

# Rebel move to topple Borbora

GAUHATI, July 17 (PTI): Mr Keshab Chandra Gogoi, who quit the Assam Cabinet yesterday, today demanded the resignation of the Chief Minister, Mr Golap Borbora, claiming that his Government had been reduced to a minority with the decision of 35 dissident Janata legislators to withdraw support.

Mr Gogoi claimed at a Press conference that the dissidents had been given "all-out support" by the 23-member Congress legislature party headed by opposition leader Sarat Chandra Sinha, and with the "assured support" of the OPC and the CPI-M, they would be in a comfortable position to form an alternative Government.

Mr Gogoi said the dissidents, who included some Ministers, would meet here tomorrow to work out strategies to 'topple' the Government of Mr Borbora if he failed to step down gracefully.

Meanwhile, Mr Sinha, who

was to have flown to Delhi today to discuss with Congress leaders the political developments in Assam and at the Centre, postponed the trip till tomorrow.

Mr Sinha met the Governor, Mr L P Singh, at Shillong yesterday and acquainted him with the developments in Assam "resulting from a spate of resignations from the ruling JLP."

The Governor, according to Mr Sinha, assured him that he was keeping a close watch on the situation.

The general secretary of the Assam unit of the Janata Party, Mr Biswa Goswami, at a Press conference here today maintained that the Borbora Government continued to command "a stable majority" and enjoyed the support and confidence of all progressive and democratic forces.

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