

Louis Berger: HC asks for govt affidavits



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The Assam government and GMDA have felt the heat of [Louis](#) Berger bribery allegations when the Gauhati High Court asked both the parties to submit affidavits by the next 21 days.

Taking up a public interest litigation filed by an organization on Tuesday, a division bench of the high court said that the allegations of bribery was serious in nature and asked GMDA and Dispur to submit affidavits by the next 15 days.

The court was scheduled to take up the [PIL](#) on Monday. But it was not possible because the bar association strike that paralyzed the [normal](#) functionings.

A Canada-based firm alleged to have bribed a section of ministers and GMDA officers for a multi crore water supply project in Guwahati. Initially, the [Chief](#) Minister ordered an administrative probe by additional [chief](#) secretary SC [Das](#). This was followed by an order of CID probe to unearth the truth.

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KOKRAJHAR, September 22, 2026 — The All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU) on Tuesday burnt copies of a book titled *Hamkoshar Parishista* during protests held at several locations across Assam, including Gauhati University, objecting to what it described as the use of the Assamese script to represent the Bodo language.

Hamkoshar Parishista is a multilingual appendix containing learning resources for indigenous languages of Assam, including Bodo, Rabha, Mising and Karbi.

During the protests, ABSU members alleged that Bodo has been represented in the publication using the Assamese script instead of Devanagari, the script used for Bodo.

The organisation asserted that Bodo is recognised under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India and is an Associate Official Language of Assam. ABSU demanded that Bodo be represented in its recognised script in educational and learning resources.

ABSU president Khwrmmdao Wary said the use of the Assamese script to represent Bodo in the publication was disrespectful to the Bodo language and literature.

He said Bodo is an Associate Official Language of Assam and a language recognised under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

Wary demanded the immediate withdrawal of the publication in its present form and called for the use of the Devanagari script for Bodo in the book.



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