

Borbora govt in danger of ouster

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GAUHATI, August 27: It was the mounting pressure from Janata rebels which forced the Assam chief minister, Mr. Golap Borbora, to agree to recommend to the governor that the state assembly be convened on September 3, instead of September 12, to seek a vote of confidence in his ministry.

If the Borbora ministry fails in its bid, there is every possibility of the state coming under a brief spell of President's rule or even facing a mid-term poll.

Strangely enough, both the ministerialist and dissident groups feel let down by the party high command which failed to iron out the differences at the state level. The result was the formation of a new party, the Assam Janata Dal, under the leadership of Dr. T. Baruah.

With a sizeable section of the Janata legislators forming a new party, the fortunes of the Janata party in this sensitive north-eastern region might be at stake if the Borbora ministry fails to win in the trial of strength in the 126-member house.

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