

Land Rights Committee visits Kokrajhar



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The chairman of Committee for Land Rights of Indigenous People of Assam and former [chief](#) election commissioner(CEC) of [India](#) Hari Shankar Brahma to visited in Kokrajhar,[heart](#) of BTAD administration to take stock about land [rights](#) of the [indigenous](#) peoples in BTAD region.

Several social and students unions,including All Bodo Students Union,[Tribal](#) Sangha demanded protection of [tribal](#) belt & blocks and eviction the illegally encroached of protected area across the [state](#).

Brahma, was accompanied with two other members of the committee- Shridhar Dahotia,historian and Ajay Kumar Dutta,former MLA.The committee first held meeting with high officials of district administration,BTC [Principal](#) Secretary to take stock about present scenerio of [indigenous](#) peoples' land status. Several organisations that included ABSU,[Tribal](#) Sangha,Bodoland Janajati Suraksha Mancha,MLA,ex-MLAs,BPF,UPPL,BTC executive members Rajib Brahma,Doneswar Goyary,Alindra Mushahary,Mrithyunjay [Narzary](#) met the committee at Kokrajhar Circuit House and discussed about protection of tribal belt & blocks that are meant for protected area for [indigenous](#) peoples.

The organisations submitted memorandum to the committee, demanded early eviction drive [against](#) illegally encroached in the protected area.

Brahma,told the media persons after the meeting that the committee visited Kokrajhar to assess about land [rights](#) of the [indigenous](#) peoples.The committee has been assessing totally protection of the [indigenous](#) peoples' land in the [state](#).The committee will submit its reports by 100 days to the government and government will take necessary steps while protection of [indigenous](#) people's land.

“We come here to assess protection of land [rights](#) of [indigenous](#) peoples

in Assam which also include our BTAD. We have 78,000 sq.kms. land areas in Assam, of which 16 lakhs families are farmers, 28 thousand lands are meant for crops. Several land area like forest land, grazing land, [community](#), wetland, lands are included in the entire [state](#). No survey of settlement was held in Assam since 70 years across the [state](#)', Brahma said. [Survey](#) is the main required to know about present position of lands. There is report about tribal belt & blocks are illegally occupied. [As](#) per chapter [X](#) of 1886 revenue act, no non tribal peoples can buy land of [indigenous](#) peoples. We are taking stock about present land status of the [indigenous](#) peoples. We will submit committees' report by 100 days to the [state](#) government. Government of Assam will take stern steps if there [found](#) illegally encroached along protected areas in the [state](#). Equity and justice is also necessary measures of the committee. Committee will highlight totally protection of the [indigenous](#) peoples' land, he said.

Lawrence Islary, general secretary, ABSU, Ranjit Kumar Borgohary, ex-president of [Tribal](#) Sangha demanded fully protection of [tribal](#) belt and blocks. They also urged the government to take stern measures to evict [against](#) illegally encroached peoples in protected area.

Alindra Mushahary, BTC executive member said that the tribal belt & blocks must be protected and committees' report will be implemented properly. He has hailed committee's visit in Kokrajhar.

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