

## Protests likely to mar BJP's poll prospect



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An escalating resentment [over](#) poll pact with AGP and the first of candidates threaten to mar BJP's prospect for the upcoming assembly polls scheduled on April 4 and April 11.

Local BJP [leaders](#) and [workers](#) have hit the streets in many places opposing the poll pact with the regional party whom they think the people have dumped a decade back.

"We [don](#)'t understand why the BJP leadership have decided to welcome the regional party which has already lost the base. This is suicidal," said Khagen [Bora](#) from Tezpur who is fed up with the party's weakening poll prospect. BJP has left Tezpur to AGP where Brindabon Goswami will contest.

Another BJP worker from Amguri who is dead opposed to the poll alliance with AGP said that the party will have to pay heavy [price](#) after the debacle. "The party leadership are to be blamed if BJP loses. We have capable and popular [leader](#) in Amguri. Pradeep Hazarika is a known face of [failure](#). Anjan Dutta is groping for popularity. BJP has a chance. But the party has given this vital constituency to AGP. The [Congress](#) is trying to strike the advantage," said Bulan Baruah from Amguri.

BJP's poll prospect hits major hurdle when it announced the list of 88 candidates recently where senior [leaders](#), mostly, have been sidelined. In Sadiya many senior BJP [leaders](#) failed to find place in the list after the leadership named Balin Chetia whose popularity is declining since he started doing dissidence [against Tarun Gogoi](#).

"A betrayer Chetia who struck no less [controversy](#) will do the same if BJP comes to power. There is hardly any logic behind the ticket Chetia which is why, the party will suffer," said Tankeswar Gogoi a BJP worker.

In some places BJP [workers](#) hit the streets after the party denied tickets to the sitting party MLAs. Manoranjan [Das](#), who was denied ticket is preparing to contest the polls [as](#) independent.

According to political observers if AGP and BJP cannot ignore the protest and resentment both the parties will have to pay heavy [price](#) in the polls.

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