

ABSU protests against non-availability of text books



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The All Bodo Students Union (ABSU) has warned to lock [education](#) department offices, which included District Elementary [Education](#) Office (DEEO), Deputy Inspector of [Schools](#) (DI), Block Elementary [Education](#) Office (BEEO) in protest [against](#) non-availability of textbooks in Bodo medium schools.

The students union observed [2](#)-hour sit-in-dharna on Friday in front of DEEO office in Kokrajhar, demanded immediate supply & distribution of all textbooks from class I to [X](#) in the [state](#).

Over thousand school children and students union activists along with publics from different parts of the Kokrajhar district join hands with banner, placards in the sit-in-dharna in front of the DEEO office in Kokrajhar on Friday that was started from 11 am, was organized by Kokrajhar district unit of ABSU. The [student](#) union and school children shouted slogans, demanding early supply and distribution of textbooks in the schools, reprint the wrongly printed textbooks for class VI, VII & VIII, make public the new education [policy](#) and open for public consultation.

The students union slammed the [state](#) government and education department for not taking stern measures while proper supplying textbooks and distribution for the students in the [state](#). The students union sets dateline February 15 next to the government of Assam to resolve all the grievances related to Bodo medium textbooks, otherwise the students union will be compelled to step to lock education offices across the [state](#).

The students union submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal through DEEO, Kokrajhar seeking early supply and distribution of textbooks across the [state](#).

Lawrence Islary, general secretary of the students union expresses serious concern [over](#) massive shortage of Bodo medium textbooks all [over](#) Assam, which is the repeated negligence by the government of Assam; which has brought the threat to the existence of Bodo medium education in the [state](#). He demanded immediate available of textbooks from the [state](#) and supply urgently to all the schools to [start](#) the curriculum all [over](#) the [state](#).

‘The students union strongly [demands](#) to make public the upcoming new education [policy](#) in the [state](#) and open up for public consultation’, Islary said.

Kastom Basumatary, education secretary of ABSU central committee, Prahalad Brahma, secretary of Kokrajhar district unit ABSU come down heavily on the [state](#) government and education department for negligence of textbook supply and distributions in the [state](#), especially Bodo medium has been suffered lots.

They said that still today 30% percent of the textbooks have yet to receive in Bodo medium and 20% percent to be received for [Assamese](#) medium across the [state](#). Government has been willingly delaying the supply and distribution of textbooks, they alleged.

They warn to lock education department offices if supply and distribution of textbooks would not be held by February 15 next. They also said that negligence by the government of Assam would not be tolerated at any cost.

‘We are taking education in schools [as](#) new curriculum started without textbooks in the [state](#). Give us textbooks to take quality education among society’, said an agitated [student](#) in the dharna.

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