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## MLA slits his palm at Assam Assembly

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A young Congress MLA slit his left palm and wrote on a banner with his blood, at the entrance of Assam Assembly's main hall on Tuesday morning to stage a protest against the BJP-led government's move to hand over two paper mills, a tea garden and a fertiliser company to private companies.

The MLA, Rupjyoti Kurmi, who represents Mariani constituency took to the extreme way of protest at around 11.30 am when the Winter Session of the Assembly was under-



Assam MLA Rupjyoti Kurmi at the Assembly corridor on Tuesday. DHNS PHOTO

way. No security personnel stopped him even as blood splattered Rupjyoti's left hand and he spoke before television cameras in the entrance

of the main hall of the state Assembly for more than 20 minutes.

Many journalists, who were shocked over Rupjyoti's act termed it as a security breach. "Why no security personnel stopped him as he cut his palm with a blade? It's a serious security lapse," one of them said.

Kurmi was protesting against the state government's move to hand over two papers mills in Cachar in South Assam and another at Jagir-road in Central Assam to private companies.

He also alleged that the BJP-led government was planning to hand

over Namrup fertiliser factory and a tea garden to private companies.

"I took this step as the government has neglected the peaceful protest. Today's protest should be considered as a message that Assam would witness bloody protests in the days to come if the government does not listen to the peaceful protests and relent," he said.

Debabrata Saikia, leader of Congress legislature party said that the party did not support Kurmi's way of protest. Kurmi, however, tendered his apology to Speaker Hitendra Nath Goswami in the afternoon.