

Serial blasts victims cry for compensation



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The wait for [compensation](#) for 2008 Assam serial blast [victims](#) does not seem to an end. The Assam and Central governments have failed to fulfill their promises of [compensation](#) even after eight years of the blasts, [victims](#) expressed their resentment ahead a day of the shocked day of serial blasts on Saturday.

At least 100 were killed and 200 injured in the serial blasts, including 20 lives in Kokrajhar that rocked Assam on October 30, 2008. Both, [state](#) and centre governments had separately announced ex-gratia for the [victims](#) immediately after the bomb blasts, but governments had done little nothing to the promises so far. In Kokrajhar town, 20 persons lost lives and injured [over](#) 60 in three blasts October 30 in the main town itself. The first bomb blast was occurred at Kokrajhar main vegetable market at around [10.45](#) am which was planted on a [bi](#)-cycle, the second blast took place at Vivekananda Path near railway crossing gate which planted under drainage footpath and last blast happened at fish market which was planted inside drain which ripped twenty peoples' lives and injured around 60 in Kokrajhar itself.

Kalpana [Das](#), mother of late Ajay [Das](#), who lost her elder son at vegetable main market blast on October 30 serial blast. She said, 'When October 30 comes in its existence, I can't express my feelings; it was supreme lost in my life, who was the main source of income in our family'. [Das](#) recalling her son Ajay said today my family lost great dedicated earner in the serial blast of October 30 in Kokrajhar main market. She said [as](#) per the central govt assured to provide financial assistance to the [victims](#), but till today we were not receiving full amount of rupees [8](#) lakhs in our family to sustaining suitable spirit. She also expresses serious concern [over](#) mismanagment of Swahid Bedi that constructed at Bazar which has been seeing unsuited [as](#) traders used the place for chicken market. She said it is totally dishonoured to the swahids, who lost their lives on October 30 serial blasts. In an exclusive interview with News 18 Assam/NE on the eve of eight years' completion of October 30 serial blast today, [Ratan](#) Dey, son of late Narayan Dey, who lost his [father](#) at fish market blast in Kokrajhar said, 'Though the govt had declared total Rs [8](#) lakh [as compensation](#), we have received only six lakh. It has already crossed eight years, yet promises from government has not been implemented so far', he alleged.

"We are struggling to survive with my and mother. I [don't](#) want others to face the same fate. I want peace. I want my family to live in a peaceful in BTC region [as](#) well [as](#) Assam," said Dey. Jhorna Dey, widow, holding back her tears expressed her shock, "Our life has changed completely since we lost main earner, and life has to move on," Dey said. The government at that time had announced a [job](#) to the kin of [victims](#) but our family has failed to get any government [job](#), Dey added.

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