

More time to form new Assam govt.

GAUHATI, September 6.

(UNI):

THE formation of a new ministry in Assam was put off by another 48 hours as the governor, Mr. L. P. Singh, left here today for Shillong allowing more time to the rival claimants for detailed discussions and assessment of their respective strength.

Mr. Singh, who had been camping here from Monday, told newsmen that he would return here on Saturday and hoped the present crisis would be overcome by that time.

Meanwhile, a development of significance in the situation is that the CPM which supported the no-confi-

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dence motion against the Borbora ministry, had withdrawn its support to the Janata Dal and requested the governor for more time for discussion.

As against the claim, staked by the leader of the Assam Janata Dal, Mr. J. N. Hazarika, who had formally submitted to the governor a list of 64 legislators — members of his Dal and of the Congress, Congress (I), CPI, Progressive Democratic Front and Janata (S) — 38 MLAs, belonging to Janata, RCPI, CPM and PTCA today apprised the governor of the "progress of their discussions for an alternative government with left and progressive parties."

They expressed confidence of attaining the requisite strength in the 126-member house and requested the governor to allow 48 hours' time for the final outcome of their deliberations to that end.

2 killed, 20 hurt in CPI-CPM clash

VIJAYAWADA, September 6

(PTI): Two persons were killed, one in police firing and the other in stabbing, here this evening.

According to the police, workers belonging to the CPI and the CPM fought a pitched battle this afternoon in the Krishnalanka, a suburb here. They freely used sodawater bottles, lathis, spears and axes.

The police opened fire to disperse the two warring groups and one person was killed in the firing. Another person who was stabbed died later.

About 20 people, including ten constables, were injured and admitted to hospital. The condition of two of the injured is said to be serious.

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