

Exempt Nagaland oil blocks



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[Nagaland](#) is dead opposed to the Centre's move to auction the old oil blocks in the north eastern region. Chief Minister, TR Zeliang is firm on his stand [against](#) the oil block auction.

According to the chef minister, it would have an adverse effect on the Naga peace process forcing him to request the Centre to reconsider its decision. In his recent letter to [petroleum](#) minister Dharmendra Pradhan, he said there are a few oil blocks located in [Nagaland](#) to be opened for competitive bidding.

He said the [state](#) has framed the [Nagaland](#) Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulations 2012 and the [Nagaland](#) Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules 2012 in accordance with Article 371-A(1) (a) of the [Constitution of India](#), the CM informed that under these Rules and Regulations, the Government of [Nagaland](#) has already invited Expressions Of Interest from interested oil companies, and is in the process of allocating the oil blocks in [Nagaland](#).

He further said the opening up oil fields located within [Nagaland](#) to competitive bidding by the Government of [India](#) is “not appropriate.”

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