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Borbora sees

no threat

GAUHATI, April 19 (PTI): The Assam chief minister, Mr. Golap Borbora, today strongly maintained that he continued to enjoy a comfortable majority in the Janata legislature party and there was no question of his seeking a vote of confidence.

Mr. Borbora told a press conference here that ten dissident MLAs of the Janata party, including a minister of state, had disassociated themselves from the dissident group and intimated their decision to him and the president of the party, Mr. Chandra Shekhar, in writing.

The chief minister, who is also president of the state Janata party, claimed that he had support of at least 43 out of 60 Janata members in the house. Besides, he claimed the support of four plains tribal council members and three independents.

Asked if there was any possibility of a directive from the high command to seek a confidence vote as demanded by the dissidents, he felt such a situation might not arise in view of the comfortable majority he enjoyed.

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