

Meghalaya schools demand provincialisation for their jobs

Teachers of Government-aided schools in Meghalaya staged a demonstration here on Friday demanding provincialisation of their jobs. The teachers under the banner of Joint Action Committee of All Teachers' Association of Meghalaya (JACATAM) have been holding demonstrations in different areas of the city.

“We demand that the Government should provincialise services of teachers from primary level to the higher secondary level serving in government-aided schools,” ED Nongsiang, JACATAM chairman said.

JACATAM has been making this demand for provincialisation of services of teachers for the past few years. There are 4,770 government-aided schools and 14,000 teachers in the State.

“We want the Government to engage with the school managements and work under a Public-Private-Partnership mode for the benefit of the teachers,” Nongsiang added.

JACATAM threatened to continue their agitation if the Government did not hold a discussion over their demand.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Education, RC Laloo said that the Government needs to first have a discussion with the managing committees of schools regarding the teachers' demand.

Laloo said the teachers have lots of demands, and the “most difficult is the demand for provincialisation of the services.”

He stated the Government has always kept in mind the welfare of the teachers and therefore it has increased the salaries of ad-hoc school teachers by 100 per cent a few days ago.