

BJP Demands PR in State



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After the traders body back by Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, now its turn for the Assam BJP to demand President's Rule forcing the Assam Government to snub the former Chief Minister.

In a memorandum submitted to the President of India, on Wednesday, the state BJP legislative party alleges that the Assam Government has been utterly failing to contain the deteriorating law and order situation but in the same breath a few heavyweights are utilising the ULFA cadres for their personal aggrandisement.

The BJP legislative party further accuses the assam Congress of taking the help of ultras during the time of elections and giving them a free hand to carry out their sinister designs.

The BJP legislators have also referred to the SIM card controversy that has traced some of the mobile phone used by the ultras to the names and addresses of Congress members and State headquarters of the party.

They requesting the President to take note of the controversy, the legislators have asserted that the controversy was a clear case of the Congress lending support to the ultras.

Our Correspondent from Dibrugarh adds:- Health and family minister and the Assam government spokesman Himanta Biswa Sarma came down heavily on Prafulla Kumar Mahanta for leading a team of traders to demand President's Rule in Assam.

Addressing a crowded news conference here on Wednesday, Dr Sarma says "irony is that he is not voted to power only to demand Central Rule in Assam. The team under the leadership of Mr Mahanta is a group of frustrated people," he said.

According to Dr Sarma, the people who accompanied Mr Mahanta to Guwahati include Rupam Goswami, a former AGP activist, Onkarmal Agarwalla, an AGP(P) member and Vijai Gupta, a treasurer of the Assam unit of BJP. He ridicules: They are not even traders in the true sense of the term.

Notably, the Coordination Committee of the Different Trade Associations and Chambers of Commerce (CCDTACC), consisting of 29 trade bodies across the state, has urged the Centre to impose the President's Rule in Assam.

A delegation of the Coordination Committee arrived here and demanded President's Rule, alleging "complete failure of Tarun Gogoi led Government in providing security of life and property of the people of Assam".

They alleged that the flight of businessmen and labourers from Assam has begun. The delegation, called on Union home minister Shivraj Patil and demanded central rule in the state.

Speaking to Assamtimes, a member of the delegation said during the

meeting Mr Patil assured them of safety and security and agreed to provide the Assam Government with adequate forces. But he turned down the demand for dismissal of the State Government.

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