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**Assam Ministry May
Be Expanded Soon**
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GAUHATI, March 17—The Janata Ministry in Assam, headed by Sri Golap Chandra Borbora is likely to be expanded very soon in view of two scheduled tribes members refusing to accept the rank of Ministers of State and join the Ministry.

The Chief Minister, Sri Borbora, who is in Delhi now will hold discussion with the Janata High Command about the situation arising out of refusal of the of the members to accept Ministerial posts. The new Ministry in the State was formed in accordance with the Central directive of following 10 per cent norms as suggested by the Administrative Reforms Commission.

Sri Sonaram Thaosan, who was offered the Minister of State rank, belongs to Karbi Anglong district. Sri Ramesh Mohan Kauli, who belongs to the Mishing community, of Lakhimpur district was also offered the rank of Minister of State which he refused. Both of them did not take the oath of office on March 12.

Another scheduled tribes member of Karbi Anglong district, Sri Gandhiram Timung, who was selected as Parliamentary Secretary, was also conspicuous by his absence at the oath taking ceremony held yesterday at Dispur.

According to indication available here, Sri Borbora might seek the High Command's approval for raising the strength of his Ministry.

There has also been resentment among 13 MLAs hailing from Kamrup district for inclusion of only one of them in the Cabinet.

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