

## All out against Citizenship amendment move



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NEW DELHI: Nearly three dozen organizations, mostly from Assam, have strongly opposed the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016 as they met the Joint [Parliament](#) Committee in [New Delhi](#) on Tuesday.

Only six organizations have thrown their weights behind the bill that would allow the Hindu immigrants from the neighbouring countries to take Indian citizenship.

Coming out of the hearing AASU adviser Dr Samujjal Bhattacharya said they won't change their stand and that never would they allow it to happen in the [state](#).

“We are dead opposed to it. Assam is not a dumping ground to welcome the immigrants. No, the answer is very simple, never. The government must implement the Assam Accord, 1985 in letter and spirit,” said the AASU [leader](#).

Same sentiment echoes in ABSU president Pramod Boro who said Assam can't bear extra burden. “Since inception we have been opposing the Bill and we would keep opposing. Any immigrant be Hindu or [Muslim](#) won't not be allowed to get Indian citizenship,” said Boro.

Other organizations also strongly opposed the Bill as they participated in the hearing on Tuesday in the capital. The All Assam [Muslim](#) Students Union ([AAMSU](#)), who boycotted the hearing also opposed the Bill.

Six organizations including a Bengali youth organization and the Assam Satra Mahasabha supported the Bill when they participated in the hearing the JPC under the chairmanship by Rajendra Agarwall.

The House panel is likely to visit Guwahati and Shillong in the first week of May.

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