

Assam team takes over today

By Our Correspondent

GAUHATI, March 11: The chief minister-designate, Mr. Golap Chandra Borbora, said here today that his ministry would have 14 ministers, ten of cabinet rank and four ministers of state. Besides there would be five parliamentary secretaries.

Mr. Borbora told a press conference on the eve of the swearing-in ceremony of the first non-Congress ministry tomorrow morning that he would generally stick to the norms laid down by the administrative reforms commission in regard to the strength of his ministry.

The chief minister-designate assured the people that his government would never use the official machinery for party work as was done by the previous Congress ministries.

Asked what steps he proposed to take against certain lapses and "political corruption" allegedly indulged in by the previous government, Mr. Borbora said that his party had already submitted a charge-sheet to the Centre and demanded a probe into the charges. That demand still stood.

He also felt that many things could be done through the normal official machinery instead of going in for an inquiry commission.

Mr. Borbora said his government would desist from using the police force for suppressing any strike conducted peacefully by workers. The police would intervene only when there was a possibility of violence.

He made it clear that after swearing in, he would resign from the presidentship of the state Janata party as it would not be possible and proper for him to continue dual responsibilities.

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