

# Fresh Bid To Form Cong (I) Govt In Assam

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Representative

NEW DELHI, July 9—Two APCC (I) delegations with the common objective of persuading the party President Indira Gandhi to allow them to form a Congress (I) Ministry again in Assam have failed in their mission.

The two delegations differ in basic details. The one consisting of Sri Biswa Narayan Shastri, former MP, Sri Rajen Phukan; Sri Dhruba Narayan Barua, General Secretary APCC (I), Sri Anil Das; Sri Saukhat Ali and Sri Abdus Sobhan want the Ministry to be formed in the Manipur fashion that is making Srimati Anwata Taimur again the Chief Minister. Failing that Srimati Taimur should be made the Principal Adviser to the Government.

Thirdly they want Sri Dhruba Narayan Baruah to be made the President of the APCC (I) in place of Sri Lalit Doley. Their argument is that Sri Doley is sick and his relations with the ACLP (I) is estranged.

Srimati Gandhi made no secret of her displeasure of the suggestions. She said "go back and strengthen the party by increasing its number. You are quarrelling among yourselves and this is not the way for a party to function. After you achieve them come back I shall consider of the party.

The other group consisted of Sri Lalit Kumar Doley and Sri Bishnu Prasad, President and General Secretary APCC (I) respectively, Sri Dharani Basumatari, former MP, Sri Dina Raikhowa, Sri Biren Ingti, former MP and Sri Benu Kalita.

They welcomed President's Rule but pleaded that after the problem on foreigners' issue was resolved the party should be allowed to form the Government under a new leader. They suggested the name of Sri Keshav Gogoi, as the new leader of the party and asserted that he was acceptable to most of the members to the mass.

The Prime Minister is understood to have told them that their suggestion would be considered in 'due time'. But

she advised them to go back to Assam increase the rank and file of the party. She also advised them to take up party work in right earnest in the State and spread its message.

Another ten party MLAs are expected here shortly to plead before the party President Indira Gandhi to allow the party to form a new Ministry under a new leader.

Sri Jogen Hazarika, belonging to Assam Janata Dal, a former Chief Minister of Assam is also here.

According to one of the members of this delegation the possibility of inducting a person from outside the ACLP (I) to take over as the leader could not be completely ruled out.

## Chaparmukh-Dibru BG Line Linking Upper Assam Towns Suggested

From Our Shillong Office  
SHILLONG, July 9—The Chairman of the North Eastern Council and Governor of North Eastern States, Sri L P Singh, urged the Centre to construct a Broad Gauge railway line connecting Chaparmukh in Nowgong District (on Gauhati-Lumding section of NE railway) directly with Dibrugarh and touching the major Upper Assam towns of Nowgong, Jorhat and Sibsagar with the construction of this line.

Sri Singh maintained that the railway distance from Gauhati to Dibrugarh along the existing alignment via Lumding is 561 kms. Sri Singh who was ventiating the long felt need and the popular demand of North Eastern Region in general and Assam in par-

ticular in course of a recent letter to Sri Kedar Pandey, Union Minister for Railway informed the latter that the North Eastern Council had made provision in its Sixth Plan to cover the cost of survey of such a line explaining at length the justification of the new Broad Gauge line the Governor said that proposed Chaparmukh Jorhat Dibrugarh Broad Gauge line could traverse the existing alignment of the meter gauge branch line on Chaparmukh-Jakhalabandha Badulipara-Jorhat and Sibsagar-Moran hat involving a total length of 148 kms the suggested route will require now construction of only 180 kms involving the missing links between Jakhalabandha Badulipara, Jorhat Sibsagar and Moranhat-Dibrugarh.

The Chairman of the North Eastern Council further suggested that the parallel Broad Gauge line proposed upto Lumding may be extended to Dimapur to serve the need of Nagaland and Manipur besides taking up simultaneously the construction of direct Chaparmukh Dibrugarh line while thanking the Railway Minister for the keen interest he has taken for the development of the Railway system Sri Singh urged Sri Pandey to consider urgently and sympathetically the suggested new broad gauge line alignment through the heart land of south bank of the Brahmaputra considering the great economic justification of the alignment which will have tremendous impact on the all round development of the people of Assam.

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