Alliance Deplores 'Partisan Attitude' Of Governor

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GUWAHATI, Dec. 3—Sri Sarat Chandra Sinha, a former Chief Minister and now the leader of the ten-party Left and Democratic Alliance, said here today the announcement of the Raj Bhawan Source to say that the Governor has rejected the Opposition's claim is an open invitation from the Raj Bhawan to join Congress (I) to form Government by defection from other parties. Such "partisan attitude" of the Governor was deplorable, he said.

Giving his reaction to the rejection of the Alliance claim to form Ministry in Assam, Sri Sinha told a Press conference that on December 1, the Governor of Assam through a Raj Bhawan source released to the Press, matters relating to Ministry making in the State and "this has seriously prejudiced efforts of formation of the Government by Left and Democratic Alliance". The manner in which the Raj Bhawan source has dealt with the matter has clearly violated the usual parliamentary practice, democratic traditions and conventions and the Constitution which underlines special manner of dealing with such matters, Sri Sinha said.

It may be recalled that the Left and Democratic parties have formed the Alliance with Sri Sinha as their leader.

der. On November 16, the leaders of those parties met the Governor at Shillong and formally staked their claim to form the Government just to end the President's Rule. On that day, Sri Sinha submitted a lis tof 64 supporters in a House having an effective strength of 119.

Questioning the power of the Governor, Sri Sinha said that the political parties have constitutional right to make efforts or claim to form Government. If and when they fulfil constitutional requirements they may be called to form the Government or in of non-fulfilment, they may not be called: but in no case Governor has any power to reject their claim. The claim of alliance having the majority cannot be brushed aside in the way the Raj Bhawan wants, Sri Sinha said.

Stating that Governor's "partisan" attitude was clear from the course of events, Sri Sinha cautioned that his action in the process of Ministry making shall have far-reaching consequences affecting not only the State of Assam but also the whole country creating thereby serious constitutional problems too.

Sri Sinha said that the Congress (I) staked its claim on October 22 last and reiterated its claim on subsequent dates and the Alliance staked claim on November 16. He wanted to know what happened to the Congress (I) claim.

Referring to Sri N. D. Tiwari's visit to Dispur, Sri Sinha said that the strength of Congress (I) as revealed by Sri Tewari was far less than that of the alliance. Whether the source at Raj Bhawan was induced to fulfil the object of Sri Tewari's visit to the State capital, Sri Sinha questioned.

Besides Sri Sinha, also present were the leaders of the other constituents namely Sri Dulal Chandra Baruah, Sri Nagen Sarma (Janata), Sri Ramesh Mohan Kouli (Lok Dal), Sri Hemen Das, Sri Nandeswar Talukdar (CPM), Sri Daiba Shankti Deka (Ind), Sri Dhireswar Kalita (CPI) and Sri Ashit Bhattacharyya (SUCI).

SUCI DECISION

PTI adds: The Alliance leaders said that the Governor was informed that the decision of the SUCI, one of the constituents of the Alliance, supporting the proposed Ministry would be communicated to him on December 1 and accordingly it was communicated to him on that date. "But, the Governor arbitrarily and deliberately ignored this request and took the decision on November 30, thereby allowing the Raj Bhavan source to disclose something otherwise."

They pointed out that Dr. Tarini Charan Das, MLA was physically present at Raj Bhavan to hand over his letter in support of the Alliance. "If his letter has been withdrawn through the process of procuring a letter from him, the administrative propriety requires personal verification", they added.

Cordial Relations Between Local People And CRPF Stressed

GUWAHATI, Dec. 3—Sri B N Prasad, IPS, DIG, Patna C R P F while visiting Barpeta met local Press on November 26 last at the Head-Quarter of 36 Battalion CRPF Barpeta. Answering a question, he said that CRPF are bound to act as per instructions of local administration during the time of law and order. He requested the Pressmen to use their powerful media in building up a bridge of cordial relations between local people and CR PF personnel.

Sri Prasad further said that if any CRPF person behaved indecently or indulged in any unsocial activities during their daily life it should immediately be brought to the notice of CRPF officials so that appropriate action could be taken against such persons.

Addya Shraddha Of Dhrubajyoti Nath Performed

From Our Correspondent

DHING, Dec. 3—The Addya Shraddha of Sri Dhrubajyoti Nath was observed today with due solemnity at his village home at Dhing under the auspices of the Addya Shraddha Palan Committee and the Dhing Anchalik Chatra Santha. Thousands of people coming from many places of the State paid their respect and conveyed sympathy to the Swahid's parents.

The day began with a Prabhat Pherry when people from the surrounding villages came in a mile long procession chanting Nam Kirtan and a group of youngsters went round the town singing patriotic songs. Swahid Tarpan function started at the place of his cremation where floral offerings were made by hundreds of people. After the chanting of various religious scriptures and Nam Kirtan, a mammoth public meeting attended by about 25,000 people was addressed by Sri Bodhen Chandra Nath, the father of the Swahid, who called upon the leaders of the agitation, who were present in the meeting, to fight to the last to achieve the goal for which his son made the supreme sacrifice.

Sri Prafulla Mahanta, President of AASU, Sri Lalit Rai Khowa, Adviser to the AASU, Sri Kumud Sarma and several others gave speeches calling upon the people to stand resolutely till the success of the movement. The sudden arrival of Smti Sushila Subedar mother of another martyr, Puspendra Subedar of Nowgong district, who died last year, made the occasion all the more touching.

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