

Borbora team today

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A 21-member reconstituted Janata Ministry in Assam under the leadership of Chief Minister Golap Chandra Borbora will be sworn in at the Janata Bhavan, Dispur, at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The Governor of North-Eastern States, Mr. L. P. Singh will administer the oath of office and secrecy to the members of the new Council of Ministers.

The new outfit will have 21 members — 13 Ministers of Cabinet rank, including Chief Minister Borbora and eight Ministers of State. The strength of the existing Council of Ministers is 16 — 13 Ministers of Cabinet rank and three Ministers of State.

Chief Minister Borbora today forwarded the resignations of all his 15 Cabinet colleagues to Governor Singh with the recommendation that they may be accepted. The Governor has since accepted the resignations.

Mr. Borbora also simultaneously sent a list of Ministers to be sworn in tomorrow.

In the reconstituted Ministry, two of Mr. Borbora's Cabinet colleagues — Mr. O. F. Golam Osmani and Mr. Zahirul Islam — do not find a berth, while one of the Ministers of State, Mr. Lilamoy Das has been promoted to the Cabinet rank.

While 13 of the existing incumbents have been retained, there will be seven new faces in the overhauled setup. The names of the new Ministers are: Mr. Mohd. Ali (Minister of Cabinet rank), Mr. Ram Chander Sharma, Mr. Anil Das, Mr. Silvius Condpan, Mr. Barelong Terang, Mr. Abdul Latif and Mr. Nagen Sharma (all Ministers of State).

The Chief Minister is reconstituting his Ministry in response to the Janata Central Parliamentary Board directive that he should accommodate the dissidents to heal

the rift in the party.

However, the dissidents, who have been demanding change of leadership in Assam, today expressed their disappointment over the manner in which Mr. Borbora was reconstituting his Ministry. The alleged that they had not been consulted in the matter.

According to Dr. Tarini Mohan Barooah, spokesman of the dissidents, the dissidents were not at all satisfied with the "patch-work" arrangements being made by the Chief Minister and they were determined to intensify their move for change of leadership in the State.

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