

## More a betrayer less hero!



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It was in 2005 when Sarbanabha Sonowal drew huge applause across Assam for getting IMD(T) [Act](#) scrapped by the Supreme Court. But the same person today contradicts what he told the same court more than a decade ago [as](#) Assam Chief Minister.

This was more or less of what Upamanyu [Hazarika](#) said in [New Delhi](#) on Friday a day after the Sonowal government made its submission before the top court on the growing issue on the cut off year to detect and deport the illegal Bangladeshi supporters from Assam.

The convener of the Prabojon Virodhi Manch, an organization fighting [against](#) the alleged unabated [influx](#) from across the Indo-[Bangladesh](#) border, thrashed the BJP -led central and [state](#) governments alleging that their submissions are quite different from what they said before coming to power.

“It sounds strange to have seen that Sonowal has contradicted the judgment which helped him steal the limelight. In 2005, he talked of an unabated [influx](#) from across the border which posed a serious threat to the [indigenous](#) people. But now his government says the political [rights](#) of the [indigenous](#) people are not affected by the immigration and for enabling the foreigners to vote,” said [Hazarika](#).

He criticised the Sonowal and his government for the submission that there was no foundation to prove how many foreigners have enrolled their names in the electoral rolls where in 2005, [as](#) a [community](#) hero talked of large scale immigration of Bangladeshi nationals which he then called external aggression and internal disturbance.

Both Delhi and Dispur wanted [citizenship](#) to all immigrants to avoid yet another strife [as](#) the Assam [Accord](#) with March 25, 1971 [as](#) cut off date was signed after a six year long agitation which nobody want afresh, said [Hazarika](#).

Non stopped [influx](#) of immigrants from across the border is said to have been disrupting the [state](#)'s demography forcing the AASU to launch a six year long agitation from 1979 to 1985 which ended with the signing of the Assam [Accord](#).

The agitators who later floated the regional [Asom](#) Gana Parishad was in power for two terms. But the main clause to detect and deport the immigrants progressed at a snail's pace.

Now a number of organizations have moved the supreme court challenging the cut off date and a constitutional bench is hearing the plea from May 11.

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