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**CM directs Forest Minister to visit Dehing Patkai**

**Dispur, May 20:** In view of the reported public opposition appeared on a section of media with regard to purported attempt of coal mining at Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today directed Environment & Forests Minister Parimal Suklabaidya to visit the sanctuary for taking stock of the ground situation there.

In a statement here today, the Chief Minister said that the Government of Assam is committed to protect the environment and biodiversity of the State and will not compromise with its stand in the name development initiatives. The government always underscored the need to sustain development in sync with its ecology. He also said that the Environment & Forests Minister during his visit to the area will conduct a field study of the present condition of the Wildlife Sanctuary and apprise the Government for the needful.

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