

Uncertain future for 9 Cong MLAs



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The nine dissident [Congress](#) MLAs have yet to ascertain their future course of action even after they initially agreed to join BJP. They have neither moved the [state](#) leadership for formally joining the party nor in touch with the [Congress](#) leadership for homecoming.

But they have not moved the assembly Speaker to resign [as](#) MLA like Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma who formally resigned [as](#) Jalukbari MLA.

“The [state](#) BJP leadership have nothing to say [against](#) them. But nobody can assure them of tickets to contest the polls. This is much to the major disappointment of the [Congress](#) MLAs who earlier agreed to join the party [as](#) they met [Amit Shah](#) in [New Delhi](#) at the initiative of Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma,” said a senior BJP [leader](#).

The [Congress](#) leadership are firm on the stern action [against](#) these MLAs who met [Amit Shah](#) in [New Delhi](#).

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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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