

Sonowal grills MLAs



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State BJP president Sarbananda Sonowal on Monday grilled his party legislators to find out the real one who did not toe on the party line in the recent Rajya Sabha polls.

Sonowal took statements from all the five MLAs who claimed to have voted for Opposition consensus candidate Haidor Hussain.

Barring Prasanta Phukan, other Manoranjan Das, Dilip Moran and Jadav Deka and Ranjit Dutta are believed to have apprised Sonowal that they did produce their ballots before the party agent after casting their votes.

But Phukan did not produce it citing absence of his party agent as he was casting his votes. That's why, his role seems to have raised doubt.

Sonowal's meeting with the legislators assumed significance a day after the party set up a three member panel to probe the sensational allegations. Led by former MLA Mison Ranjan Das, the panel is probing the allegations against them.

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UDALGURI: Reiterating its demand of Kamatapur statehood and Scheduled Tribe ([ST](#)) categorization of the Koch-Rajbongshi community, the [Udalguri](#) district committee All Koch-Rajbongshi Students' Union (AKRSU) along with All Koch-Rajbongshi Sanmilani(AKRS) staged sit-in-protest at the DC office premises here in [Udalguri](#) on Monday. The organizations, staged the protest for three hours starting from 11 pm. The protestors came down heavily on the alleged statement made by [Tribal](#) Affairs Minister, Juel Oram , that it takes four decades to [grant ST](#) status to a community, and hence there's little hope for fulfilling the [demands](#) for [ST](#) status. The activists holding placards raised high pitched slogans and rented the air with 'No [ST](#) no rest', 'BJP go back'. [President](#) of [Udalguri](#), AKRSU, Atul Barman alleged that the government has turned deaf ears to the genuine [demands](#) of the community for years.

He also criticized the government for making false promises regarding fulfillment of their [demands](#) within six months from coming into power. The [student leader](#) also alleged that [indigenous](#) Koch-Rajbongshi people have been meted out harassment at various places of [state](#) in the ongoing verification of [National](#) Register of Citizens(NRC). He further stated that if the government doesn't [grant ST](#) status to the community before 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the people will be forced to vote the alternative parties. [President](#) of All Koch Rajbongshi Sanmilani (AKRS), Sunil Kumar Barman also criticized the saffron party and PM Modi for false pre-poll promises. The two organizations also submitted separate memorandums to Prime Minister, [Narendra Modi](#) and Chief Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal through the office of Deputy Commissioner, [Udalguri](#).

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