

Will privatization end paper mill woes?



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NEW DELHI: Even after Dispur moved Delhi asking for steps to revive the [HPC](#) mills in Silchar and Jagiroad, the Centre has stepped up the process to privatize the industries triggering a hail of protest across the [state](#). The process to hand [over](#) the abandoned mills to the private parties came to light when an AASU delegation called on heavy industry minister Anant Geete in [New Delhi](#) on Wednesday.

The minister said both the mills would get a fresh lease of life only after the mills are handed [over](#) to the private parties. Opposition parties along with many other organizations are dead opposed to the idea to privatize the industries which faced closure a couple of months back.

“Why the government is not interested to revive it? But we will protest the move,” said a [Congress leader](#) who said that the party will decide the course of action in detail. AASU, [AJYCP](#), KMSS are also in a mood to resist the privatization move. “We would have to sit to formulate the strategy to oppose the move,” said an [AJYCP leader](#) in Guwahati. The privatization move gathered steam even after Dispur submitted a huge Rs 1,800 crore fund to revive the ailing mills.

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