

ST status: Govt facing wrath



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Six ethnic communities are up in arms [against](#) the Centre and state government after their demand for [ST](#) status was turned down citing lack of required criteria.

The All Assam [Tai Ahom](#) Students Union threatens to launch a massive agitation in Delhi and Dispur alleging that the government has failed to keep its promises.

Talking to Assam Times in Dispur on Tuesday, AATASU [leaders](#) said that they are fully prepared to face eventuality if the Ahoms do not get [ST](#) status.

“We will stage dharna even in [New Delhi](#) if need be. It is our due. Both BJP and [Congress](#) have prised a lot before the polls. But only to woo the voters,” said a senior AATASU [leader](#) who was in Dispur to stage dharna in protest [against](#) the Centre’s decision.



Koch Rajbanshi students are equally angry with the Centre’s denial of [ST](#) status. Talking to Assam Times that they said that they won’t remain silent if the government fails to keep its poll promises.

“We won’t wait for indefinite period. We only demand our due. Why the Centre needed so long period to reject the demand,” said a senior Koch Rajbanshi student [leader](#) who would soon hit the streets.

Same sentiments echoed when [Muttock](#) student [leaders](#) told Assam Times after the Centre rejected the demand for [ST](#) status along with five other communities.

The [Muttock](#) student [leaders](#) blamed both Delhi and Dispur for the impasse. “Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi has failed to properly take up the issue with the Centre to keep his promises which he has been making for the last ten years. BJP can’t escape the responsibility for it as they made lots of promises in the time of electioneering,” said a [Muttock](#) student [leader](#).

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