

Govt facing heat of armyworms



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Much to a major embarrassment for the BJP-led Government in Assam, many army worms hit farmers alleged Government negligence.

Many peasants in the worst-hit Golaghat district have alleged that the [agriculture](#) department has yet to send officials to [deal](#) with the situation. “We the farmers in [10](#) villagers have yet to see an officer here. We have repeatedly apprised the authorities of the situation. But of no avail,” said Kushal Saikia from Sarupathar.

Another villager said,” within a few days armyworms have damaged our crops. We are helpless. We [don't](#) have anything that can mitigate our misery.” But [agriculture](#) minister Atul [Bora](#) who hails from the district denies any negligence. He told reporters in Guwahati that efforts are on to [deal](#) with the situation.

According to him, the situation has marginally been brought under the control in [10](#) districts. “Efforts are on to totally wipe out the [menace](#),” said [Bora](#).

Many farmers in Bokakhat have alleged insufficient materials to [deal](#) with the [menace](#). “We do charge the authorities with providing us insufficient and out dated pesticides which would not work,” said a local [farmer](#) in Bokakhat.

Stunned by allegations of utter negligence, the Assam Government has suspended a senior officer and asked all field-[level](#) officials to work on [war](#) footing in controlling the [menace](#).

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