

# Assam Speaker quits Janata

Gauhati, August 28 (PTI): Mr. Jogendranath Hazarika, speaker of the Assam legislative assembly, today resigned from the Janata legislature party.

Mr. Hazarika said here that he had sent his resignation letter to the leader of the Janata legislature party, Mr. Golap Borbora.

With his resignation the strength of the J. L. P. has been reduced to 40 in the 126-member Assam assembly. Earlier, 20 Janata MLAs had resigned from the party.

The speaker in his resignation letter said that the resignation of 33 per cent of the JLP members had reduced the Borbora ministry to a minority and it had become increasingly difficult for him to remain unconcerned.

However, Mr. Hazarika assured the chief minister that he would continue to maintain impartiality and preserve the dignity of the house as long as he remained the presiding officer.

UNI adds: Mr. Hazarika has not joined any other party. The 20 MLAs who have quit the party have formed the Assam Janata Dal with a view to forming an alternative government.

## Bandh paralyses life in Dibrugarh

DIBRUGARH, August 28 (PTI): A dawn-to-dusk bandh called by the Dibrugarh district students' union today paralysed life here.

The bandh call had been given to protest against the alleged indiscriminate arrest of youths and students and police atrocities on innocent people during the recent incidents here.

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