

Himanta as Opp legislator!



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Can a ruling [party](#) legislator play the role of the Opposition parties in the assembly?

The question seems bizarre. But the answer is a simple yes if Dr [Himanta](#) Biswa [Sarma](#) is any indication.

Hardly a month after he put in his [papers](#) as [cabinet](#) minister refusing to work under Tarun [Gogoi](#), Dr [Sarma](#) on Monday criticized a section of his [party](#) colleagues alleging that they were trying to remove [Pranab Gogoi](#) as the Speaker.

The outgoing education and health minister alleged that two [Congress](#) legislators have sought legal opinions to dislodge [Gogoi](#) as the [Assembly](#) Speaker who enjoys a separate degree of veneration among the legislators of all parties.

Dr [Sarma](#)'s role was on the expected line when immediately after his resignation, he announced that he would play the role of a constructive opposition on the floor.

But his and his associates are not in a position to go beyond a certain line after the [party](#) has issued [whip](#) to the legislators not to go against the government.

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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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