

Assam CM by Monday

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Gauhati today witnessed intense lobbying for the election of the future Chief Minister of Assam.

Several names were being mentioned for the leadership of the Janata Legislature Party. Prominent among them are Mr. Golap Chandra Baruah, chairman of the State Janata Party, Mr. Dulal Chandra Baruah, vice-president of the State Janata Party, Mr. Jogen Hazarika, a former Parliamentary secretary in the Lok Sabha and Mr. Kiran Bezbaruah.

The name of the Union Minister of State for Education, Mrs. Renuka Devi Barkataki was reportedly mooted by the Janata High Command but she declined.

The Janata Legislature Party is scheduled to meet at Gauhati on Monday to elect its leader.

Union Minister for Steel and Mines Biju Patnaik and Mr. R. K. Hegde, general secretary of the Central Janata, will attend the JLP meeting as High Command observers.

Samachar adds: Assam Governor L. P. Singh has accepted the resignation of the Assam Ministry headed by Mr. S. C. Sinha.

However, the Governor has requested Mr. Sinha to continue in office till alternative arrangements are made, official sources said here today.

Mr. Sinha tendered the resignation yesterday after the ruling Congress was routed in the 126-member Assembly election. The Party could secure only 26 seats against 95 seats in the fifth general election.

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