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Janata rebels want Borbora to quit

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JANATA party dissidents in Assam have again raised the state leadership issue after having suspended their campaign for a change in leadership during the budget session of the assembly.

However, according to reports received here, the central leadership is not in favour of asking the chief

minister, Mr. Gopal Borbora, to seek a vote of confidence. It would like leaders of the rival camps in the legislature Janata party to settle the differences between them in a spirit of mutual accommodation.

The demand for removal of Mr. Borbora became strident after the incidents on the Assam-Nagaland border on January 5 in which more than 50 people were killed.

CHANGE 'INEVITABLE'

The general secretary of the central committee of the Janata party, Mr. R. K. Hegde, who, along with Mrs. Renuka Devi Barkataki, Union minister of state for education, visited Gauhati on April 12 and 13, had expressed the hope that the state Janata leaders would resolve their differences through discussions.

Assam is considered a bastion of the Janata party in the north-eastern region. The party expects to strengthen its base gradually in the region and with this in view, it is contesting the forthcoming assembly elections in Mizoram. The central leadership is of the view that a change in the Assam leadership will lead to instability.

Dr. Tarini Mohan Barua, leader of the dissident group, is, however, of the view that a change in the ministry is "inevitable."

The chief minister has stated that elements belonging to upper castes and some industrialists are trying to oust him because his policies have affected them.

States, he said, and explained that these were of different nature. Chief Minister K. welcomed the setting up of a committee to study the was taken up. Meeting Assam Chief Minister h Mr. Pasel in New Delhi is. The Assam Governor present at the meeting.

Mr. Thungoa pointed Arunachal Pradesh Assam unanimously passed a which called upon the set up such a committee. mittee would consult b Arunachal and Assam Gov to work out mutually ag justments on the boundary.

The committee would undertake a ground survey various points which has border troubles recently. might undertake a survey puted areas along the boundary.

He said the two Chief M had also agreed that till the boundary demarcation status