

AICC indecisive on 3 seats



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Barring Mongoldoi, Nagaon and Dhubri, AICC has finalized the list of the candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

This was what chief minister Tarun Gogoi told reporters in New Delhi on Saturday. Gogoi talked to Rockybul Hussian in the capital a day after the forest minister refused to contest in the polls.

Sources told Assam Times that Union ministers Pawan Singh Ghatowar and Ranee Narah will contest from Dibrugarh and Lakhimpur respectively.

Gaurav Gogoi will be the INC candidate from Koliabor iren Singh Engti will contest from Diphu. The party has fielded Jonjunali Baruah from Nagaon.

Sushmita Dev will contest from Silchar and Bhupen Bora from Tezpur. Despite resistance from a circle of dissident leaders, Bijoy Krishna Handique has been finalized in Jorhat. Lolit Mhan Suklavaidya will contest from Karimganj the party has cleared the name of Ismile Hussain in Barpeta constituency for the upcoming polls.

The ruling party will not field any candidate on Kokrajhar in view of the pre poll tie up with Bodoland Peoples' Party (BPF).

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UDALGURI: Reiterating its demand of Kamatapur statehood and Scheduled Tribe ([ST](#)) categorization of the Koch-Rajbongshi community, the [Udalguri](#) district committee All Koch-Rajbongshi Students' Union (AKRSU) along with All Koch-Rajbongshi Sanmilani(AKRS) staged sit-in-protest at the DC office premises here in [Udalguri](#) on Monday. The organizations, staged the protest for three hours starting from 11 pm. The protestors came down heavily on the alleged statement made by [Tribal](#) Affairs Minister, Juel Oram , that it takes four decades to [grant ST](#) status to a community, and hence there's little hope for fulfilling the [demands](#) for [ST](#) status. The activists holding placards raised high pitched slogans and rented the air with 'No [ST](#) no rest', 'BJP go back'. [President](#) of [Udalguri](#), AKRSU, Atul Barman alleged that the government has turned deaf ears to the genuine [demands](#) of the community for years.

He also criticized the government for making false promises regarding fulfillment of their [demands](#) within six months from coming into power. The [student leader](#) also alleged that [indigenous](#) Koch-Rajbongshi people have been meted out harassment at various places of [state](#) in the ongoing verification of [National](#) Register of Citizens(NRC). He further stated that if the government doesn't [grant ST](#) status to the community before 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the people will be forced to vote the alternative parties. [President](#) of All Koch Rajbongshi Sanmilani (AKRS), Sunil Kumar Barman also criticized the saffron party and PM Modi for false pre-poll promises. The two organizations also submitted separate memorandums to Prime Minister, [Narendra Modi](#) and Chief Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal through the office of Deputy Commissioner, [Udalguri](#).

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