

Hazarika To Be Sworn In As Assam C.M.

GAUHATI, Sept 8.—The Assam Janata Dal leader and former Speaker, Mr Jogendra Nath Hazarika, will be sworn in as Chief Minister by the Governor, Mr L. P. Singh, at 10 a.m. tomorrow, according to Raj Bhavan sources, says UNI.

The Governor, who arrived here this morning from Shillong, met leaders of different political parties during the day and announced his decision around 6 p.m. Informed sources said six of his colleagues might be sworn in with Mr Hazarika tomorrow.

Earlier Mr Golap Borbora called on the Governor and submitted his list. He later told reporters that the names included those of 11 CPI(M) legislators.

Mr Borbora said he had not advised Mr Singh to dissolve the Assembly. He was confident of forming a Ministry, he added.

Mr Hazarika told waiting reporters after meeting the Governor that he had made certain clarifications to Mr Singh.

The leader of the Dal said that he was expected to call on the Governor later today to have another round of talks.

Informed sources here said that some of the MLAs whose names figured in both the lists were reported to be out of station.

Shortly afterwards, the Governor summoned Mr Dileswar Tanti for a "clarification". Mr Tanti later told reporters that the Governor

wanted him to clarify his position as his name figured in the lists submitted by both the groups. He said he had made it clear to the Governor that his support was with the Dal headed by Mr Hazarika.

Mr Hazarika, who subsequently called on Mr Singh, reiterated his claim of support from 64 MLAs whose names were in the list he had submitted to the Governor on Wednesday. While holding discussions with Mr Hazarika, the Governor summoned two prominent leaders of the Dal, Mr K. C. Gogoi and Mr Tarini Mohan Barua. All of them were with him for about 45 minutes.

Mr Hazarika said that the Governor had told him that the two Socialist Unity Centre of India MLAs, who had supported the Janata Legislature Party and its allies headed by Mr Golap Borbora, had intimated the Governor that in the event of a no-confidence motion against the Dal Ministry, they, would remain neutral.

The leader of the Dal said that after holding talks with the MLAs, the Governor had finally made up his mind to invite him to form an alternative Government.

Mr Hazarika, who left the Janata Party on the eve of the Assembly session on September 3, and later resigned as Speaker with the fall of the Borbora Ministry on September 4, was unanimously elected leader of the Assam Janata Dal.

The Dal was formed with 17 MLAs who had resigned from the Janata Party.

The Janata Dal secured the support of the Congress, Congress (I), CPI and the Progressive Democratic Front

Mr Hazarika told reporters that the majority was "slender at present, but, more MLAs have assured me of their readiness to join the Dal soon".

Earlier, the Governor had held talks with group leaders in the Assembly. The CPI(M) supported the Janata Party while Janata (S) supported the Assam Janata Dal.

Mr Hazarika was warmly greeted by his supporters as soon as he announced that he had been invited to form a Ministry.

Our Special Representative adds: According to reliable indications, the new Cabinet is likely to include a member of the Janata (S). It is not clear whether the party will be associated with the Dal or will form a coalition. Mr Hazarika has a few hurdles to cross. Mr Pranab Mukherji was here to brief Congress (I) MLAs.

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