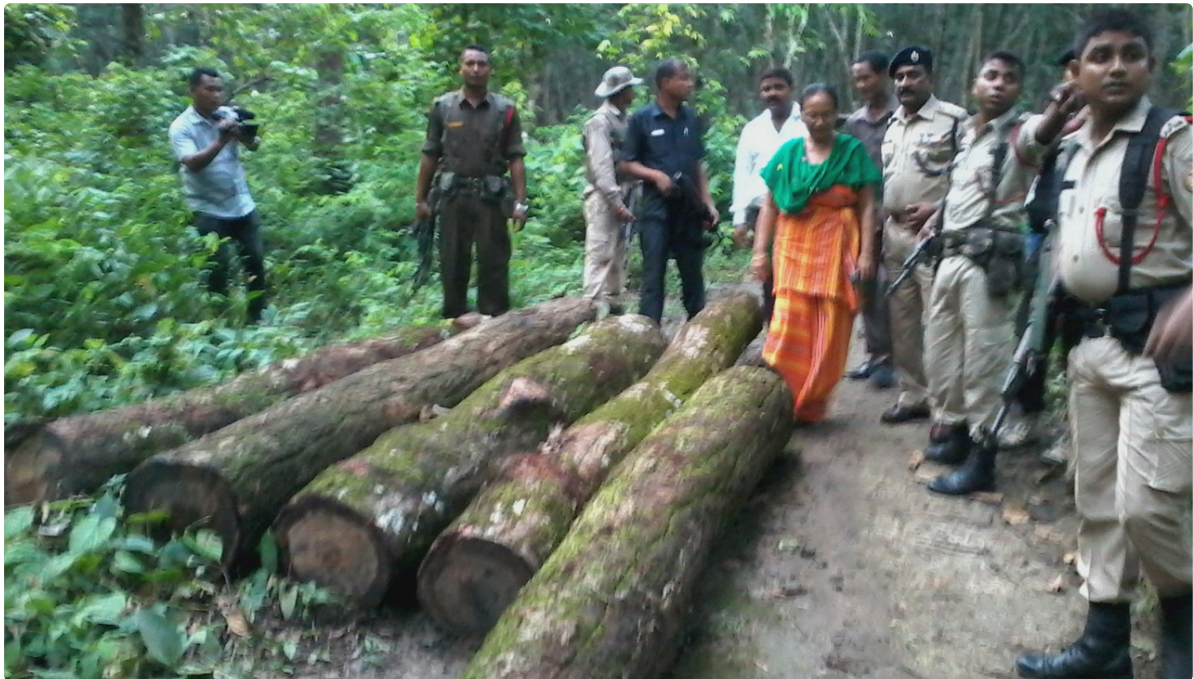


Pramila blames forrest officials for forest destruction



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Forest Minister [Pramila](#) Rani Brahma slamming forest staffs in BTAD expresses her suspects that forest departmental staffs have been nexus with timber smuggler while destroying Sal trees in the region. Brahma seized a tractor laden Sal timbers at Amuguri area in Nayekgaon Forest Range under Chakrashila [Wildlife](#) Sanctury in Kokrajhar district on Monday.

Brahma alleged that forest department officials are not working actively,even though concern department authority instructed to take stern action [against](#) timber smuggling in the [state](#). Brahma,on Monday seized a tractor in which timber mafias carrying Sal logs through Bahalpur-Choraikola Road thif after noon while she was going Guwahati from Kokrajhar.She along with Kokrajhar SP,Shyamal Prasad Saikia also raided the jungle area near Rubber park where more [10](#) pieces of Sal logs were also able recover to seize.[Market](#) values of the seized Sal timbers would be [over](#) 5 lakhs.

Brahma,revealed that Sal tress were destructed due to duty negligence of forest officials in the district [as](#) well region.Stern actions would be taken forest officials,who were [found](#) negligence of duty and responsibilities of the department, she said. She has urged forest staff of Nayekgaon Range to take bold initiative while protecting the timber smuggling so that Chakrashila [Wildlife](#) Sanctuary could be protected with natural beauti preservation.

Saikia said that police administartion was ready to protect the Sal trees in the area and extending help to forest department while protecting natural resources.



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