

Assam Times

assamtimes.org

LATEST NEWS

More a betrayer less hero!



[AT News](#) · 07:54, 6 May 2017 | Updated 20:09, 6 May 2017 · 9120 views · 2 min read



It was in 2005 when Sarbanabda Sonowal drew huge applause across Assam for getting IMD(T) Act (/taxonomy/term/1974) scrapped by the Supreme Court. But the same person today contradicts what he told the same court more than a decade ago as (/taxonomy/term/2291) Assam Chief Minister.

This was more or less of what Upamanyu Hazarika (/taxonomy/term/2576) said in New Delhi (/taxonomy/term/1868) on Friday a day after the Sonowal government made its submission before the top court on the growing issue on the cut off year to detect and deport the illegal Bangladeshi supporters from Assam.

The convener of the Prabojon Virodhi Manch, an organization fighting against (/taxonomy/term/1929) the alleged unabated influx (/taxonomy/term/1762) from across the Indo-Bangladesh (/taxonomy/term/2420) border, thrashed the BJP -led central and state (/taxonomy/term/2332) governments alleging that their submissions are quite different from what they said before coming to power.

“It sounds strange to have seen that Sonowal has contradicted the judgment which helped him steal the limelight. In 2005, he talked of an unabated influx (/taxonomy/term/1762) from across the border which posed a serious threat to the indigenous (/taxonomy/term/2124) people. But now his government says the political rights (/taxonomy/term/1990) of the indigenous (/taxonomy/term/2124) people are not affected by the immigration and for enabling the foreigners to vote,” said Hazarika (/taxonomy/term/2576).

He criticised the Sonowal and his government for the submission that there was no foundation to prove how many foreigners have enrolled their names in the electoral rolls where in 2005, as (/taxonomy/term/2291) a community (/taxonomy/term/2084) hero talked of large scale immigration of Bangladeshi nationals which he then called external aggression and internal disturbance.

Both Delhi and Dispur wanted citizenship (/taxonomy/term/2368) to all immigrants to avoid yet another strife as (/taxonomy/term/2291) the Assam Accord (/taxonomy/term/1884) with March 25, 1971 as (/taxonomy/term/2291) cut off date was signed after a six year long agitation which nobody want afresh, said Hazarika (/taxonomy/term/2576).

Non stopped influx (/taxonomy/term/1762) of immigrants from across the border is said to have been disrupting the state (/taxonomy/term/2332)'s demography forcing the AASU to launch a six year long agitation from 1979 to 1985 which ended with the signing of the Assam Accord (/taxonomy/term/1884).

The agitators who later floated the regional Asom (/taxonomy/term/2581) Gana Parishad was in power for two terms. But the main clause to detect and deport the immigrants progressed at a snail's pace.

Now a number of organizations have moved the supreme court challenging the cut off date and a constitutional bench is hearing the plea from May 11.



AT News

Assam Times Staff. editor@assamtimes.org

Original URL: <https://assamtimes.org/article/more-a-betrayer-less-hero-18976> | Published: 6 May 2017 | © 2026 Assam Times