

Action Against Karbi Anglong District Janata Party 'Unconstitutional'

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GAUHATI, Aug. 18 — A meeting of the Assam Yuva Janata State Steering Committee, held here on August 14 has expressed that Sri Golap Borbora, in his capacity as the President of the State Adhoc Committee of Janata Party (Assam) has no legal and constitutional right to suspend the Karbi Anglong District Janata Party, which was elected democratically and as per provision of the party's constitution. Only the Central Committee has the right to suspend on the recommendation of the duly elected State Committee by a resolution to that effect, passed on majority opinion.

On the other hand the elected District Committee is also not duty bound to act according to the instruction given by the Ad-hoc Committee President when such instructions are bias and are meant to consolidate his power as Chief Minister in the face of unprecedented challenge to his leadership.

The meeting expressed its opinion that this 'unconstitutional act' of Sri Borbora has clearly proved his 'dictatorial role political vindictiveness and in capability a leader is supposed to possess.

The meeting appealed to the people of the district to accept Sri Roy Enghee and his committee as the legal District Janata Party. The meeting also directed the District Committee of Karbi Anglong Yuva Janata Party to protect the only constitutionally valid committee of the District Janata Party.

In another statement Sri Mohanlal Jalan, State Secretary, Janata Party Assam; says that Sri Golap Borbora as President of the Assam State Ad hoc Janata Party has suspended the Karbi Anglong District unit of the party and has dissolved the District Committee.

Sri Jalan says that this is highhandedness and has been done out of political vindictiveness. The Karbi Anglong District Unit of the Party is a duly elected body as per

party constitution. Sri Borbora is not the elected President of the Party as such he has no right to dissolve or suspend any elected District Unit. This is therefore ultra vires, he adds.

Situation In Dibrugarh Normal

From Our Correspondent
DIBRUGARH, Aug. 17— The situation in Dibrugarh town where indefinite curfew was clamped on Wednesday night for the second time in eight days after a few violent incidents was normal today. The curfew was relaxed for eight hours from 9 am today with no report of any untoward incident from anywhere in the town during the last 58 hours.

Shops and business houses including banks, Government offices and educational institutions opened, but the attendance was thin. The half yearly examinations in some schools, scheduled to be held from yesterday, were postponed.

Our Tinsukia Correspondent adds: Three members of the Assam Assembly, Sri Bipin Hazarika, Sri Jnan Gogoi and Sri Dileswar Tanti, have issued the following joint statement to Press:

"The District Administration of Dibrugarh imposed curfew orders in and around Dibrugarh town on the night of August 15 following some incidents. Some anti-social elements are at work to create communal disturbances centring round the death of an individual at Dibrugarh on August 7 last following stab injury. Such attempts to create disturbances should be condemned on all hands".

"We appeal to the general public to stand against such anti-social activities and urge upon the Government to deal firmly with such anti-social elements"

PTI reports from Gauhati: The Chief Minister, Sri Golap Borbora, is leaving for Dibrugarh tomorrow to study the situation and restore normalcy.

Official sources said that over 50 persons had been taken into custody for violation of prohibitory orders and other incidents.

Armed police pickets were posted at strategic points and round-the-clock patrolling was continuing in the town and suburbs as a precautionary measure.

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