

CPI(M) ready to back Opposition govt. in Assam

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NEW DELHI, OCT. 31.—The CPI(M) is ready to support a Government by Opposition parties like Congress(S), Janata party and Lok Dal in Assam provided these parties clearly stated that they were against the secessionist agitation in that state.

Giving this indication here today, the CPI (M) General Secretary, Mr. E.M.S. Namboodiripad, said that any Government by passing the prime task of finding a just solution to the "foreign national" issue would be as purposeless as the preceding governments which, far from solving the problems, created new ones.

Mr. Namboodiripad said that his party in Assam had already been approached by the Janata, Lokdal and Congress (S) seeking support for the formation of a non-Cong (I) Government. But he felt that unless these parties made their stand clear in unambiguous terms on the secessionist agitation, the CPI(M) would not commit anything.

Mr. Namboodiripad said that it had already been noted that Janata Lok Dal and Congress(S) had been lethinking on their stand with regard to the agitation. He said that these parties along with the CPI(M) were opposing the imposition of a minority government on the state once again.

The CPI(M) is ready to talk with the Congress (S) if it takes the initiative to form a government without the Cong-(I) in Kerala, Mr. Namboodiripad further said.

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