

4 more Ministers for Assam

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The strength of the Assam Ministry was increased to 16 with the induction of 4 more Ministers today.

The Governor of North Eastern States, Mr. L. P. Singh, administered the oath of office and secrecy to the new incumbents at Dispur this morning.

The four new Ministers are: Mr. Sonaram Thoasen, Mr. Ramesh Mohan Koull (both of Cabinet rank), Mr. Ramani Barman and Mr. Gandhi Ram Timung (both Ministers of State).

There are now 12 Ministers of Cabinet rank and 4 Ministers of State in the Borbora Ministry. Besides, there are 4 Parliamentary secretaries in the Borbora outfit.

Meanwhile, the new Assam Legislative Assembly which began its budget session at Dispur this morning, unanimously elected Mr. Jogen Hazarika of the Janata Party as its new Speaker.

The Janata Legislature Party today claimed that its strength had risen to 60 in the 126-member Assembly with the joining of two Congress members — Mr. Dipok Murmoo and Mr. Dileswar Tanti.

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