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in Assam may be suggested

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GAUHATI, Aug. 22 — Assam Chief Minister Golap Borbora said here today that in the face of the mounting dissension in the Janata Legislature Party and impending political instability the State Government may have consider dissolution of the Assembly and recommend mid-term elections in the State.

Mr Borbora told newsmen that the political development at the Centre seemed to have "already discouraged" a large number of Janata dissidents, who had been seeking an emergency session of the State Assembly for a trial of strength.

The Chief Minister said that after he had called on the Governor at Shillong yesterday, a final decision regarding the sitting of an emergency session of the State Assembly, as suggested by the Governor, had to be taken by the Cabinet. Mr Borbora said he would hold a discussion with his Cabinet colleagues and take appropriate decision soon.

Meanwhile, the developments at the Centre have evoked divergent reactions in the political circle here.

Chief Minister Golap Borbora said the President's decision was "irrational and unjustified."

Mr Sarat Chandra Sinha, former Chief Minister and Opposition leader, said the President's decision was welcome and will give the people a chance to give their verdict now.

Mr Altaf Hussain Majumdar, Janata dissident leader commented "with the facts at his command, the President had taken a decision, which would be in the best interest of the the people and the country".

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