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Prove majority, Borbora told

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As the Borbora Ministry in Assam today appeared to be on its last legs, with five more ruling Janata dissident legislators quitting the party, the Governor of the North-Eastern States, Mr. L. P. Singh, impressed upon the Chief Minister, the need for summoning an emergency session of the State Assembly to prove his majority.

Mr. Singh is understood to have told the Chief Minister, during his -90-minute discussions with him at Gauhati today, that in view of the conflicting claims being made by the rival groups it would be in the fitness of things to have a trial of strength on the floor of the Assembly.

Mr. Borbora, who claimed that he still enjoyed the majority support, informed the Governor that he was already contemplating the summoning of the Assembly in the first week of September. However, he assured the Governor that if there was further erosion of his strength to convince him that he had lost the majority support, he would seek a vote of confidence.