

Janata Move To Contain Assam Dissidents

From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.—The central Janata leadership is taking a hand in curbing dissident activity in the Assam Legislature Party, so that it does not lead to the tabling of a formal resolution in the party for removal of the Chief Minister, Mr Golap Borbora.

After meeting Mr Borbora here today, Mr Chandrashekhar, the president, has directed Mr Biju Patnaik and Mr R. K. Hegde, general secretary, to visit Gauhati and oversee the proceedings of the JLP meeting to be held either on February 25 or 26. They will try to compose the differences that have arisen between the Chief Minister and the dissidents, led by Mr Tarini Mohan Barua.

The leadership's aim is to see that the Government is not confronted with any difficulty during

the budget session, commencing on February 21, and no no-confidence motion is brought against the Chief Minister during the session.

At a meeting of the Assam JLP, held on February 5 a resolution was moved by Mr Heramba Deb Goswami calling upon the Chief Minister to resign on account of the Government's failure to protect innocent villagers on the Assam-Nagaland border. Fifty people were killed and the Government failed to take adequate measures to avert the situation in spite of advance information. The resolution was seconded by another member, and no one, except the Finance Minister, opposed it. The resolution was passed. The dissidents later decided to ask for the resignation of the Chief Minister at the JLP meeting to be held on February 18.

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