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Oilfield auction: AGP opposes BJP proposes



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Amid a state [\(/taxonomy/term/2332\)](#) wide brouhaha on the move to auction 12 oil fields in Assam, both AGP and BJP have been taking contradictory positions on the sensitive issue.

BJP leaders [\(/taxonomy/term/2082\)](#) and ministers [\(/taxonomy/term/2422\)](#) have strongly advocated the move saying that it would, in fact, help Assam claim [\(/taxonomy/term/1755\)](#) the rights [\(/taxonomy/term/1990\)](#) over [\(/taxonomy/term/2166\)](#) its own resources.

“We are bound to endorse the move. We can’t oppose it. This is our policy (/taxonomy/term/2366). These oil fields won’t help Assam do anything. We would in turn get money from these non profitable oilfield,” said a BJP leader (/taxonomy/term/1820). He said, “had there been a Congress (/taxonomy/term/90) led government at the Centre same it would have been done.”

AGP leaders (/taxonomy/term/2082) are not upbeat with the move. “We are opposed to any move to auction these oilfield. We would have to talk to the authority,” said an AGP leader (/taxonomy/term/1820) on the condition of anonymity.

He said, “we would discuss the issue to clear our position on the move to auction our resource.” But he could not tell when they would take up the matter. The formal process is set to take place on July 1.



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