

Assam rebels out to oust CM

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The Assam Janata dissidents will press for change of leadership when the Janata Legislature Party (JLP) meets at Dispur tomorrow.

Gauhati, the Capital city of Assam, today was the scene of hectic political activity with both the rival groups mobilising their forces for the battle royale tomorrow.

The dissidents led by Dr. Tarini Mohan Barua made it plain today that they were determined to press for the ouster of Chief Minister, Golap Chandra Borbora at tomorrow's JLP meeting which will be attended by Mr. R. K. Hegde, general secretary of the Central Janata Party and Union Minister of State Renuka Devi Barkatari as the high command observers.

Mr. Borbora, it appears, does not have many supporters in the Janata Party but still may survive the challenge to his position. And this miracle may come off because the detractors of the Chief Ministers

are not unanimous on the choice of an alternative leader.

According to unusually well informed sources, there are at least five contenders for the chief ministership in Assam, they are all very ambitious people and it is difficult to see them agreeing on a common choice to replace Borbora.

Be as it may, Mr. Borbora in the given circumstances is likely to continue in office for sometime to come. The dissidents too are unlikely to reconcile to the existing situation and in all probability will continue to needle him.

Although about 40 JLP members are reported to be disillusioned with Mr. Borbora's performance, the hardcore of dissidents is stated to be only 11.

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