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### Rail blocked at Chautara



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Rail services were disrupted for six hours due to blockade at Chautara station in Kokrajhar district on Tuesdsy demanding grant [\(/taxonomy/term/2065\)](#) of Scheduled Tribe (ST [\(/taxonomy/term/1997\)](#)) status to the Koch Rajbongshis and create separate Kamatapur state [\(/taxonomy/term/2332\)](#) within Indian constitution.

The All Koch Rajbongshi Students Union (AKRSU) blockaded the railway for 12 hours beginning from 5 am in the morning which disrupted rail services along the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR). Thousands of student (/taxonomy/term/2404) activists, peoples from from all walks of life of the Koch Rajbongshi community (/taxonomy/term/2084) took part the blockade with banner, placards and shouted slogans demanding early granting of ST (/taxonomy/term/1997) status, creation of Kamatapur state (/taxonomy/term/2332).

At least two Lumding intercity trains and Bongaigaon-NJP passenger train were cancelled for the strike. Several long distance trains were stranded at various stations in the region, which included Dibrugargh-Delhi down Rajdhani express halted at New Bongaigaon, Capital express, Bangalore express at Bongaigaon, Saraighat express up at Gossaigaon (/taxonomy/term/83) on the day.

Although Lower Assam Commissioner Ahmed Hussain hold a meeting with AKRSU leaders (/taxonomy/term/2082) in the presence of Bibekananda Choudhury, Deputy Commissioner, Kokrajhar at Chautara station by (/taxonomy/term/2164) 8 (/taxonomy/term/2164).30 am in the morning to appealing withdraw the blockade, yet the agitators declined the appeals .

Later, the blockade was reduced to six hours from 12 hours after getting letter from state (/taxonomy/term/2332) government to hold state (/taxonomy/term/2332) level (/taxonomy/term/2232) talk to be held on November 17 in Guwahati. Rail services, however resumes after 11.30 am. Pradip Roy (/taxonomy/term/1639), president of the AKRSU declares the reduce of blockade for six hours and lifted the blockade at 11 am. He said that students union and Koch Rajbongshi community (/taxonomy/term/2084) have been demanding ST (/taxonomy/term/1997) status since long years, yet government never taking bold step to solve Koch Rajbongshi issue and problems. He has slammed BJP led NDA government at Centre and state (/taxonomy/term/2332) for not initiating to solve the Koch Rajbongshi issues that have been pending in the state (/taxonomy/term/2332). He said that the blockade was lifted after six hours to the respect of passenger and patients of the trains.

Roy (/taxonomy/term/1639) demanded that ST (/taxonomy/term/1997) status to the Koch Rajbongshi community (/taxonomy/term/2084), creation of Kamatapur state (/taxonomy/term/2332) should be solved through political dialogue as (/taxonomy/term/2291) soon (/taxonomy/term/2206) possible. He has warned to take vigorous mass movement if their demands (/taxonomy/term/2467) are not meet by December next.

Biswajit Roy (/taxonomy/term/1639), adviser of AKRSU demanded scheduling issue and Kamatapur state (/taxonomy/term/2332) should be solved through political level (/taxonomy/term/2232) involving Prime Minister, Home (/taxonomy/term/1757) Minister as (/taxonomy/term/2291) soon (/taxonomy/term/2206) as (/taxonomy/term/2291) possible. He has criticized BJP party for failing fulfilling of promises that kept during 2014 parliamentary elections in the state (/taxonomy/term/2332). Bibekananda Choudhury, Deputy Commissioner, Kokrajhar said that the blockade was lifted by (/taxonomy/term/2005)10 (/taxonomy/term/2005).45 am after holding meeting with students union. Government assures promises to holding peace talk over (/taxonomy/term/2166) the issues that demanded from the students union and community (/taxonomy/term/2084) organizations, he said.



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