

Police falls short of strength



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The break down in [law](#) and order, if any, can be attributed to the shortage of [police](#) strength.

The [Assam](#) government on Monday informed the [House](#) that nearly 20 per cent posts of the 75,559-strong [Assam](#) Police have been lying vacant at present.

Replying to a query by [AGP MLA](#) Keshab Mahanta during Question Hour in the [Assam](#) Legislative [Assembly](#) on Monday, state Environment and Forest Minister Rockybul [Hussain](#) said 14,356 posts were vacant out of the 75,559 sanctioned posts in the [police](#) department.

[Hussain](#) said that of these vacancies, four posts at the level of IGP could not be filled as "there are no eligible officers completing 18 years of service in the IPS cadre for promotion to the rank of IGP.

The [force](#) has 2,499 posts of constables lying vacant, while 420 posts of sub-inspector were yet to be filled. [Hussain](#) said 138 ASI and 300 head constable posts were vacant among others. In the Special Branch, 407 posts were vacant out of a total strength of [3,538](#) personnel.

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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 Khwrrwmdao 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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