

Gogoi seeks new oil royalty mechanism



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Chief minister Tarun [Gogoi](#) wrote to Prime Minister Narendra [Modi](#)'s seeking his intervention to direct the oil PSUs to change the royalty payment mechanism.

Sources told [Assam](#) Times that the chief minister urged [Modi](#) to ask the petroleum ministry to give appropriate instructions to [ONGC](#) and [OIL](#) to pay royalty, VAT and other state taxes to [Assam](#).

He further demanded royalty at pre-discounted price of crude oil with effect from February 1 2014 as ordered by Supreme [Court](#) in case of Gujarat.

[Gogoi](#) has pointed out that [ONGC](#) and [OIL](#) are liable to pay royalty on crude oil at 20% of the well-head price, in addition to VAT at 5% and other state taxes.

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MARGHERITA: A traditional Singpho tea has provided no less flavor in the recently concluded Jaipur [Literary Festival](#) fetching huge fame to Margherita. Popularly known as Singpho Tea Phalap, the fragrance of these packed tea reached the event through Manje La Proprietor of Singpho Heritage Tea whom the Assam tourism department facilitate with a view to promoting its flavor.

Manje La started making Singpho Tea Phalap in 2000 at his home based in No 2 Dibong Village. Singpho Tea Phalap is a traditional tea of the Singphos in Dibong, Ketetong, Inthem, Jagun and many areas. The tourism department has also promoted Muga Silk, Eri Muga, Til Pitha, Narikal Laroos. But for the first time Singpho Tea Phalap has reached the Jaipur Literature festival.

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