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2 Assam Congress leaders join Janata

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SHILLONG, March 26: The Assam Congress, which was routed in the recent assembly poll, has suffered a further setback, with two trade union stalwarts joining the Janata party.

According to informed sources, some MLAs are likely to follow suit, weakening the party's position in the assembly where it now has 24 seats.

Meanwhile, the manner in which the state leadership chose its nominee for the 'Rajya Sabha' election has caused considerable resentment among a large section of party members.

A majority of the members of the district Congress committee have been critical of the functioning of the party leadership. They have also called for merger of the party with the Congress (I).

With the official Congress candidate, Mr. Dinesh Goswami, thus facing unconcealed opposition from a section of his own partymen, the Congress (I) has also fielded a candidate for the Rajya Sabha.