

# Eight Candidates For APCC (I) Presidentship

From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, Sept. 7—The amount of mud-slinging and blackmailing and that is being witnessed among the prospective candidates for the Presidentship of the APCC(I) is something which had never seen in this foremost political organisation in the State.

The number of candidates seeking the high office now number eight. They are bringing out all the skeletons in the cupboard to blackmail one another. The only person who has escaped so far unscathed appears to be Sri Tarun Gogoi with his deceptive smile and following the middle path.

Srimati Anwara Taimur former Chief Minister, still trying to have her own man as the President. Her two candidates are Sri B K Handique MP and Sri Rajen Phukan ex-MLA. Sri Hanid

que, a high blood pressure patient, does not feel fit for the post because

whoever becomes the President will have to move from pillar to post to give the party some dynamism.

Sri Haren Talukdar, a former Minister who is also a candidate, has to fight the onslaught from a former Present of APCC(I), Sri Ti-lak Gogoi. Sri Dharani Basumatari, senior Vice President to the APCC(I), is ploughing his lonely furrow. His hope is that when the others go on fighting he might emerge as the President.

The man who is playing an all important role in all these leadership game is Sri S M Dev MP. He has been able to build up a good rapport with the High Command. He makes no secret of his preference for Sri Tarun Gogoi and this might ultimately clinch the issue.

But how soon is the party going to be reconstituted? This might take place within the next fortnight soon after the Gujarat PCC(I) is reconstituted, Assam leaders feel

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