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A senior cabinet minister courted yet another [controversy](#) on Thursday when he strongly advocated the inclusion of outsiders in the NRC who came across from the border for the sake of their lives.

He was none other than panchayat and rural development minister Rockybul Hussain who told reporters that those who came across from the border to escape their impending death should find place in the updated [National](#) Registrar of Citizens.

Hussain's statement assumes significance amid the hue and cry [over](#) the recent decision to move the Centre seeking the inclusion of all people who are voters by virtue of [birth](#).

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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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