

Borbora told to summon special session of House

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The Governor of North-Eastern States, Mr. L. P. Singh, today sent a communication to Assam Chief Minister Golap Borbora advising him to summon an emergent session of the State Assembly for a trial of strength.

The communication followed a requisition by 64 of the 126 members of the State Assembly for summoning a special session.

The Chief Minister, who came over here from Gauhati on the request of the Governor, today had an hour-long meeting with Mr. Singh. Although, Mr. Borbora reputed the claim of Janata dissidents that he had lost majority support, he told the Governor that he would discuss the need for calling an early session of the Assembly with his colleagues and convey his reaction by Thursday evening.

The Chief Minister told waiting newsmen after his meeting with the Governor that he had already advised the Governor to summon the session on September 12. But in view of the Governor's advice to him for calling the session earlier to clear the controversy, he would now consult his colleagues and convey his decision in a day or two.

Mr. Borbora, however, maintained that he still enjoyed majority support in the 126-member Assembly.

The Chief Minister told newsmen, before his departure for Gauhati, that he was not afraid of facing the Assembly. He said his detractors were playing a negative game and he was doubtful if they could provide a stable alternative government.

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