

# Assam Left Parties Discuss Current Political Situation

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GAUHATI, Aug. 12—A representative meeting of the left political parties, held here yesterday, decided to maintain close relation among themselves in the context of the current political developments in the State.

The meeting was attended by the representatives of CPI (M), CPI, RCPI and RSP. Sri Zehurul Islam, a former Minister, who recently resigned from the Barborua Ministry and joined the Janata (S), also attended the meeting.

The representatives also decided to meet again in the "near future" to review the situation. Those who participated in the meeting were Sri Achinta Kumar Bhattacharyya (CPM), Sri Promode Gogoi (CPI), Sri Khagen Barborua (RCPI) and Sri Paresh Baruah (RSP).

Meanwhile, the CPM sources said that the party was not contemplating any alternative in regard to its support to the Janata Government in Assam at the moment. The party was "against toppling business" the sources added.

Asked about its attitude towards the Congress and Congress (I), a party spokesman said that the Politbureau of the party had taken a clear-cut stand in this regard and the State unit of the party would abide by the decision of its highest body.

The spokesman further said that the participation of CPM in any Government at this stage was "out of ques-

tion" and it would only support the Government from outside. He, however felt that there might be "realignment of forces" and the CPM would decide its course of action, depending on which forces would be in a position to form the Government. The CPM would oppose imposition of President's rule in the State in any case, he added.

## CONGRESS STAND

PTI adds :

The Assam Congress Legislature Party this evening reiterated its stand to extend all out support to a political party, without participating in the Government, on the basis of certain minimum programme to form an alternative stable Government in Assam.

The ACLP which met here under the presidentship of Sri Sarat Chandra Sinha, leader of 23-member ACLP in a resolution said that the Barborua Ministry has lost the majority and faced a great uncertainty as several Janata MLAs resigned from the party.

A spokesman of the ACLP told PTI at the end of the meeting that the ACLP felt that in the interest of the people there should be a stable Government in the State and the present uncertain situation could not be allowed to continue any more.

He said that the Congress Party has decided not to participate in any Government that might be formed, but extend all support so that it could function as stable Government in the interest of the people.

Sri Sinha, who returned here yesterday after holding talks with Congress High Command in New Delhi apprised the Congress members about the political situation in the Centre.

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