

# Assam Minister Resigns: Crisis In Cabinet

GAUHATI, July 16.—The Janata Ministry in Assam, reconstituted three days ago, appeared to be heading for a crisis today with the resignation of Mr Keshab Chandra Gogoi, Minister for Irrigation and Planning, report UNI and PTI.

Mr Gogoi said that he would disclose the reason for his resignation at a Press conference tomorrow. He is the first Minister to resign from the Cabinet.

Two former Ministers dropped from the reconstituted Ministry, along with two other Janata MLAs, have already resigned from the Janata Legislature Party and joined the Janata (S), headed by Mr Charan Singh.

Three dissident MLAs, included in the reconstituted Ministry, headed by Mr Golap Borbora, did not take the oath of office on Saturday.

Informed sources said at least 10 more MLAs would resign from Janata and might join any other party.

Mr Sarat Chandra Sinha, leader of the Assam Congress Legislature Party, said today that Mr Borbora should resign immediately in keeping with democratic principles following the resignation of several members of the Janata Legislature Party.

Mr Sinha, who is the leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly, claimed that the Borbora Ministry had been reduced to a minority and had lost the constitutional and moral right to be in power.

Mr Sinha in a telegram to the Assam Governor, Mr L. P. Singh, said if the Chief Minister failed to resign, a session of the Assembly should be summoned immediately to prove his majority on the floor of the House.

Mr Sinha, who left here later for Shillong to meet the Governor, told a Press conference that he would explain the situation to Mr Singh.

Mr Sinha, accompanied by several Congress leaders, may leave for New Delhi tomorrow to hold discussions with the central leadership.

Mr Sinha said Mr Desai should have resigned earlier when he found that his Ministry was reduced to a minority.

Mr Borbora today allocated portfolios to Ministers.

The portfolios of the Chief-

Minister are Home, General Administration, Political, Industries, Finance, Election, Personnel and allotted to any other Minister. Administrative Reforms, Secretariat Administration, Minority Affairs, Civil Defence, Public Enterprises, Forest, Live Stock and Dairy Development, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry, Information and Public Relations, Tourism, and general coordination of all departments and any matter not

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