

Assam row over

GAUHATI, May 31 (PTI).

ALL members of the Assam Janata legislature party have assured Mr. Ram Krishna Hegde, general secretary of the Janata party, of their "adherence to any decision of the party high command."

This alleviates a piquant situation that had developed in the state Janata party resulting from the demand by a section of the dissident Janata legislators for a vote of confidence on the part of the chief minister, Mr. Golap Borbora.

Mr. Hegde, on the eve of his departure for Calcutta enroute to New Delhi, today told newsmen that he was happy to note the "increasing awareness among the JLP members and their realisation that difference could be solved in the larger interest of the party."

He said that the MLAs also fully realised that ultimately the party which was voted to power by the people would have to account for its performance in regard to its election manifesto.

Mr. Hegde, earlier today, met the Assam cabinet and sought the members' views about the demand of the dissidents about the vote of confidence.

The cabinet is understood to have expressed confidence on the leadership of Mr. Borbora and requested Mr. Hegde to impress on the high command "to give full authority to the chief minister to reshuffle the ministry if necessary". Besides, the cabinet also requested the high command to bestow more power on the

chief minister to enable him to take quick decisions.

The general secretary said that he would submit his report to the parliamentary board and give the assessment about the situation on his return to New Delhi.

He said they had got an exaggerated account of the differences which were given undue importance.

Mr. Borbora is also the President of the ad hoc committee Mr. Hegde earlier today asked the newly elected State Council members to elect their office-bearers without any further delay.

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