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Assam Janata Rebels Asked For Evidence Of Support

From Our Special Representative

GAUHATI, Aug. 13.—Janata dissident leaders who met the Governor here were told to produce conclusive evidence of support from at least 63 Legislative Assembly members. The Governor, who left for Imphal, is expected to be back in Shillong on August 17.

The Congress, which has been liberal in its overtures to the dissidents to form an alternative Ministry, has indicated that it would be easier for it to support a party rather than a group of individuals. The dissidents have yet to choose a leader. Mr Hiteswar Saikia, the former Congress Home Minister, is believed to be strongly in favour of Mr Jogen Hazarika heading an alternative Ministry. The former Finance Minister, Mr Keshab Gogoi, is also in the picture.

The Borbora Ministry depends heavily on Leftist support for staying out of danger. The Leftist parties, including the Marxists and the CPI, are trying to evolve a common line of action. The Marxists are against toppling the Ministry. They do not want a situation which results in mid-term elections or President's rule. They are unhappy with the present Ministry but are not keen on precipitating matters till a viable alternative is in sight. They are, however, trying to form a Left Front which will give them maximum bargaining strength.

Our Staff Correspondent adds:
Mr Golam Osmani, a Janata (S)

leader of Assam, told reporters at Calcutta airport on Monday that he had met Mr Raj Narain during this stay in Delhi. He said that the Assam Ministry, led by Mr Golap Borbora, had been trying to curtail the citizenship rights of 48,000 people by registering objection petitions against them and alleging that they had infiltrated into Assam.

UNI adds: Mr Borbora has suspended the Karbi Anglong district party unit and dissolved the district committee for "wilfully violating" the State party directive and working against party rules

Mr Borbora has set up two district ad hoc committees for Diphu and Hamron sub-divisions in the district.

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