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Changes In Assam Cabinet Soon

From Our Special Representative
NEW DELHI, July 8.—Mr Golap Borbora, Chief Minister of Assam, is expected to reconstitute his Cabinet shortly, according to indications available here today.

In accordance with the directive of the Central Parliamentary Board, Mr Borbora held talks with the president of the Janata Party, Mr Chandra Shekhar, on the reconstitution of his Ministry. He is expected to return to Gauhati tomorrow.

Mr Borbora is learnt to have emphasized the need for a minimum change to ensure stability in view of the party's marginal strength in the Assembly. Mr Biju Patnaik, Union Minister for Steel and Mines, and Mr Ramakrishna Hegde, general secretary of the party, attended the talks between Mr Borbora and Mr Chandra Shekhar. Mr Borbora was assisted by Mr Dulal Chandra Barua, his Cabinet colleague.

It was decided to send Mr Patnaik to Gauhati if the Chief Minister faced problems in reconstituting his Cabinet. Mr Borbora, however, did not say when he would be able to reconstitute the Cabinet.

Mr Borbora is expected to have talks with Mr George Fernandes, Union Industries Minister, before leaving for Gauhati. The Chief Minister is a member of the former Socialist party. He attended the socialist convention here today.

Some dissident legislators said that their talks with the Central leaders were continuing.