

Janata To Oppose Cong-I In Assam

GAUHATI, Dec. 7.—The Assam unit of the Janata Party today announced that it would oppose the installation of a Congress (I) ministry in the State, reports PTI.

A resolution adopted at a joint meeting of the State executive legislature group and district presidents of the party here criticized the Governor for rejecting the claim of the 10-party Left and Democratic Alliance to form a Ministry on the basis of its legislative support.

The resolution said the way the Governor had passed his judgement on the strength of the alliance without examining the claims and counter-claims of both the

parties (alliance and the Congress (I)) went against the basic principles and was fundamentally opposed to all forms of democratic norms and procedures.

The meeting demanded that the Governor immediately invite the leader of the Left and Democratic Alliance to form a popular Ministry on the strength of its legislative majority.

The resolution described the Governor's action as a "total violation of the constitutional provisions and democratic conventions."

Mr Golap Borbora, president of the State committee who is also leader of its legislature wing, presided.

The Janata Party with 27 members in the legislature is a major partner of the 10-party alliance.

Meanwhile, Mr Ravindra Verma, M.P and secretary of the Janata Party, said in Bhubaneswar today that elections to the West Bengal Assembly should be held at the end of its present term.

Replying to a question at a Press conference, Mr Verma said the electoral process should not be stalled in West Bengal or in any other State by imposing a long spell of President's rule unless there were "exceptional circumstances," which could be external aggression or civil strife.

Mr Verma said his party in West Bengal had not demanded imposition of a spell of President's rule between the period of the expiry of the present term of the Left Front Ministry and holding of fresh elections.

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