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Asom Janata Dal

Allotted Separate
Block In Assembly

By A Staff Reporter

GAUHATI, Sept. 3—The dissident legislators who resigned from the primary membership of the Janata Party and formed Asom Janata Dal were allotted a separate block in the Assam Assembly today.

The Speaker informed the House that the following members intimated him of their resignation from the Janata Party and joining of Asom Janata Dal: Dr Tarini Mohan Baroora, Sri Rabintra Chandra Choudhury, Sri Padam Bahadur Ghoshan, Sri Silvius Condpan, Sri Afzalur Rahman, Sri Santi Ranjan Dasgupta, Sri Keshab Chandra Gogoi, Sri Altaf Hussain Mazumdar, Sri Mathura Mohan Singha, Sri Jagannath Sinha, Sri Kazi Kutubuddin Ahmed, Sri Md Fakhru Islam, Sri Dipak Murmoo, Sri Abdul Latif, Dr Tarini Charan Das and Sri Purna Chandra Borah.

The Janata (S) group is formed with S A F Golam Osmani (leader), Sri Jehirul Islam, Sri Mujammil Ali Choudhury and Sri Abdu Sovan.

Sri Muzammil Choudhury of the Janata (S) is reported to have informed the Speaker that he would be an associate member of the Asom Janata Dal.

The Speaker also announced that five independent members of the Progressive Democratic Front namely Sri Premadhar Bora, Sri Serajul Islam, Sri Ramesh Saharia, and Sri Afazuddin Ahmed desired to be associated members of the Asom Janata Dal. Sri Padmalochan Baro, an independent member, joined the Front and became associated member of the Dal, he said. Sri Dileswar Tanti is said to have informed the Speaker that he resigned from the primary membership of the ruling Janata Party.

No-Trust Motion Against Barbora Ministry Admitted

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GAUHATI, Sept. 3—
The Speaker of the Assam Assembly, Sri Jogen Nath Hazarika, today admitted a no-confidence motion against the Council of Ministers headed by Sri Golap Barbora. The discussion on the motion in the House will begin from tomorrow.

The no-confidence motion was moved by a CPI member, Sri Giasuddin Ahmed and eight other Opposition legislators. The Speaker read out the one-sentence no-trust motion and asked whether the members would allow the moving of the motion in the House. A large number of members belonging to Congress, Congress (I), CPI, CPM, Asom Janata Dal and Independents stood up approving the motion. The Speaker announced the acceptance of the no-confidence motion and permission of the House to move it.

Among those who stood in support of moving the motion was the Deputy Speaker Sri Sheikh Chand Muhammad.

At the end of the discussions with the group leaders, the Speaker told Pressmen that the discussion of the motion would be taken up immediately after question hour tomorrow.

Sri Hazarika said that eight hours had been fixed for the discussion. He said that normally the House sat for five hours. If the discussions on the motion remained inconclusive it would be disposed on Wednesday.

The opening day of the September session was marked by angry scenes with occasional shouts of "shame shame" during Question Hour when the Chief Minister faced with barrage of supplementaries. The opposition, particularly the Asom Janata Dal, formed by the dissidents appeared more vocal.

At one stage Sri Keshab Chandra Gogoi, a former Minister, challenged the PWD Minister, Sri Dulal Chandra Baruah, to repeat his alleged objectionable remark overheard by Sri Gogoi, Sri Baruah, however, denied having made such a remark. Sri Jagannath Sinha and Sri Altaf Hussain Mazumdar of the new party raised strong objections to the alleged remark by the Minister.

The galleries in the House were full to the capacity. And there were inquisitive crowd outside the Assembly House waiting to know the fate of the 18-month-old Janata Ministry in Assam which is facing a crisis due to the ever depleting support of the AJLP members themselves.

Earlier, the House mourned the deaths of Lord Mountbat-

ten, Sri Chatragopal Karma-
kar, a sitting Congress MLA,
Sri Sai Sai Terang, a former
Deputy Minister, Sri V P Naik,
former Chief Minister of Ma-
harashtra, Sri Upen Chandra
Lekharu, an educationist and
litterateur of Assam Sri Gam-
bhir Narayan Deka, the De-
puty Secretary of Assam As-
sembly, and Sri Nabin Chan-
dra Handique, a former Sec-
retary of the Assam Assembly.

The House stood in silence
for two minutes and adjourn-
ed till tomorrow after an ob-
ituary reference by the Speak-
er. Sri Hazarika.

The SUCI, Assam State
Committee has decided that
the party's legislators will
abstain from voting in the no-
confidence motion against the
Janata Government in Assam
as it felt no party with the
backing of the Congress and
Congress (I) would not be able
to remove the sufferings of
the people. The SUCI has two
members in the State Assem-
bly.

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