

Borbora to

Ministers in Assam refuse to quit

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NEW DELHI, July 4—The political crisis in Assam has reappeared with the colleagues of Chief Minister Golap Borbora refusing to resign in terms of the Janata Parliamentary Board decision.

The Board had asked Mr Borbora to reconstitute his Cabinet in consultation with the party chief after obtaining the resignations of all his Ministers.

It was known that some Ministers would not be taken in the reconstituted Cabinet. They decided not to oblige the Chief Minister. The scheme could not work without their resignation.

Meanwhile, the dissidents launched a fresh attack on the Chief Minister asking him to step down otherwise they would withdraw their support to the Ministry.

Mr Borbora is understood to have explored the possibility of inducting two or three new Ministers without dropping any one. This was not acceptable to the dissidents.

Eventually, he decided to refer the matter back to Delhi. He will consult the Central leaders here tomorrow. Some of his Cabinet, colleagues and dissident legislators who had already arrived, met some members of the party High Command.

A meeting of the Parliamentary Board may take place within the next few days to consider the Assam situation and take a fresh decision.

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