

# Front can form govt. in Assam: Varma

GAUHATI, December 20 (PTI): Mr. Ravindra Varma, MP and general secretary of the Janata Party, said today the opposition left and democratic alliance should be given an opportunity by the governor to form a ministry in Assam.

The opposition alliance was in a position to form a ministry since it had approached the governor on the strength of its legislative majority in the state assembly of 119 effective members, Mr. Varma told reporters here.

The left and democratic alliance was also prepared to prove its majority on the floor of the house once its claim to form the ministry, already staked by its leader, Mr. Sarat Chandra Sinha, was accepted by the governor, he said.

Mr. Varma said he had discussions with the leaders of the alliance parties — CPI, the CPM and the Lok Dal, besides the Assam Janata Dal and the Progressive Democratic Front on the ministry formation.

Mr. Varma also said the All-Assam Students' Union (AASU) was expected to make a "positive response" to the Centre's invitation for tripartite talks on foreigners' issue.

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