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Congress rejects offer in Assam

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THE Congress has rejected the Janata Party's offers to it for joining a coalition Government or supporting a Janata Party Government in Assam.

This was stated by Congress legislature party leader Sarat Chandra Saha at a meeting of PCC executive committee here today.

He said the Janata Party had approached the Congress with the offers of joining a coalition Government or supporting a Janata Government from outside. He had rejected both offers outright.

A Congress MLA told this correspondent that the Janata Party's proposals were "astounding." He said the Congress would function in the Assembly as an opposition party according to the verdict of the people and it would not enter into any opportunistic alliances.

At today's meeting, PCC president Chatra Singh Teron, general secretaries Ataur Rahman and Manabendra Sharma and secretary Laxmi Kanta Saikia resigned from their offices

because of the party's debacle in the poll.

Meanwhile, Assam Governor L P Singh has dissolved the Assembly with effect from forenoon today.

The names of a leader secretary...
The observers did not openly give out the names of the contestants but suggested that the MLAs could, if they so wished, contact any one even from outside the legislature party.

The three members who were not nominated received...
There had been three other candidates in the poll—Mr. Jogen Baruah, Mr. Indrajit Chandra Baruah and Mr. Kiran Chandra Baruah.

Mr. Lakshyadhar Choudhury...
The secret enlistment of the leadership chain was over-ruled. Mr. Baruah was the leader. The three other aspirants secured the proposed.

The Assam Legislative Party has the strength of 17 members in the house of 126. The break up is Janata 58, Plains Tribal Council four and five independents. The party is being supported in the house by 11 CPM and four RCFI members.