

NH blockade disrupts road communication



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Road communication was disrupted for nearly five hours due to [National](#) Highway blockade by Adivashi [National](#) Convention (ANC), an united organisation of Adivashi [community](#), demanded early solution of various demand and issues, which included granting of Scheduled Tribe([ST](#)) status to the Adivashis, provide land pattas to the Tea estate [workers](#) in the [state](#).

Hundreds of Adivashi peoples and activists from different organisations from member organisations of ANC, which are included ASSU, [Adivasi Seva Samiti](#), [ANLA](#), BCF, AASAA, APA, Cobra Militant of Adivashi.

Agitators with banner, placards blocking the national highway at Karigaon along 31 C NH in Kokrajhar district and shouted slogans demanding early solutions of the demand and issues of the Adivashis in the [state](#). The ANC has also staged NH blockade at various places of the [state](#), included at [Gossaigaon](#) in Kokrajhar, Kajalgaon in Chirang, Nalbari, [Orang](#) in [Udalguri](#) district which disrupted road communication in the region.

Many long distance public buses, loaded carrying trucks were stranded at various places in many lower Assam districts for the blockade. The blockade was started from 7 am in the morning and continued till 12 pm after district administration promises for sending message about their [demands](#) to the concern authority. The ANC submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Assam through Kokrajhar Deputy Commissioner seeking early solutions of the [community](#).

Birshing [Munda](#), [chief](#) convenor of ANC said that the ANC has been demanding early solution of demand and issues raised for the [community](#). He said that the Adivashis are [indigenous](#) people of the country, but the [community](#) has been deprived from getting scheduling in the [state](#) of Assam. He has urged government to take bold step while solving [demands](#) of the [community](#).

‘We have been blocking national highways across the [state](#) to put pressure government for solutions of the grievance and issues of the Adivashis through holding peace talks’, [Munda](#) said.

Boyal Hembrom, chairman of [Adivasi](#) Seva Samiti, Ambrit Beck, [ANLA leader](#) while participating the blockade said that government should come forward with strong initiative so that the Adivashis could get early [ST](#) status in the [state](#) of Assam. They also demanded permanent solutions of the ceasefire militant groups of the [community](#) through political way [as](#) many arms organization reached at the ceasefire since 2012 in the [state](#). But, government tactically delayed the peace talks [over](#) the issues and [demands](#).

Durga Hasda, chairman of Birsa Commando Force (BCF) demanded early granting of [ST](#) status to the Adivashis [as soon as](#) possible. He has slammed government for not taking any measures while solving their demand and issues. They have warned to take mass more agitation if their [demands](#) are not in earliest manner in coming days.

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