

Land deal leaves BJP left red faced!



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Till the other days the state BJP leadership ridiculed [chief](#) minister Tarun Gogoi alleging that the land swap [deal](#) would reduced the geographical size of Assam. Sensing a hail of [controversy](#) and protest, they said that [Congress](#) has been trying to surrender before Bangladesh.

Even after Narendra Modi took over as prime minister, state BJP unit burnt Tarun Gogoi and Sonia [Gandhi](#)'s [effigies](#) in protest [against](#) the [deal](#). But Gogoi has been firm on his stand saying that the [deal](#) would fetch more plot for the state. But prime minister's statement has been diplomatic.

When the cabinet dropped Assam from the [deal](#) recently Sarbananda Sonowal called it an honour to the sentiments of the people. Thus, charges and counter charges between [Congress](#) and BJP [leaders](#) left the people in a state of utter confusion.

But minister for external affairs on Wednesday spilled the beans. Moving the amendment bill in the Rajya Sabha, she told parliament that the Indo-Bangla land swap [deal](#) would fetched 771 acres of land from Bangladesh while the neighbouring country would get a plot of 267 acres. But an embarrassed BJP state unit president still calls it a move that is detrimental to the interest of the state. How? If it is really [against](#) the interest of Assam and its people how the NDA government cleared the decks? Why they had to bank on the support from the [Congress](#)? Does it make any sense?

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