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**CM orders inquiry into coal mining at Dehing-Patkai**

**Dispur, July 18:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today ordered an inquiry into the allegations made against coal mining at Dehing-Patkai wildlife sanctuary. Retd. Justice of Gauhati High Court Justice Brajendra Prasad Kataki is entrusted with the responsibility to conduct the inquiry.

Noteworthy that several PILs were filed at Gauhati High Court in which allegations were raised on legal and illegal mining of coal at Dehing-Patkai wildlife sanctuary. Consequent upon this, Chief Minister Sonowal entrusted Retd. Justice Brajendra Prasad Kataki with the responsibility to investigate the allegations against coal mining in the sanctuary since 2003.

It may be mentioned that Retd. Justice Kataki is also engaged by National Green Tribunal to inquire into the gas well fire incident of OIL at Baghjan in Tinsukia district. Retd. Justice Kataki is presently serving as Chairman of Police Accountability Commission.

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