

CPM Not To Support Barбора Ministry

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GAUHATI, Sept. 2—The fate of the 18-month-old Barбора Ministry appears to be quite uncertain now with the stand taken by the State committee of the CPM that "supporting the present Janata Government would serve no useful purpose any longer".

The CPM—with a strength of 11 members in the State Assembly is the main prop on which the Janata Ministry leans for its survival. The State committee of the CPM considering "all the facts in the current crisis, in a resolution observed that the Janata Government has lost the confidence of the Assembly".

In this condition, the resolution observed that "it would serve no useful purpose by supporting the present Government any longer. Rather, in view of all that have taken place our support would compromise our position among the people and would in no way help develop the unity of all democratic and secular forces".

The CPM, however, felt that the political parties like Congress (S), Janata dissidents which are today opposing the Janata Government, have neither put forth their programmes nor have they earned the confidence of the people from their past performance, that they will be able to form a viable Government, and meet the urgently needed demands of the people".

It said that "the party would exert all its strength, limited as it is, to help bring in to existence a Government, consisting of all left democratic and secular forces existing in different parties, including democratic sections in the Janata Party".

The resolution appealed to the democratic, left and secular forces "to unite and to see that, such an alternative force, that steers clear of Indira Congress and JS-RSS communalism emerges with a positive programme to meet the sore need of the long suffering of the people and to bring them relief".

The CPI (M) noted with "deep regret" that the Janata Government failed to "rise to the occasion and lose valuable weeks in futile work of read-counting". In the meantime, the resolution added, "sharp rise in prices has further eroded the slender earnings of the working and the middle classes and spates of eviction have threatened the lives of thousands of peasants". The offer of relief, announced today, to a section of Government employees, though welcome, does not touch the fringe of the problems of the masses". At the same time, the resolution added, "anti democratic forces

have intensified their divisive activities all along the line, and in order to devide the people and demolish the democratic advancement".

It further said that "in face of these facts, the Janata Government neither agrees to sever its relation with RSS communal forces, not it exerts its political influence to combat these elements; the RSS, during last one year, has grown into a force in Assam, displaying the flag of the Janata Party".

Referring to the latest resolution of the Janata Party on the issue of foreign nationals, the resolution observed that "time and again the CPM has stated its position that the foreign nationals have no right to remain here, and that they should be turned out through lawful procedure and the party, in respect of this or any other matter has always stoutly defended the genuine interest of the Assamese people and the State of Assam, defending at the same time the democratic rights of her religious and national minorities". "The Janata Party, now has come out with the assurance that, during work of the expulsion of the foreign nationals, rights of no Indian citizens would be trampled. This commitment though belated, remains on the paper as the practice proves otherwise", the resolution added.

Record In Floor-Crossing

By A Staff Reporter
GAUHATI, Sept. 2—Possibly for the first time in Assam politics a Minister has created a record by crossing the floor thrice within a spell of 35 hours.

Sri Abdul Latif, Minister of State for Wakf properties and Water Supply, who tendered his resignation from the Barбора Cabinet and also from the primary membership of the Janata Party on Friday night, withdrew his resignation within a couple of hours. The Minister again submitted his resignation this morning to the Chief Minister from the Ministry and the party.

Sri Latif could not be contacted as he was stated to be away from Dispur.

Commenting on the resignation, Sri Biswa Goswami, General Secretary of the Janata Party, Assam said that "resignation in such manner by yielding to pressure tactics was most deplorable and unfortunate".

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