

Adivasis block rail for ST status



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Train services along the Northeastern Frontier Railway(NFR) via Fakiragram junction of Lower Assam's Kokrajhar district was disrupted today for nearly four hours including Rajdhani Express train following rail blockade at Kokrajhar railway station under the banner of the [Adivasi National](#) Convention Committee (ANCC), a conglomeration organization of the ceasefire militant outfits demanding early granting of Scheduled Tribe ([ST](#)) status and settlement of ceasefire militant outfits of the [Adivasi community](#).

Over [ten](#) thousand Adivasis peoples from various districts of Lower Assam which comprises of

Kokrajhar,Chirang,Baksa,[Udalguri](#),Dhubri,Bongaigaon thronged at the rail track with banner, festoon and placards to blockade beginning from [8](#) am and shouted slogans demanding [ST](#) status, early settled of ceasefire groups of the [community](#), which was organized by the ANCC, a conglomeration organization of five militant outfits Adivasis which included [Adivasi National](#) Liberation Army ([ANLA](#)), Birsa Commando Force (BCF),[Adivasi](#) Cobra Military of Assam(ACMA),Santhali tiger Force(STF),[Adivasi](#) Peoples' Army(APA). Several long distance super fast express trains including 12423 down (DN) Rajdhani Express train bound for [New Delhi](#) was stranded at New Bongaigaon station of Lower Assam's Bongaigaon district since morning following blockade, besides several trains were halted at various stations in Lower Assam and some part of West Bengal [state](#). The blockade was later lifted at 12 noon after district administration assured to forward message about [demands](#) of the [community](#) to the government. The ANCC has strongly expressed resentment [over](#) the snail pace of the peace talk and delayed solutions and granting of [ST](#) status to the [community](#) issues.

Durga Hasda, Chairman of Birsa Commando Force termed the governments that are playing dirty politics [over](#) delayed the issues of the Adivasis in Assam.He has slammed both government at Dispur and Delhi have no nay intention to give [welfare](#) attitude towards [community](#) that is why [community](#) are depriving getting of constitutional [rights](#) in the [state](#).

Bishing [Munda](#), secretary of ANCC said, 'The committee compelled to take railway blockade to put pressure the government for granting [ST](#) status to Adivasis of Assam ahead assembly election and early solutions of issue and [demands](#) of the ceasefire militant outfits of the [community](#)'.

The ANCC has also alleged that both [state](#) and centre have been politicizing [over](#) the issues of the Adivasis since long years. The committee would have compelled to take strong movement if [demands](#) are not meet in early manner in coming days. The governments never want change and [welfare](#) of the [Adivasi community](#) in the [state](#). [Community](#) is deprived from getting [welfare](#) and development from all fronts of constitutional [rights](#)', [Munda](#) said.

Boyel Hembrom, ANCC president and Ambrit Beck, vice president of ANCC and [ANLA](#) Commander said, 'The government has not been any stressed to solve the issue and [demands](#) of the Adivasis, that is why the [community](#) should have to step to blockade the rail track'.

The govt should take bold step while granting [ST](#) status to the [community](#), besides holding peace talk to solve militancy issues of the [community](#) ahead Assam assembly election. The [leaders](#) also warned for vigorous mass agitation [against](#) the government if their demand and issues are not meet early solution.

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