

Himanta must step down as NEDA convenor: Ripun Bora



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Assam TMC chief Ripun Bora on Thursday in a couple of tweets expressed his angst for the inaction of the Central Government in not taking any steps to investigate into the alleged links between Assam CM Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma and BJP leader Ram Madhav with terrorist outfit. In a tweet, Bora questions the credibility of the Government of India as it has been using central agencies like CBI & ED against opposition leaders all the time. Then why is GOI silent on the allegations of Assam CM Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma being involved with Kuki militants in the Manipur election in 2017? Bora demanded a NIA probe into the allegations and arrest of Sarma under NSA Act. Meanwhile, he also stated that being the North-East Democratic Alliance (NEDA) convenor of BJP and having links with terrorist organizations, Sarma has no right to hold that post anymore and must step down immediately.

It is to mention here that in the sideline of ethnic clashes between Meitai and Kuki communities in Manipur, a 2019 letter by a leader of one of Kuki militant outfit to Union Home Minister Amit Shah surfaced, and it claimed that the BJP leaders Himanta Biswa Sarma and Ram Madhav in charge of North East in 2017 taken help of Kuki Militant organizations to win the Assembly election then. The letter was attached as one of the Annexures along with an affidavit filed by SS Haokip, chairman of Kuki Liberation Front (UKLF) in a NIA Court on June 8, 2023.

HBS is the convenor of NEDA. If the NEDA convenor himself has links with extremist groups, he is clearly encouraging terrorists to operate in the North Eastern states.

He should immediately step down from the post of convenor of NEDA and the people of North East and other...

— Ripun Bora (@ripunbora) [June 15, 2023](#)

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