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Assam MPs may Janata tops Assam local council poll

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SHILLONG, May 9: The Janata party has emerged as the single largest party in the election to the Karbi Anglong (formerly Mikir Hills) district council in Assam.

Of the 26 seats in the council, the Janata has won 11, the Karbi Abordar ten seats and the Karbi Anglong People's Conference one seat. Four independents have also been elected. Three of them have joined the Janata party, raising its strength to 14.

A significant feature of the election is the defeat of many sitting members of the council, including the chairman, the deputy chairman and three executive members of the council.

Some of the newly-elected members are between 21 and 23 years of age and have been elected on the Janata ticket.

Meanwhile panchayat elections in Assam will be held immediately after the monsoon. The former Congress chief minister, Mr. S. C. Sinha, has expressed surprise at the exclusion of the tea garden workers from the voting list for the panchayat elections.

In a statement issued recently, Mr. Sinha pointed out that the exclusion of tea garden workers would be tantamount to denying them their legal right of franchise.