

## Gogoi moots appeasement formula



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In a bid to divide the dissident MLLAs, [chief](#) minister [Tarun Gogoi](#) along with [state Congress](#) president Anjan Dutta are believed to have devise an appeasement mechanism.

Gogoi has shortlisted a list of dissident [Congress](#) MLAs who are still remaining confused. Gogoi and Dutta have agreed to recruit at least [ten](#) MLAs [as](#) ministers and parliamentary secretaries. They include Bokakhat MLA Arun Phukan, Moriani MLA Rupjyoti Kurmi, Kamalakhya PPurkayastha, Habul Chakrabarty. If recruited, they would be able to enjoy the rank of a minister of [state](#).

In yet another development, Dutta has asked the [chief](#) minister to drop two of his cabinet colleagues including handloom-textile and cultural affairs minister Bishmita Gogoi to ensure that two more dissident MLAs are rehabilitated. But Gogoi is learnt to have sought time to finalize the decision.

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## Koch-Rajbongshis reiterates demand for Kamatapur, ST status



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**UDALGURI:** Reiterating its demand of Kamatapur statehood and Scheduled Tribe ([ST](#)) categorization of the Koch-Rajbongshi community, the [Udalguri](#) district committee All Koch-Rajbongshi Students' Union (AKRSU) along with All Koch-Rajbongshi Sanmilani(AKRS) staged sit-in-protest at the DC office premises here in [Udalguri](#) on Monday. The organizations, staged the protest for three hours starting from 11 pm. The protestors came down heavily on the alleged statement made by [Tribal](#) Affairs Minister, Juel Oram , that it takes four decades to [grant ST](#) status to a community, and hence there's little hope for fulfilling the [demands](#) for [ST](#) status. The activists holding placards raised high pitched slogans and rented the air with 'No [ST](#) no rest', 'BJP go back'. [President](#) of [Udalguri](#), AKRSU, Atul Barman alleged that the government has turned deaf ears to the genuine [demands](#) of the community for years.

He also criticized the government for making false promises regarding fulfillment of their [demands](#) within six months from coming into power. The [student leader](#) also alleged that [indigenous](#) Koch-Rajbongshi people have been meted out harassment at various places of [state](#) in the ongoing verification of [National](#) Register of Citizens(NRC). He further stated that if the government doesn't [grant ST](#) status to the community before 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the people will be forced to vote the alternative parties. [President](#) of All Koch Rajbongshi Sanmilani (AKRS), Sunil Kumar Barman also criticized the saffron party and PM Modi for false pre-poll promises. The two organizations also submitted separate memorandums to Prime Minister, [Narendra Modi](#) and Chief Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal through the office of Deputy Commissioner, [Udalguri](#).

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