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Gogoi To Face Assembly In Five Weeks' Time

By A Staff Reporter

GUWAHATI, Jan 17—The Chief Minister of Assam, Sri Keshab Chandra Gogoi, said here today that he would face the State Assembly in five weeks' time and hold Budget session.

While talking to reporters at his official residence this morning at Dispur the Chief Minister said that he had support of a comfortable majority but declined to disclose the details in order to save those members from undue harassment.

Asked about the possible size of his Ministry, Sri Gogoi said that in view of the very complex and varied pattern of the State's population his Ministry should be a little bigger in size and in any way the Ministry would be a broad-based one, but all depended on the Congress (I) High Command. He would follow the directives of the High Command in this regard.

Referring to the general complaint of police and CRP atrocities, Sri Gogoi said that he had already ordered the law enforcing authorities to see that utmost restraint was maintained while dealing with the situation and no complaint of beating up of innocent people should come any more.

Stressing the need of a cordial relation between the Press and the Government, Sri Gogoi said that he had asked the Home Department to submit before him the cases against newspapers and newsmen. He promised to review all cases of suspension, dismissal and detention of the Government employees and place them before the cabinet for its decision. He hinted at doing something about the cases having no specific charges. It would be the endeavour of his Government to see that people's feelings was not hurt and all sections of the society can live in peace and harmony.

Wishing the proposed tripartite talks a success Sri Gogoi renewed his appeal to the leaders of the movement to call off their agitational programme particularly their 1 hour non-cooperation as tomorrow is the day when a

new beginning is going to be made in the sphere of solution to the foreign nationals issue.

Sri Gogoi left for New Delhi this afternoon presumably to meet the High Command and hold discussions on formation of his cabinet. Sri Gogoi took oath of office on the night of January 13 at a brief ceremony held in the Raj Bahvan here. A few minutes earlier, the 200-day President's Rule was revoked by a proclamation from the Rashtravati Bhavan.

Sri Gogoi is expected return here on January 20-21.

PPTCA Demands

'Mishing-Bodoland'

By A Staff Reporter

GUWAHATI, Jan. 17—The Progressive Plains Tribals Council of Assam has demanded a separate union territory, to be called 'Mishing-Bodoland' for the plains tribals of Assam.

A seven-member delegation of PPTCA led by its President Sri Fadma Lochan Boro, MLA, submitted a memorandum in this connection to the Governor, Sri Prakash Mehrotra, here yesterday and urged him to take steps to evict the encroachers as well as foreigners settled in tribal belts and blocks with effect from January 26, 1959 in accordance with the recommendations of the Dhebar Commission, a statement issued by Sri Kanakeswar Narzary, the General Secretary of the PPTCA(F) said.

The delegation also told the Governor that the political aspirations of the plains tribals of Assam for having a separate political identity cannot be satisfied by a mere amendment of the Chapter X of Assam Land and Revenue Regulation Act, 1886 and offering the proposed Assam Plains Tribals Development authority, the statement said.

The Governor is reported to have given a patient hearing to the delegation and assured them to refer the matter to the Central Government.

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