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Why BJP minister supports oil field auction?



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Amid a seismic wave of protests over [\(/taxonomy/term/2166\)](/taxonomy/term/2166) the move to auction the marginal oilfields, the Asom Jatiyatabadi Yuva Chatra Parishad has made a startling revelation that could put the Sarbananda Sonowal Government in a fix. Addressing a press conference in Guwahati on Monday, AJYCP [\(/taxonomy/term/1764\)](/taxonomy/term/1764) president Biraj Kumar Talukdar alleged that a senior cabinet minister has stake in a private oil exploration company which is keen to get the award of contract in the marginal oilfields.

“Yes, he is one of the shareholders. We know. But we won’t take his name. Wait we are ready to make his name public very soon [\(/taxonomy/term/2206\)](/taxonomy/term/2206),” said Talukdar who said that his organization is dead opposed to the move to auction the oilfields.

He further refused to read the Government's arguments that ONGC and OIL lack state [\(/taxonomy/term/2332\)](/taxonomy/term/2332)-of-the-art technology for exploration in these oilfields.



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