

Railway blockade disrupted services



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rain services in lower Assam regions along the Northeastern Frontier Railway(NFR) via Kokrajhar,Bew Bongaigaon were disrupted for [ten](#) hours today due to 12-hours rail blockade at Basugaon rail station in Chirang district and [Udalguri](#) station in [Udalguri](#) district seeking separate Bodoland [state](#) political right to the Bodos living outside the proposed Bodoland area on Monday.

The blockade was called All Bodo Students Union(ABSU), Peoples Joint Action Committee for Bodoland Movement(PJACBM), NDFB(Progressive) to put pressure government for early solution of long standing demand of separate Bodoland [state](#) under Article [2](#) & 3 of Indian constitution.

Nearly lakh activists from ABSU,PJACBM,common public from several districts of lower Assam districts participated with banner,placards in the blockade,which was started from 5 am in the morning and passed peacefully by 3 pm in the afternoon at Basugaon station and [Udalguri](#) station.The blockade was reduced to [10](#) hours from 12 hours considering appeal from passenger and citizens of the region.

A memorandum was submitted to Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) through Chirang Deputy Commissioner seeking early creation of Bodoland [state](#) in the region.

Several long distance going express trains were halted at different stations in the region,which included down Rajdhani Express at New Bongaigaon, 55753 up Shifung passenger at Kokrajhar.

15769 up Lumding enter [city](#) at Fakiragram, 15645up Dadar Express at New Alipur Duar, 12345up Saraighat Express at New Coochbehar, 15635 up Okha Express at Pundivari of West Bengal, 55714 down [BG](#) passenger at New Bongaigaon.Later,train services were resume [as](#) usual after 3 pm.

Agitators shouted slogans like-“ Divide Assam 50/50, No Bodoland No Rest, We want Bodoland, We want justice, Bodoland is our [birth](#) right” in the blockade. Leaders from various organisation and communities thronged the blockade, which included Garo Students Union, Garo [Development](#) Council, Scheduled Caste Parishad, Bodo sahitya sabha, Boro Somaj, United Minority Council, United Peoples Party (Liberal).

Promod Boro, president of ABSU said that the students union and its movement groups [launched](#) agitational programme to put pressure on government for creation of Bodoland separate [state](#) within Indian constitution to gain good governance in the region. He slammed the BJP led NDA at the centre said that government tactically declined to take solution way while solving Bodoland issues in the [state](#). He has urged the centre to take stern measures to solve Bodoland issue in earliest manner in coming days, otherwise joint movement groups will be compelled to step mass vigorous movement for the cause of Bodoland.

‘The Boro people want to live with dignity and honour under the provision of the constitution, for which why Boro people [launched](#) movement for separate [state](#) since 1967 and till today students union and several organisations have been demanding early creation of separate Bodoland [state](#)’, Boro said.

The students union [launched](#) its first phase in 1987 for Bodoland [state](#), hence government of [India](#) signed two Bodo Accords in the name of resolving to the Bodo people's demand, yet it could not be fulfilled the political aspiration and hopes of the Bodos. The ABSU and allied organisations [launched](#) third phase of movement demanding to create Bodoland [state](#) has had fifth rounds of formal talks so far with centre, but talks has no progress at all, he said.

He come down heavily on BJP party said that BJP party promised both written (manifesto) and verbal that they would resolve the Bodo problem immediately if they could come to power in [New Delhi](#) during 2014 Lok Sabha elections. They were voted to power and their regime in Delhi more than two-years now, but fact is that there is no initiative to materialised their promise. They have stopped the very continuity of dialogue which apparently means the regime is not willing to resolve Bodoland issue and problems, Boro.

Former Rajya Sabha MP Urkhao Gwra Brahma, BTC MCLAs Rwngrwa Brahma, Maoti Brahma Hazoary, Guneswar Goyary, Nirmal Basumatary were also addressed the blockade.



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