

Problems of mixed medium schools discussed at Udalguri



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The Bodo Sahitya Sabha, All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU) and the Mixed Medium High School Teachers' Association (MMHSTA) expressed concern over the recent criteria for the reinitialization of services made by the education department of the government and drew the attention of the state government to amend these criteria for the sake of these victimized schools. A joint press release to this effect of these organizations said that both the Bodo and ,mixed medium schools have been facing problems to fulfil the norms set by the education department. The press release stated that according to the Assam Venture Educational Institutions (Provincialism of Services) Act,2011), both the Bodo and other medium schools would face certain problems which actually should not happen.

The press release signed by Bhajen Ch. Boro, secretary of BSS, Budhiram Boro, president of Udalguri committee of ABSU, Nilakanta Goyary, president of Udalguri district committee of BSS and Pratul Baglary, secretary of Mixed MHSTA said “we do not agree with the criteria made by Act, viz (i) student enrolment must be 25 in the highest class of the school”. Referring to Right to Education Act, the press release informed that ‘it does not require 25 students in a class’ and urged to withdraw this criteria. The press release further stated that there is no separate mixed column for mixed medium (Bodo medium) schools like LP, ME and high schools and demanded to create this column in the instructions.

The press release further alleged that there is no provision of Hindi teacher, language teacher and 3rd Arts Assistant teacher in the said Act for the mixed medium schools and urged to include these provision for Bodo medium schools to be provincialised. The organizations also felt that in the previous provincialisation, there was provision of three assistant teachers, one Hindi teacher and one language teacher separately and urged the government to continue the previous method of provincialism of these schools. It is to be noted that a government advertisement published in a number of English dailies on November 19, it was said that every school must have land allotment certificate from concerned authority. It must be mentioned that when schools were established, land allotment certificates were not made compulsory. On the other hand, only land holding certificates were asked to produce to the concerned authority. According to the RTE Act, 2009, it does not require permanent land to establish a school. Considering this point of view, the organizations urged the government not to make land allotment certificate a compulsory criteria to provincial of a school. It must be mentioned that as per the RTE Act, it is not mandatory that schools must be established before 2006 or get recognition before 2006. So, the schools established even after 2006 must be provincialised, the press release demanded.

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