

Raw deal for dissident MLAs



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A section of dissident [Congress](#) MLAs have come back to Guwahati on Sunday a day after they met BJP leadership. But uncertainty still persists. Sources told Assam Times that neither the central leadership and nor the [state](#) leadership have confirmed them a date to join the party.

“The [state](#) leadership refused to [deal](#) with their demands and suggested them to take up the issue with the central leadership. But the solution eluded when they talked to BJP president [Amit Shah](#). Much to a major disappointment Shah asked them to contact the [state](#) leadership for any confirmation,” said a senior BJP [leaders](#) in Guwahati.

Notably, at the initiative of Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma they met [Amit Shah](#) on Saturday morning where they apprised him of their interest to join the party.

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UDALGURI: Reiterating its demand of Kamatapur statehood and Scheduled Tribe ([ST](#)) categorization of the Koch-Rajbongshi community, the [Udalguri](#) district committee All Koch-Rajbongshi Students' Union (AKRSU) along with All Koch-Rajbongshi Sanmilani(AKRS) staged sit-in-protest at the DC office premises here in [Udalguri](#) on Monday. The organizations, staged the protest for three hours starting from 11 pm. The protestors came down heavily on the alleged statement made by [Tribal](#) Affairs Minister, Juel Oram , that it takes four decades to [grant ST](#) status to a community, and hence there's little hope for fulfilling the [demands](#) for [ST](#) status. The activists holding placards raised high pitched slogans and rented the air with 'No [ST](#) no rest', 'BJP go back'. [President](#) of [Udalguri](#), AKRSU, Atul Barman alleged that the government has turned deaf ears to the genuine [demands](#) of the community for years.

He also criticized the government for making false promises regarding fulfillment of their [demands](#) within six months from coming into power. The [student leader](#) also alleged that [indigenous](#) Koch-Rajbongshi people have been meted out harassment at various places of [state](#) in the ongoing verification of [National](#) Register of Citizens(NRC). He further stated that if the government doesn't [grant ST](#) status to the community before 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the people will be forced to vote the alternative parties. [President](#) of All Koch Rajbongshi Sanmilani (AKRS), Sunil Kumar Barman also criticized the saffron party and PM Modi for false pre-poll promises. The two organizations also submitted separate memorandums to Prime Minister, [Narendra Modi](#) and Chief Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal through the office of Deputy Commissioner, [Udalguri](#).

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