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Delhi, Dispur divided over Paresh passage



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In a new twist that widens the difference between Delhi and Dispur, the home ministry [\(/taxonomy/term/1724\)](#) has denied any safe passage for Paresh Baruah to help the ULFA [\(/taxonomy/term/124\)](#) boss [\(/taxonomy/term/2034\)](#) visit his ailing mother.

The Centre's clear cut message surfaced after Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi ([/taxonomy/term/2150](#)) publicly admitted the safe passage for Paresh Baruah on humanitarian ground.

Sources told Assam Times that a section of home ministry ([/taxonomy/term/1724](#)) officials dealing with the north east region are quite unhappy with the chief ([/taxonomy/term/2020](#)) minister's announcement without prior approval from the Centre, which, the experts say, is not required.

Talking to a section of media, Union minister of state ([/taxonomy/term/2332](#)) for home Kiren Rijiju said that the safe announcement suggests Dispur's attempt to undermine the national interest.

Notably, Paresh Baruah refused to take the safe passage while his ailing mother also refused to accept Rs 1 lakh as ([/taxonomy/term/2291](#)) medical assistant ([/taxonomy/term/1654](#)).



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