

# Assam Janata Rebels Form New Party

From Our Special Representative

GAUHATI, Aug. 23.—Dissident Janata members have formed a new party, Assam Janata Dal, with Mr Tarini Mohan Baruah as chairman and Mr Rabin Choudhury as general secretary.

The leader of its legislature group will be chosen later. Mr Keshob Gogoi, former Finance Minister, said the choice of the legislature party leader would be unanimous. The choice, however, would have to be approved by the parties supporting the Dal, particularly the Congress.

Both the Borbora group and the dissidents are seeking Leftist support. The Leftists will convene a meeting to explore the possibilities of forming a front. The Janata (S) group of four, led by Mr Golam Osmani, will attend the meeting.

UNI adds: The Assam Janata Legislature party will meet in Gauhati on August 30, according to its secretary, Mr Jibon Bora.

A four-member delegation supporting Mr Borbora met the Governor, Mr L. P. Singh, in Shillong today. The members included Mr Bora, the deputy leader, Mr Nagen Baruah and the Minister of State for Education, Mr Ramani Barman.

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