

# Left move for joint action in Assam House

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ASSAM CPI and CPM leaders met here this morning to explore the possibilities of

cooperation between the two parties in the State Assembly.

From the CPI side State party secretary Promode Gogoi and from the CPM side State secretary Achintya Bhattacharyya and CPM Assembly group leader Homen Das took part in the discussions.

After the meeting Mr Gogoi told this correspondent that during the talks he had reiterated that the CPI wanted close cooperation among the left parties and if the two parties could agree on certain minimum points they could function as an effective left opposition in the Assembly.

The discussions will resume on 18 March.

The CPM has not put up any candidate for the biennial election to the Rajya Sabha to be held on 27 March. Today was the last day for filing nominations.

In the morning's discussions the CPM leaders had hinted that they might field a candidate. The CPI was willing to lend its support.

In the evening, leaders of both the parties said they had not decided about their stand on the Rajya Sabha elections—whether to support any candidate or abstain from voting.

Five candidates filed their nominations today for the three seats which have fallen vacant. They are: Mr Ajit Sharma and Mr Robin Kakoti of Janata Party, Mr Dinesh Goswami of Congress, Mr Santosh (Rana) Deb of Cong-I and Mr Motilal Nayak, independent.

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