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd.	Member
14.	Representative of Oil India Limited	Member

The Committee may, with the explicit approval of the Chairman, co-opt any member in the Committee through a resolution in one of its meetings.

The terms of reference of the SLC shall comprise:

- (i) overall monitoring of the implementation of the CBG Policy and alignment with the relevant policies, schemes, guidelines and directions of the Government of India relating to the CBG sector, including conducting periodic reviews,
- (ii) deliberation on and approval of action plans prepared for the aforementioned implementation, and
- (iii) inter-departmental coordination, and resolution of inter-departmental issues in the context of CBG and SATAT.

11.2 State Nodal Agency (SNA): The Commissioner of Industries and Commerce, Assam, shall be the State Nodal Agency, and shall act as a single point of contact, managing the **Single Window Portal** for project registration and tracking.

- The State Nodal Agency shall be the principal authority responsible for promotion, facilitation, and coordinated execution of Compressed Biogas (CBG) projects across the State of Assam.
- The State Nodal Agency shall, inter alia, perform the following functions:
 - (a) Facilitation of registration of investors and project developers under the Policy, provide guidance on applicable incentives, and assist in resolution of queries, grievances, and implementation-related issues.
 - (b) Being the single point of coordination for expeditious processing and disposal of applications pending with various State Government Departments and local authorities.
 - (c) Aligning the planning of CBG projects and associated evacuation infrastructure with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan to

optimize feedstock transportation routes, minimize logistics costs and enable co-location with gas distribution networks.

- (d) Granting of deemed approvals, where applicable, in accordance with the provisions of this Policy and notified timelines.
- (e) Obtaining, compiling, and notifying the district-wise and development block/ revenue circle-wise data yearly on availability of agricultural residues, animal dung, municipal solid waste, agro-industrial residues, and other biomass, in coordination with the Agriculture Department, Veterinary Department, Housing and Urban Affairs Department, Agriculture Marketing Board, and other relevant agencies.
- (f) Conducting or facilitating the annual district and development block/ revenue circle--level surveys to update assessments of biomass production capacity, competing uses, and techno-economic viability of different biomass streams, which shall be used as inputs for project registration, catchment allocation and capacity planning.
- (g) Approval and notification of the number of registered feedstock aggregators permitted to operate within each catchment area – based on the recommendations of the District-Level Committee/ District Commissioner.
- (h) Development, operation and maintenance of the single-window portal for submission, tracking, and time-bound processing of CBG-related approvals and applications.
- (i) Facilitation of the processing of Consent to Establish (CTE), Consent to Operate (CTO) and other applicable environmental clearances for notified CBG projects in accordance with CPCB industry classification norms as determined based on feedstock type, scale of operation, and wastewater discharge parameters.
- (j) Coordination of the implementation of the State's CBG Skill and Capacity Development Framework in collaboration the Assam Skill Development Mission, the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and Polytechnics, Assam Engineering Institute, Assam Agricultural University, other State Government Engineering, Technology, Veterinary and Integrated Universities, and other accredited institutions of the State of Assam.
- (k) Monitoring and administering the disbursement of incentives and fiscal support under this Policy, including capital assistance, power tariff support, tax reimbursements, and skill development subsidies, in accordance with the Operational Guidelines of the Policy to be notified by the State Government.
- (l) Undertaking of periodic monitoring, reporting, and review of CBG sector performance at the State Government-level; and recommendation of policy refinements, regulatory interventions, or corrective measures to ensure ecosystem scale up.

11.3 District Level Committee: A District-Level Committee shall be constituted in each district under the chairmanship of the **District Commissioner**, and will undertake the following functions:

- (a) Establishment of coordination among farmers, feedstock aggregators and CBG project developers for creation and smooth functioning of feedstock supply chains within the district.
- (b) Facilitation of the determination of appropriate and uniform district-level prices for feedstock based on mutual consultation with farmers, aggregators, and project developers, ensuring transparency and fairness.
- (c) Provision of regulatory and administrative support to aggregators for transportation, storage, and movement of feedstock within the district.
- (d) Coordination with the Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department, Forest Department, Urban Local Bodies, Development Authorities, and other relevant agencies for marketing and distribution of organic manure and bio-manure produced by CBG plants.
- (e) Facilitation and coordination of regulatory approvals and clearances required at the district level, including but not limited to fire safety, land use permissions, conversion of agricultural to non-agricultural land, availability of government land, electricity and water supply, used water/ wastewater treatment, transmission infrastructure, and waiver or rationalization of development charges, as applicable.
- (f) Ensuring the compliance with approved command / catchment areas by aggregators and project developers to prevent conflict over feedstock supply and protect project viability.
- (g) Monitoring and review of the timely payments to farmers/ feedstock suppliers for feedstock supply and address grievances, if any.
- (h) Facilitation of the execution of contracts related to supply and utilization of organic manure and compressed biogas.
- (i) Recommendation of appropriate measures to the State Nodal Agency for rationalization, coordination or restriction of aggregator numbers to ensure orderly supply and fair competition – in cases where multiple aggregators operate within the same catchment area.

12. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

12.1 Compliance of Extant Laws: All Compressed Biogas (CBG) units established under this Policy will comply with environmental and other applicable laws, rules, regulations, notifications and orders issued by the Government of India and the Government of Assam from time to time, including those relating to pollution control, waste management, safety, and statutory clearances.

12.2 White Category Status: CBG plants shall be classified under the '**White Category**' by the Assam Pollution Control Board to reduce environmental compliance burdens.

12.3 Pipeline Connectivity: Efforts shall be made to link CBG plants with the **North-East Gas Grid** and local CGD networks for efficient gas evacuation.

However, it has to be ensured that due processing for dehydration, desulphurization, compression/ decompression, etc. of the CBG is done beforehand to ensure compliance of PNGRB guidelines of the PNG in the network pipelines.

12.4 Digital Integration: An IT-based portal and mobile app shall be launched to onboard and synchronize developers, aggregators, and farmers for transparent contracting.

12.5 Procedure of Registration of CBG Plants to be established: The procedure of registration shall be elucidated in the Operational Guidelines of the Policy to be notified in due course by the State Government.

12.6 Operational Guidelines of the Policy: The State Government of Assam in the Industries, Commerce and Public Enterprise Department shall take necessary action of preparing and notifying the Operational Guidelines of the Assam Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) Policy 2026 preferably within a period of 3 (three) months of the notification of the Policy concerned.

For disbursement of fiscal support or incentives under this Policy, the procedure laid down under the Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam, 2019 (as amended) shall apply mutatis mutandis, unless provided otherwise in the aforementioned Operational Guidelines.

12.7 Budget Provisions: The State Government of Assam in the Industries, Commerce and Public Enterprise Department shall make necessary budgetary provisions to ensure effective implementation, coordination, monitoring and administration of this Policy.