

Bodo language in Judicial Services!



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The Bodo lawyers of the BTAD demanded inclusion of Bodo language in Assam [Judicial](#) Service examination in the [state](#) to pave way competitive [welfare](#) to the Bodo medium candidates in [judicial](#) service examinations. The lawyers alleged that Bodo medium background candidates are deprived from opportunities of absorbing in [judicial](#) jobs due to non inclusion of Bodo language in the [judicial](#) service examination in the [state](#).

The Bodo lawyers of the BTAD, Kokrajhar submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal through the Deputy Commissioner, Kokrajhar seeking inclusion of Bodo language in Assam [Judicial](#) Services. The lawyers demanded early implementation of Bodo language while officiating in [judicial](#) services [job](#) to facilitate competitive exams in judicial related examinations, which (Bodo language) is one of the included language in the [8th](#) scheduled of the Indian constitution.

Speaking to the reporters at Bar Association, Kokrajhar complex on Friday, [Ratan](#) Jhangkar [Narzary](#) and Rana Basumatary, Bodo Lawyers of the BTAD said that even though the Bodo language has been recognized [as](#) associate official language in the [state](#) of Assam, but till today the Bodo language was not been being used in the Assam [judicial](#) service examinations. They alleged that Bodo medium candidates have been deprived in the [judicial](#) service related examinations in the [state](#) due to non inclusion of Bodo language in Assam [judicial](#) services officiating. They said the Gauhati High Court has been conducting Assam [Judicial](#) Service grade I & III examinations for the appointment of [judicial](#) officers of the subordinate courts of Assam where Bodo medium candidates should face [Assamese](#) language instead of Bodo language, which is not seeing suitable for the appearing candidates.

They said, in a notification from the governor of Assam, dated 15th February, [2016](#) stated that in continuation of [state](#) government, notification no.PLB 96/83/PL/56, dated 28th November, 1989, the governor of Assam is pleased to declare that the Bodo language shall be used [as](#) an Associate Official Language in all districts of the [state](#) of Assam having substantial Bodo population [as](#) provided in Section 5A of The Assam Official Language [Act](#), 1960(Assam [Act](#) No. XXXIII of 1960), but till today Bodo language has been keeping aside in used.

The Bodo lawyers said, prior to 2011,the syllabus of the AJS grade I & III written test examinations was related to law subjects, English and GK only comprising in papers I,II and III, but in 2011 advertisement of the aforesaid examinations it is seen/[found](#) that there is included one more paper i.e. IV paper for 50 marks, to test the proficiency of the candidates in official languages of the [state](#) of Assam and wherein paper IV only [Assamese](#) language is included and accordingly in every subsequent AJS examination only [Assamese](#) language has been using to test official language in the said examination till date.

The inclusion of proficiency test of official language of the [state](#) of Assam, in AJS examinations is welcome decision for the interest of people of Assam [as](#) well [as](#) for the protection of outsider candidates from the aforesaid examinations but on the other hand, inclusion of only [Assamese](#) language in paper IV in the afore said examination is very unfortunate for the [indigenous](#) Bodo medium candidates [as](#) because [as](#) per sources from 2011 to till date, no single Bodo medium candidate could able to pass in aforesaid examinations, the Bodo lawyers said. They demanded early inclusion of Bodo language into the Assam [Judicial](#) Service examinations so that Bodo medium background candidates can seat and write in Bodo language in the AJS related examinations.

In 2012, Bodo lawyers moved to the recruitment cell of the Gauhati High Court, Guwahati due to non inclusion of Bodo language in paper IV, the then concerning authority stated that without notification from the [state](#) government of Assam, the Bodo language not be included and after that accordingly memorandum was submitted for notification to include paper IV in AJS examinations to the then Chief Minister of Assam in 2012, but no fruitful result outcome, the bodo lawyers said.

‘Bodo language has been using [as](#) an associate official language in BTAD of the [state](#) of Assam from 2003 and it is one of the main official language of the BTAD and it is also included in the [8th](#) scheduled of Indian constitution, for that it might be included in any competitive examination in Assam [as](#) an official language along with [Assamese](#). But government of Assam [as](#) well [as](#) Gauhati High Court has been depriving us from our fundamental right which is injustice and on the other hand in UPSC examinations the Bodo language has got equal status with [Assamese](#) language’, they said.

‘If Bodo language is not included in the ensuing AJS examinations [as](#) an official language proficiency test along with the [Assamese](#), then the Bodo medium candidates will neither be able to pass nor get judicial officers/judges jobs in near future which is very unfortunate and harmful for the entire Bodo communities in the field of judicial department’, the Bodo lawyers said.

The Bodo lawyers urged the Chief Minister to take bold step [as](#) well as dynamic leadership while issuing a notification by passing in cabinet for inclusion of Bodo language in AJS examinations to the Gauhati High Court [as soon as](#) possible [as](#) an official language along with [Assamese](#) for the greater interest of Bodo medium candidate [as](#) well as Bodo [community](#) .

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