

Blockade disrupts rail services



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Train services along north eastern frontier railway was disrupted for five hours due to rail blockade at Kokrajhar station on Monday called by [Adivasi National](#) Convention Comommittee. However, blockade has lifted after 5 hours after getting assurance from government to hold tripartite peace talk on December 23 next [over](#) the issue and problems of Adivasis.

The ANCC, a united organization of [Adivasi community](#) blockade the rail track with banner, placards, demanded [ST](#) status to the [Adivasi community](#), solve the problems of [Adivasi](#) ceasefire militant outfits, allot land pattas under Forest dwellers act [as](#) well tea garden areas in the [state](#).

Thousands of Adivasis thronged the rail track since [6](#) am to blockade shoured slogans demanding early solution of issue and [demands](#) of various grivances, which included granting of [ST](#) status, solve problems of [Adivasi](#) ceasefire outfits issues, allot land pattas to the Adivasis. The blockade was lifted by 11 am after 5 hours [as](#) government gave assurance to hold peace talk. The ANCC submitted a memorandum to PM and Chief Minister through Kokrajhar DC seeking early solution of [Adivasi](#) issues.

Birshing [Munda](#), commander in [chief](#) of Birsa [Munda](#) commando fidce and ANCC [leader](#) told that the blockade was lifted by 11 am [as](#) government promised to hold peace talk on December 23 in Guwahati. He said that we respect the invitation from govt and lifts our agitation for the day after 5 hours. He expresses his hopeful that government will give final shape of the issue and [demands](#) on that talk. He also warn to take vigorous movement if their demand and issues are not meet by January next.

PremHasda, AASAA [leader](#) and Ambrit Beck, [ANLA leader](#) said that government has been delayed to solve issue and problems of the Adivasis. They said that the agitation would be continued in the [state](#) if their demand and issues are not meet by January next.

'Strong vigorous movement would be [launched](#) by February of their [demands](#) are not solved', the ANCC [leaders](#) said.

Bibekananda Choudhury, Kokrajhar DC said that government has kept promised to hold tripartite talk in Guwahati on December 23 next. Agitated groups submitted a memorandum to the PM, CM [over](#) the issue and problems, Choudhury said.

Train services were disrupted for hours along the NFR due to the blockade at Kokrajhar station. Several trains stranded at different stations, which included Down Rajdhani at New Bongaigaon, Saraighat Up, Okha express at New Coochbehar, Rajendra Nagar at New Coach Behar station.

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