

## Political Barbs Fly: Assam CM Responds to Rahul Gandhi's "Jail" Threat



A heated exchange has unfolded in Assam's political arena, with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi asserting that Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma would face incarceration for alleged corruption, prompting a sharp retort from the Chief Minister himself. The verbal sparring underscores the ongoing political rivalry ahead of future electoral contests in the state.

During his visit to Assam on Wednesday, July 16, Rahul Gandhi addressed party workers and publicly accused Chief Minister Sarma of widespread corruption. Gandhi claimed that Sarma was involved in land theft, including through fronts like solar parks and resorts, and was handing over Assam's resources to corporate entities. He declared that "Congress lions" and the people of Assam would eventually ensure Sarma faces justice and is sent to jail, stating that even Prime Minister Narendra Modi or Home Minister Amit Shah would not be able to save him.

The very next day, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma swiftly responded to Gandhi's accusations. Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Sarma directly quoted Gandhi's remark: "'Take it in writing, Himanta Biswa Sarma will definitely be sent to jail.' These were the exact words spoken by the Leader of the Opposition, Shri Rahul Gandhi."

Sarma, however, dismissed Gandhi's claims, questioning the former Congress president's own legal standing. The Chief Minister pointed out that Rahul Gandhi himself is currently out on bail in multiple criminal cases registered across the country. Sarma sarcastically noted that Gandhi had traveled all the way to Assam simply to make this statement, conveniently overlooking his

own legal entanglements. He further added, "My best wishes to you, Rahul ji. Enjoy the hospitality of Assam for the rest of the day," in a dismissive tone that quickly gained attention.

The exchange highlights the often incendiary nature of political discourse in India, particularly when high-profile figures confront each other directly. While Gandhi's comments aimed to galvanize his party's base with allegations of corruption, Sarma's swift and pointed counterattack sought to deflect the accusations by drawing attention to Gandhi's legal vulnerabilities. This public confrontation sets the stage for continued political contention as parties prepare for upcoming elections, with rhetoric likely to remain a central feature of the campaign landscape.