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Railway blockade disrupted services



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rain services in lower Assam regions along the Northeastern Frontier Railway(NFR) via Kokrajhar,Bew Bongaigaon were disrupted for ten (/taxonomy/term/2312) hours today due to 12-hours rail blockade at Basugaon rail station in Chirang district and Udalguri (/taxonomy/term/113) station in Udalguri (/taxonomy/term/113) district seeking separate Bodoland state (/taxonomy/term/2332) political right to the Bodos living outside the proposed Bodoland area on Monday.

The blockade was called All Bodo Students Union(ABSU), Peoples Joint Action Committee for Boroland Movement(PJACBM), NDFB(Progressive) to put pressure government for early solution of long standing demand of separate Bodoland state under Article 2 & 3 of Indian constitution.

Nearly lakh activists from ABSU,PJACBM,common public from several districts of lower Assam districts participated with banner,placards in the blockade,which was started from 5 am in the morning and passed peacefully by 3 pm in the afternoon at Basugaon station and Udalguri station.The blockade was reduced to 10 hours from 12 hours considering appeal from passenger and citizens of the region.

A memorandum was submitted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi through Chirang Deputy Commissioner seeking early creation of Bodoland state in the region.

Several long distance going express trains were halted at different stations in the region,which included down Rajdhani Express at New Bongaigaon, 55753 up Shifung passenger at Kokrajhar.

15769 up Lumding enter city at Fakiragram, 15645up Dadar Express at New Alipur Duar, 12345up Saraighat Express at New Coochbehar, 15635 up Okha Express at Pundivari of West Bengal, 55714 down BG passenger at New Bongaigaon.Later,train services were resume as usual after 3 pm.

Agitators shouted slogans like—“ Divide Assam 50/50, No Bodoland No Rest, We want Bodoland, We want justice, Bodoland is our birth right” in the blockade. Leaders from various organisations and communities thronged the blockade, which included Garo Students Union, Garo Development Council, Scheduled Caste Parishad, Bodo Sahitya Sabha, Boro Somaj, United Minority Council, United Peoples Party (Liberal).

Promod Boro, president of ABSU said that the students union and its movement groups launched an agitational programme to put pressure on the government for creation of Bodoland as a separate state within the Indian constitution to gain good governance in the region. He slammed the BJP led NDA at the centre said that the government tactically declined to take a solution way while solving Bodoland issues in the state. He has urged the centre to take stern measures to solve Bodoland issue in the earliest manner in coming days, otherwise joint movement groups will be compelled to step up mass vigorous movement for the cause of Bodoland.

‘The Boro people want to live with dignity and honour under the provision of the constitution, for which why Boro people launched movement for separate state since 1967 and till today students union and several organisations have been demanding early creation of separate Bodoland state’, Boro said.

The students union launched its first phase in 1987 for Bodoland state, hence the government of India signed two Bodo Accords in the name of resolving the Bodo people’s demand, yet it could not be fulfilled the political aspiration and hopes of the Bodos. The ABSU and allied organisations launched third phase of movement demanding to create Bodoland state has had fifth rounds of formal talks so far with the centre, but talks have no progress at all, he said.

He come down heavily on BJP party said that BJP party promised both written(manifesto) and verbal that they would resolve the Bodo problem immediately if they could come to power in New Delhi (/taxonomy/term/1868) during 2014 Lok Sabha elections.They were voted to power and their regime in Delhi more than two-years now,nut fact is that there is no initiative to materialised their promise.They have stopped the very continuity of dialogue which apparently means the regime is not willing to resolve Bodoland issue and problems,Boro.

Former Rajya Sabha MP Urkhao Gwra Brahma,BTC MCLAs Rwngrwa Brahma,Maoti Brahma Hazoary,Guneswar Goyary,Nirmal Basumatary were also addressed the blockade.



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