

# Hazarika asked to form Govt

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GAUHATI, Sept. 8—The Asom Janata legislature party leader, Mr Jogendra Nath Hazarika, has been invited by Governor L. P. Singh to form a new Government in Assam.

The Governor took the decision today after discussions with the leaders of legislature parties. Mr Hazarika's Government will replace the care-taker Golap Borbora Ministry which resigned on Tuesday.

The swearing-in ceremony will take place tomorrow morning.

Emerging from his last round of talks with the Governor at Circuit House, the Chief Minister-designate told reporters that the Governor was satisfied that the Asom Janata Dol, with its allies, commanded majority in the 126-member House. He said he was working on the size of his Ministry.

The Asom Janata Dol, a break-away group of the Janata Party, mustered support of the Congress, Congress-I, CPI, Janata-S and independents to constitute a majority against the Janata Party which staked its claim to come back to power. The Janata legislature party leader, Mr Golap Borbora, had submitted a list of 64 members this morning. The Borbora group claimed that it was backed by the RCPI, CPI-M, Plains Tribal Council of Assam, and CPI-ML.

This was the last bid of the Borbora group to retain power. But as a result of the verification, final decision was taken in favour of the Asom Janata Dol and its allies.

The submission of the list by Mr Borbora seemed to have deadlocked the formation of the new Ministry as the Asom Janata Legislature Party had also submitted a list of 64 members. In the 126-member legislature, with one dead and another without voting power, the Janata Party was left with 39 MLAs, besides four associate members of the PTCA. The CPI-M has 11 members, CPI-ML one and RCPI has four members. The SUCI with two members, on which the Janata had banked for its survival, has remained neutral throughout the wrangle for the office.

PTI adds: The new Ministers are Mr K. C. Gogi, Mr Jagannath Singha, Mr Zahirul Islam, Mr Tarini Mohan Baruah, Mr Altaf Hussian Muzumdar, Mr Prema Bora and Mr Robin Choudhury.

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