

ST status: Talks in progress



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A group of six ethnic communities are hunkering down with the Centre on Thursday in [New Delhi](#) to arrive at a conclusion on the [ST](#) status.

Accompanied by Union sports minister Sarbanadan Sonowal, tribal affairs minister Jural Ornam talked to the ethnic [leaders](#) at 11 in the morning which ended at 1 in the afternoon.

The ethnic [leaders](#) remained firm on their demands while the Union ministers assured them of steps to ensure [ST](#) status for six communities. The meeting assumes significance amid an escalating demand from the existing [ST](#) people to [stop](#) the move.

The ethnic [leader](#) are scheduled to meet Union home minister Rajnath Singh in the evening.

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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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