

AASAA demands ST(A) status for Adivasis



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The All [Adivasi](#) Students Association of Assam (AASAA) Stephen Lakra faction has demanded earlu granting of [ST](#) status and [ST-A](#) (Aboriginal) status to the Adivasis. AASAA has alleged that BJP has failed to fulfil hopes and aspiration of the [Adivasi](#) community who had put promises during the 2014 Lok Sabha and 2016 [state](#) elections.

[President](#) of the AASAA Stephen Lakra while addressing the Press [Conference](#) held at Kokrajhar Press Club on Saturday, expressed his unhappy [over](#) the formation of [group](#) of [ministers](#), headed by [Health](#) minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma to monitor the issues of [ST](#) status granting to the six communities. He alleged that BJP party has failed to fulfil hopes and aspiration who had put promised during the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. He has demanded early of granting [ST](#) status to the Adivasis in the [state](#) of Assam through the ensuing [Parliament](#) session beginning from last part of January.

Regarding the reported [ST](#) (O),Lakra said that Adivasis are not accepting [ST](#) (O) which is not acceptable. The Adivasis wants [ST](#)(A-Aboriginal) status to meet dignity and integrity of the Adivasis.

He has urged the government to take bold initiative to [grant](#) [ST](#) status to the Adivasis.

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