

Borbora does not meet Hegde

# Dissidents in Assam press for trust vote

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JANATA PARTY general-secretary Rama Krishna Hedge, who came here yesterday left for Delhi today after meeting a number of party MLAs, mostly dissidents.

Mr Hegde told newsmen that he had made a study of the situation arising out of some MLAs' demand that Chief Minister Borbora take a vote of confidence. He will submit his report to party president Chandra Shekhar.

In all, 18 MLAs and two Ministers, Mr Dulaj Barua and Mr Zehrul Islam, met him.

Mr Hegde said he had been told by some dissident MLAs that a "false news" had been carried in a section of the local press that this visit had been cancelled and therefore many MLAs had left Gauhati. Mr Hegde said that at no stage was his visit decided to be postponed and this was known to Mr Borbora.

Answering questions he said that while the Central leadership did not want to do anything that might destabilize State Governments, it would also not stop the democratic process when a large section in the party apparently lost confidence in the leader of a legislature party. This was evident from the leadership's decision on Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The leader of the party "has to take the whole party with him," he said.

## BORBORA'S DEPARTURE

Chief Minister Borbora had left for Tinsukhia early yesterday morning. After his arrival, Mr Hegde wanted Mr Borbora to return and wireless messages were sent to Jorhat to contact Mr Borbora when he would pass through the town. The Chief Minister did not return though he had a telephonic talk with Mr Hegde yesterday evening.

The dissidents say that Mr Borbora's departure from Gauhati when he knew full well that Mr Hegde was coming, was an "affront." Supporters of the Chief Minister say that Mr Borbora had earlier sent wires to Mr Chandra Shekhar, clearly indicating that he desired Mr Hegde's visit to be postponed until after the budget session.

Mr Hegde told newsmen it would have been better if the Chief Minister had been present. He also contradicted "the rumour that has been floated" that Union Minister of State for Education Mr Renuka Devi Barkataki might

come here in case of a change in the Assam JLP leadership.

"This is totally unfounded and baseless and there is no question of she or any MP coming here as leader", Mr Hegde said.

Mrs Barkataki was present at the press meeting. While State party secretary Biswa Goswami insisted that she had come on her own and had not been sent by Mr Chandra Shekhar, the dissidents maintained that she came here with Mr Hegde as a Central observer.

## Muslims' resolve to combat RSS

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GAUHATI, March 12 — The working committee of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema-e-Hind will meet at Gauhati on 15 March. The three-day Assam State conference of the Jamiat will also be held here at the same time.

A statement issued by Mr Syed Ali chairman of the reception committee, says the conference will discuss the situation created by a systematic and motivated communal campaign against the entire Muslim community of Assam by certain forces and a section of the press.

Mr Syed Ali, a former Assam Minister and now an important Janata leader, said the virulent campaign conducted by RSS chief Balasahab Deoras during his recent tour in Assam had caused great anxiety and apprehension among the Muslims. He said important all India leaders like Maulana Asad Madani and former Congress president Deva Kanta Borooah would address the Jamiat State conference.

Mr Syed Ali is also the working president of the Assam unit of the Akhil Bharatiya Seva Dal, which was recently been formed by the secular elements in the Janata Party to combat the RSS ideologically and organizationally. He said a regional training camp of the Seva Dal would soon be held at Gauhati.

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