

# Overcoming His Difficulties

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NEW DELHI, Aug. 1—Discussions between the Central Janata Party leaders and the Assam Chief Minister, Sri Gopal Barborā and the dissident leaders have not so far produced any concrete results. But talks are still continuing.

Sri Barborā and the dissident leaders (they call themselves pro-changers) were invited here by the Party President, Sri Chandra Shekhar to have another round of discussion with a view to solve Assam's leadership tangle. Dissidents' leaders Dr T M Barborā, Sri Mohan Jalan, Sri A H Mazumdar and Sri Rabin Chowdhury arrived here on Monday while Sri Barborā arrived yesterday afternoon. So far the dissident leaders had three rounds of talks with the Janata Party leaders including the Party President, Sri Chandra Shekhar, Sri Surendra Mohon and the former Labour Minister Sri Ravindra Varma.

At this morning's discussions, the Chief Minister Sri Barborā is reported to have

told the Central leaders that ten out of their 21 supporters of the dissidents have already decided to remain in the party. Two of the three Ministers taken from the dissidents who refused to take oath in the reconstituted Cabinet have also now agreed to take their oaths. He said that the people in Assam are not liking the dissidents attitude of leaving the party which would only help bringing in President's rule from which Assam had been singularly free since the independence. The Presidents and Secretaries of the District Janata Parties who met recently at Dispur urged upon the dissidents to settle the differences and make the party strong.

The dissidents told the Central leaders that although they had taken a decision to form a new party to be called the Assam Janata Party none has resigned from the parent organisation so far and the decision has been kept in abeyance. They are still for a compromise. But it seems their terms is that Sri Barborā should quit. It is very doubtful if the Central leaders would agree to it.

PTI adds: The Assam Chief Minister, today met the Janata President Sri Chandra Shekhar. Sri Jagjivan Ram, leader of the JPP and some other top leaders and discussed with them the problems facing the State Legislature Party.

After his meeting with Sri Jagjivan Ram, Sri Barborā, who is here in response to summons by the Janata High Command, told pressmen that the stalemate continued.

Pressmen who met Sri Jagjivan immediately after Sri Barborā's meeting with him were told that the Assam Chief Minister was hopeful of 'overcoming his difficulties' in the State Legislature.

Asked whether the Assam Chief Minister would seek support from outside the Janata Party, Sri Jagjivan Ram said that Janata Party in Assam did not have absolute majority and Sri Barborā was already taking outside support.

Asked about the outcome of the talks, Sri Chandra Shekhar said no decision had yet been arrived at.

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