

Resentment over free textbook



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The sudden decision of Assam government to distribute free text books among government aided school students across the [state](#) draws resentment from various sections including the All Assam Publishers and [Book](#) Sellers Association. Terming the move [as](#) disastrous for the book [publishers](#) of the [state](#), GiriPad Devchodhury, proprietor of Bani Prakash urged the government to change its order. Otherwise, it would bring about havoc to the publishing industry of the [state](#), Devchodhury added.

Noted critic Dr. Hiren Gohain also has expressed concern [over](#) the government move.

All Assam Students' Association (AASU), on the other hand, protested [against](#) the free distribution of text books [as](#) the students are not availing books. 'Even in the passing of 28 days of the current academic year the government could not make available text for the students. It reflects the government callous attitude towards the students [community](#) of the [state](#)', said AASU general secretary Lurin Jyoti Gogoi.

Besides AASU, All Assam Minority Students' Association ([AAMSU](#)), All Bodo Students' Association (ABSU) too protested [against](#) the [state](#) government' recent move to distribute free text books among school students. All the students' organizations urged the government to take urgent step for proper distribution of the text books.

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