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Efforts Being Made To Solve Assam Crisis

GAUHATI, July 25.—Fresh efforts are being made for an amicable settlement between the two warring groups of the Assam Janata Legislature Party, reports PTI.

The Chief Minister, Mr Golap Borbor, called upon all members of the party to unite. He said the party must remain united to safeguard the democratic aspirations of the people and to avoid President's rule in the State.

Mr Borbor said that dissidents could meet him anytime to sort out the differences.

Mr Golok Kaway, Chief Whip of the JLP, continued his efforts to solve the crisis. He said he had met several members of the JLP from both sides and had succeeded in removing misunderstanding to some extent.

The Chief Whip said the dissidents made it clear that in no case the party should be allowed to disintegrate, creating instability in the Government.

Meanwhile, some dissidents feel that withdrawal of support to the leader of the JLP is tantamount to deserting the party.

They think that dissidents should desist from such an attempt as it might help Opposition parties to take advantage of the "critical situation".

Mr Tarani Mohan Baruah, leader of the dissident group, reiterated that the Chief Minister should step down as he had lost the majority support and said his Government had been reduced to a minority.

Mr Baruah said 21 MLAs of the party had already withdrawn their support to the Chief Minister and more were likely to follow suit in a few days. He said this had been communicated to the Governor, Mr L. P. Singh, and the Speaker, Mr J. N. Hazarika.