

Borbora foes are losing ground

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SHILLONG, April 28: The Janata party dissidents in Assam who are demanding replacement of the chief minister, Mr. Golap Borbora, are steadily losing ground.

The Borbora group has the support of 46 of the 60 Janata legislators, according to authoritative sources. Besides one more MLA has assured Mr. Borbora of his support.

Two central leaders are expected to visit Gauhati soon and hold discussions to settle the differences. The Union minister for industries, Mr. George Fernandes, has declared that there is no need for the chief minister to seek a vote of confidence. This remark by Mr. Fernandes has relevance to Assam where the ruling party, in association with the Plains Tribal Council of Assam (PTCA), has a razor-thin majority in the 126-member house.

Mr. Fernandes had made the remark at a meeting of the central parliamentary board.

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