

Assam rebels to call on Governor

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GAUHATI, Aug. 19 — The Janata dissidents in Assam are calling on the Governor, Mr L. P. Singh, tomorrow with a list of 63 legislators for requisitioning an early session of the State Assembly.

Sources close to the dissidents said today that with the support of the Congress, Congress-I, CPI and independents, it would be possible to submit the required tally of 63 to the Governor.

Out of 61 Janata MLAS in the 126-member House, 20 had resigned from the party. Among them are four members constituting the Janata-S.

The Janata Party had won 53 seats in the general election. Later, five independents, two Congress and one Congress-I members joined it.

The Janata Government assumed office with the support of four members of the Tribal Council of Assam (PTCA) and 11 CPI-M members. While the PTCA shared power, the CPI-M lent support from outside.

The CPI-M has clarified that it will not withdraw its support to the Borbora Ministry, in view of the exclusive political situation in Assam. This means that Chief Minister Golap Borbora can still hope to escape a showdown by his party rebels.

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