

# Cong. 'not to form Govt. in Assam'

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There is no prospect of the Congress forming an alternative Government in Assam by joining hands with the Janata dissidents.

Stating this at a news conference here today, former Assam Chief Minister and leader of the Opposition Sarat Chandra Sinha denied any overture to him by the Janata dissident Legislators to give leadership to a Congress legislature group in the 126-member Assembly.

Mr. Sinha however, said, "We are seized of the fluid situation in Assam and may step in if people desire."

Expressing concern at the risk of divisive and obscurantist forces in the sensitive north-east region, he said this phenomenon had developed because of the resurgence of the regional parties in the constituent units of the region.

He stressed the need of the re-emergence of a strong national party in this region for giving the minorities and tribals identity of interests with the rest of the nation.

He affirmed that the Congress (Swaran) is the only party which could achieve this.

Mr. Sinha said his party would soon open units in Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh. Regarding Assam's border disputes with Meghalaya, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh, he said these should be sorted out on the people-to-people basis rather than on the governmental levels.—UNI.

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