

AJYCP protest against Forest Department



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The activists of Assam Jatiyatabadi Yuba Chatra Parishad (AJYCP) Nagaon wing alleged that the officials of the forest department are involvement with illegal timber traders and support them in the encroachment and destruction of forest in a large scale in most of the reserved forests in Nagaon district of Assam. At a sit in demonstration in front of Deputy Commissioner's office in Nagaon on Thursday the organisation appealed to the state government to take action against the allegedly involved forest officers.

The activists alleged that the encroacher and the illegal traders who have been carrying out the destruction of the forests have a good relation with some of the influential leaders of the present ruling government of Assam. The president of AJYCP Nagaon wing Pradip Saikia and the secretary Prabin Ch. Das told that the officers and the officials of the forest department have been helping the illegal timber traders to run their business, for which most of the valuable trees of Salna, Siloni, Silghat, Bamuni, Kondoli, Daboka, Kaki, Lowkhowa and Amsoi has been destroyed. "The forest officials take money from the traders to continue their illegal practices", as alleged by Prabin Ch. Das.

“The rapid cutting of hills, clearing forests to setup stone quarries has not only degraded the panoramic view of the area, but has become a major environmental issue. Despite of checking the illegal practice, the corrupted officials collects a handsome money & encourage the unscrupulous businessmen to run their trade”, as told by the Parishad. The activists demanded for the immediate enquiry against the forest officials. Further they told that the AJYCP had submitted a memorandum to Chief minister of Assam on September 3rd and if they don’t get any fruitful result, they would continue their agitation.

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