

Tea: AGP unhappy with Sitharaman



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The Asom Gana Parishad has urged prime minister Narendra Modi to accord national drink status for Assam tea. That too a fortnight after Union industry minister [Nirmala](#) Sitharaman denied any plan or it despite Dispur's request.

Tea deserves the status considering the fact that tea is a beverage of Indian origin, the party stated in its memorandum faxed to the Prime Minister on Monday. The party said it was unhappy with the recent statement by the industry minister who refused to accept the demand saying the national drink status for tea would hamper the growth of coffee.

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