

Rail blocked at Chautara



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Rail services were disrupted for six hours due to blockade at Chautara station in Kokrajhar district on Tuesdsy demanding [grant](#) of Scheduled Tribe ([ST](#)) status to the Koch Rajbongshis and create separate Kamatapur [state](#) within Indian constitution.

The All Koch Rajbongshi Students Union (AKRSU) blockaded the railway for 12 hours beginning from 5 am in the morning which disrupted rail services along the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR). Thousands of [student](#) activists, peoples from from all walks of life of the Koch Rajbongshi [community](#) took part the blockade with banner, placards and shouted slogans demanding early granting of [ST](#) status, creation of Kamatapur [state](#).

At least two Lumding intercity trains and Bongaigaon-NJP passenger train were cancelled for the strike. Several long distance trains were stranded at various stations in the region, which included Dibrugarh-Delhi down Rajdhani express halted at New Bongaigaon, Capital express, Bangalore express at Bongaigaon, Saraighat express up at [Gossaigaon](#) on the day.

Although Lower Assam Commissioner Ahmed Hussain hold a meeting with AKRSU [leaders](#) in the presence of Bibekananda Choudhury, Deputy Commissioner, Kokrajhar at Chautara station by [8.30](#) am in the morning to appealing withdraw the blockade, yet the agitators declined the appeals .

Later, the blockade was reduced to six hours from 12 hours after getting letter from [state](#) government to hold [state level](#) talk to be held on November 17 in Guwahati. Rail services, however resumes after 11.30 am. Pradip [Roy](#), president of the AKRSU declares the reduce of blockade for six hours and lifted the blockade at 11 am. He said that students union and Koch Rajbongshi [community](#) have been demanding [ST](#) status since long years, yet government never taking bold step to solve Koch Rajbongshi issue and problems. He has slammed BJP led NDA government at Centre and [state](#) for not initiating to solve the Koch Rajbongshi issues that have been pending in the [state](#). He said that the blockade was lifted after six hours to the respect of passenger and patients of the trains.

[Roy](#) demanded that [ST](#) status to the Koch Rajbongshi [community](#), creation of Kamatapur [state](#) should be solved through political dialogue [as soon](#) possible. He has warned to take vigorous mass movement if their [demands](#) are not meet by December next.

Biswajit [Roy](#), adviser of AKRSU demanded scheduling issue and Kamatapur [state](#) should be solved through political [level](#) involving Prime Minister, [Home](#) Minister [as soon as](#) possible. He has criticized BJP party for failing fulfilling of promises that kept during 2014 parliamentary elections in the [state](#). Bibekananda Choudhury, Deputy Commissioner, Kokrajhar said that the blockade was lifted by [10.45](#) am after holding meeting with students union. Government assures promises to holding peace talk [over](#) the issues that demanded from the students union and [community](#) organizations, he said.

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