

Governor's ^{8/19/79} Assam Tribune Decision On Ministry Making Today

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SHILLONG, September 7—The Governor of Assam, Sri L. P. Singh, is likely to invite Sri J N Hazarika, the leader of the Asom Janata Dal, tomorrow at Gauhati to form an alternative Government with support from outside of the Congress, Congress (I), CPI and Janata (S).

The Governor, who returned to Shillong yesterday after having inconclusive discussions with the leaders of different political groups at the Gauhati Circuit House, will again go down to Gauhati tomorrow to let his final decision be known to the leaders there. He could not take a final decision till yesterday since the leaders of the Janata (S) and the CPM requested him for more time to arrive at a final decision as to whether they would extend support to the Government proposed to be formed by Sri Hazarika.

While the Janata (S) is likely to extend support, the CPM may not extend support the present arrangement of Sri Hazarika.

Meanwhile, Sri Hazarika told this reporter over telephone that all the four Janata (S) MLAs extended support to him and he was confident to form a viable alternative Government.

Informed sources have maintained that if Sri Hazarika failed to muster support of Janata (S) group, the Governor will have to suggest for imposition of President's Rule in the State. The 126-member House has at

present the strength of 124 members with voting power.

Meanwhile, a five member delegation of MLAs including Sri S C Sinha, leader of Congress group, Sri Promod Gogoi (CPI), Sri Jehirul Islam (Janata S), Dr. Tarini Mohan Barua (Asom Janata Dal) and Sri Sirajul Haq (PDF) met the Governor this evening. They apprised him that the support extended by various groups for the formation of an alternative Government under the leadership of Sri J N Hazarika, leader of Asom Janata Dal was still intact.

According to Sri Sinha, three groups namely, the Asom Janata Dal, Janata (S) and PDF will participate in the proposed Government while Congress, Congress (I) and CPI will extend support from outside.

JANATA (S) SUPPORT

PTI adds: The Assam Janata (S) legislature party has today decided to extend support to the Asom Janata Dal headed by Sri J N Hazarika, to form an alternative Government in Assam.

Sri A F Golam Osmani, leader of the four-member Janata (S) Legislature Party told PTI at the end of the prolonged talks with the leaders of the Dal for two days today that they agreed to support the Dal on the basis of some programmes.

Asked if Janata (S) will join the Ministry, Sri Osmani said that the representative of the party will be in the proposed Council of Ministers.

Meanwhile, the eleven-member CPI (M) group of the Assam Assembly continued their discussions to come to a final decision to form an alternative Government with left and progressive forces.

The Janata, RCPI, CPI (ML), Plains Tribal Council of Assam, CPI (M) and the Independents are exploring possibilities to form an alternative Government.

A spokesman of the political group representing Janata, CPI, Plains Tribal Council of Assam,

Assam, CPI (M), CPI (ML) and an independent member of the Assembly said an alternative Government would be formed by Janata Party with the support of left and progressive forces.

STAND CLARIFIED

Meanwhile, the CPI (M-L) in a statement issued to the Press today clarified its stand on the ministry making in Assam.

The statement unequivocally said, "whereas the CPI (M-L) will support the formation of any such UF Government to nullify the immediate threat of fascist Congress (both varieties) —CPI combine coming back to Governmental power overtly or covertly, the party itself will not participate in any such Government or in any of its policy formulating body as its evaluation of parliamentary system remains unchanged."

The statement said "patriotic people who stand against hegemonism should not fail to notice that the move in the State is quite in conformity with the evil designs of the various pro-Soviet forces in our country to bring about destabilisation and then consolidate the Soviet lobby to install itself in Governmental power for a unitary-Soviet hegemony over our motherland. To this move, the CPI (M) has capitulated fast and hence their call for reparation of political forces in the name of fighting RSS communalism even in the State of Assam where its strength is negligible."

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