

# Assam CM critics in minority

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The two Janata high command observers — Mr. R. K. Hegde, general secretary, and Mrs. Renuka Devi Barkataki, the Union Minister of State for Education — who visited Gauhati to study the situation created by the demand of party dissidents for change of leadership, are believed to have returned to New Delhi carrying the impression that while a large number of party legislators 'wanted the Chief Minister, Mr. Golap Chandra Borbora, to change his style of functioning, the pro-changers were in a minority.'

The two Central leaders, during their two-day stay in Gauhati, met several party legislators, including the pro-changers to assess the situation.

At the conclusion of their visit, the two observers are reported to have concluded that although there was general dissatisfaction with

Mr. Borbora's handling of the various complex problems confronting the state, the hard-core of pro-changers was only 16 as against the total Janata Legislature Party strength of 60.

Mr. Hegde and Mrs. Barkataki, who will be reporting to the party president, Mr. Chandrashekhar, on the Assam situation today, are likely to recommend that Mr. Borbora be advised to reorganise his Council of Ministers and accommodate some more dynamic legislators in his outfit.

The reshuffle of the Borbora Ministry and revamping of the administrative machinery immediately after the conclusion of the current budget session of the Assam Assembly is on the cards.

The Chief Minister himself is not averse to accommodating some of the disgruntled legislators in the reorganised ministry. In fact, he was already contemplating a minor reshuffle but had to put it off because of the dissident move for his ouster.

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