

No-trust debate in Assam today

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A NO-CONFIDENCE motion tabled by opposition members against the Borbora ministry was admitted in the Assam assembly today. It will be taken up tomorrow.

Notice of the motion was tabled by Mr. Giasuddin Ahmed (CPI) and eight others. Since more than the required number of members supported it the speaker, Mr. J. N. Hajari, admitted it and said he would allot time for discussion on the motion in consultation with the leaders of different political parties and groups.

Later, after a meeting in his chamber, the speaker told newsmen that eight hours had been allotted for the debate on the motion.

The 18-month-old Borbora ministry, which had hitherto been enjoying the support of the 11-member CPM group, suffered a major setback when the Marxist party announced its decision not to support it in a trial of strength.

This upset the ministerialist group's calculations and, according to present reckoning of the party-wise position in the 126-member house, the fall of the Borbora ministry appears imminent.

The ruling Janata party has a strength of 39. One seat has fallen vacant, following the death of a member. Thus the voting strength in the house will be 124, excluding the speaker.

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