

No prospects of Govt in Assam yet

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GAUHATI, Sept. 7.—The emergence of a viable alternative Government in Assam replacing the caretaker Janata Ministerial Council headed by Mr Golap Borbora is not yet distinct.

Janata Dal, the breakaway faction of the Janata, is busy mending its fences for consolidation of its strength of 64 members in the 126-member legislature. If it fails to do so by tomorrow morning, a

spell of President's rule will follow the dissolution of the Legislature.

Governor of the North Eastern States I. P. Singh is scheduled to reach Gauhati tomorrow morning and reopen a final round of consultations with the leaders of the Legislature parties to enable him to decide or reject the claim of the Janata Dal and its allies as being capable of providing a stable Ministry.

Mr Singh had undertaken a prolonged discussion with the legislators for three days before leaving for Shillong yesterday, complying with the request of a number of parties to allow more time for detailed discussion and examination of the whole issue. The most prominent parties seeking time on that account included the Janata Plains Tribal Council of Assam (PTCA), Janata-S, and the CPI(M) which is being wooed by the Janata leaders for shaping a Left democratic front. The chances of the proposed left front coming into being and the counter claim for a combined majority in the House against the Assam Janata Dal and its allies are anybody's guess.

The Janata Dal, supported by the Congress, Congress-I, CPI, Janata-S and independents had earlier claimed its majority and submitted a list consisting of 64 members to the Governor. Besides the Janata with 24 members, the largest unit in the allied body is the Congress having 22 MLAs. The Congress-I with 8 members is the other bigger unit in the allied body in which the CPI occupies the next position with six and the Janata-S has four members.

The Janata-S Legislature Party today decided to extend support to the Assam Janata Dal, reports PTI.

Mr A. F. Golam Osmani, leader of the Janata-S, said they agreed to support the Dal on the basis of some programme.

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