

Latest Party Position In Assembly

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GAUHATI, September 3—The following is the latest party position in the 126-member (one seat vacant) Assam Assembly:

- (1) Janata—39, (2) Congress—22, (3) Asom Janata Dal—16, (4) CPM—11, (5) Congress (I)—8, (6) CPI—6, (7) PDF—6, (8) PTCA—4, (9) RCPI—4, (10) Janata (S)—4, (11) SUCI—3, (12) CPML—1, (13) Ind—2.

The Speaker today said in the Assembly that the Janata Party had enjoyed support of four MLAs of Plains Tribal Council of Assam (PTCA), Four MLAs of RCPI and one Progressive Democratic Front.

Cabinet To Take Decision On No-Trust Motion Today

By A Staff Reporter
GAUHATI, Sept. 3—A joint meeting of the Assam Janata Legislature Party and State Committee tonight authorised the State Cabinet to take a final decision on the issue of facing the no-confidence motion against the 18-month old Barboria Ministry. The Cabinet will meet tomorrow morning to take the decision before the Assembly session meets.

Soon after the meeting, which continued for over three hours, the leader of the JLP, Sri Golap Barboria told newsmen that

all possible alternatives were discussed in the context of the no-confidence motion. The Chief Minister declined to indicate what the possible alternatives were.

However, it is understood that most of the members suggested that the party should face the no-confidence motion in the House while some others felt that the Ministry should resign without facing the motion and recommended to the Governor for dissolution of the House. The State Janata Party leaders including, Sri Gaurishankar Bhattacharyya and Sri Biswa Goswami, the Advocate General, Sri B C Baruah also attended the meeting. Sri Chand Mahammad, Deputy Speaker of the Assembly, who stood in support of the no-confidence motion today, also participated in the meeting.

Meanwhile, the Governor, Sri L P Singh arrived here this afternoon to take stock of the situation.

Earlier in the afternoon, the Chief Minister, Sri Barboria held discussion with CPM leaders on the possibility of the support of the left parties, particularly of the CPM to the Ministry. However, the suggestions made by the CPM that the State Janata Party should sever all relations with the Central Janata Party was reported to be not found acceptable by Sri Barboria.

In the meantime, efforts have been made by the Janata Party circles for fresh alignment of left democratic and progressive forces to support the Ministry so that a possible disaster could be averted. Source close to these circles expressed that the confidence that the prospect of such an alignment was bright.

Cong To Back JN Hazarika For Chief Ministership

CALCUTTA, Sept. 3—Sri Bedabrata Barua, Minister of State for External Affairs, today said the Union Government was determined to stop any infiltration of Pakistani nationals from Bangladesh into India, reports PTI.

Sri Barua, who was on his way from Gauhati to Delhi, also told newsmen at Calcutta airport that the Barboria Ministry in Assam would fall. His party would then back the candidature of Sri J N Hazarika, the Speaker, for the Chief Ministership, he added.

Sri Barua said the Congress (I) would be routed in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections in several regions from Bihar to Haryana.

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