

Assam CM Rushing

to Delhi

GAUHATI, Feb. 11.

The Assam Chief Minister, Mr. Golap Borbora, is flying to New Delhi to-morrow to have discussions with Central leaders and seek their advice on the State Janata Legislature Party's demand for the resignation of his Ministry.

The JLP, at its two-day meeting at Dispur, had demanded the Ministry's resignation in view of its alleged failure to protect the life and property of the people living in villages bordering Nagaland.

Members of the JLP voiced their anger at the Jan. 5 killings and criticised the Government for its "inefficient handling of the situation" despite having prior information of the raid.

The members threatened to elect a new leader at the JLP meeting scheduled for February 18, two days before the budget session of the State Assembly.

The dissatisfaction over the functioning of the Borbora Ministry is not sudden. A faction opposed to Mr. Borbora has been spilling fire from time to time and the armed Naga raid only provided it with a handy lever to hit with.

The first flash in the pan was in evidence when 21 JLP members asked the Chief Minister in a memorandum to reorganise the administration and also the State Cabinet. The memorandum, submitted to Mr. Borbora in November last, expressed resentment at the Janata Government's "failure to make any appreciable headway in the implementation of its pledges." Strangely enough the campaign has been spearheaded by Mr. Borbora's own Socialist group in the Assembly.

The members have also represented to the Central leaders levelling charges against Mr. Borbora and his Government and demanding his ouster.—FOC.

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