

Students demand completion four lanes



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[Students](#) activists and publics staged two hour mass demonstration at Ramfalbil Rup [Nath Brahma](#) field along 31(C) National Highway expressing [concern](#) over the delaying construction of four lanes in national highways on [Saturday](#) in [Kokrajhar](#).

The various student unions in [Kokrajhar](#) district including All [Bodo Students](#)' Union ([ABSU](#)), All [Assam Students](#)' Union ([AASU](#)), All [Rabha Students](#)' Union ([ARSU](#)) and All [Assam](#) Gurkha [Students](#)' Union ([AAGSU](#)) jointly expressed irked over National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), which is soul responsible of constructing highways along 31(C) National Highways in [Kokrajhar](#) district and Lower [Assam](#).

The student unions demanded early completion of construction works of 30 kms from [Kachugaon](#) to Karigaon in [Kokrajhar](#) as it was supposed to be completed by 2008, but it was delayed long.

Lawrence Islary, President of [Kokrajhar](#) district unit of [ABSU](#) said that it was targeted to complete construction works by December 2014 in delayed, but the construction work is now stopped since January of this 2014, where the constructed road is going to be damaged and the constructing [bridge](#) materials are going to be damaged. He said the construction company raising security lapse in the area in the name of completion the works which is not acceptable for local public, he added.

Nabajyoti Roy, General Secretary of [AASU](#) and Lwtin Lokbok president [Kokrajhar](#) district unit ARSU alleged that the national highway authorities of India have totally failed in constructing the roads in due time. Although they pretended the extortions from various extremists groups in the region and delayed the construction works in its sustainability, they said.

According to the student union leaders the construction companies have neglected the [Kokrajhar](#) district while providing four lane highways the gateway of north-east India connecting with the other parts of the country.

The student unions also submitted a memorandum to Minister of [Road](#) and Transport Govt. of India New Delhi through Deputy Commissioner of [Kokrajhar](#).

It needs to be mentioned that the Gayatri Engineering Construction Company Limited (ECI) is delaying constructions four lanes National Highway 31 (C) works under AS-11 package, which had began from 2005 and it was supposed to be completed by 2008.

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