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UNANIMOUS CHOICE BY 5 PARTIES Invitation To Form Cabinet Sought

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NEW DELHI, FRIDAY.—WELDING THEMSELVES INTO A NEW SAM-YUKTA VIDHAYAK DAL, FIVE U.P. PARTIES TODAY CHOSE MR T. N. SINGH, CONGRESS (O) MEMBER OF THE RAJYA SABHA AS THEIR LEADER. SOON AFTER THEY STAKED A CLAIM TO FORM A MINISTRY IN THE STATE ON THE SUPPORT OF 250 MEMBERS IN A HOUSE OF 425. THE DEPUTY LEADERSHIP MAY GO TO THE B.K.D.

THE FIVE PARTIES WHICH FORMED THE NEW BLOC UNDER A JOINT LEADER ARE: THE CONGRESS (O), B.K.D. JANA SANGH, SSP AND THE SWATANTRA. THE AGREEMENT ON MR T. N. SINGH'S NAME WAS REACHED AT THIS MORNING'S MEETING BETWEEN MR CHARAN SINGH AND MR C. B. GUPTA AT MR NJALINGAPPA'S HOUSE. THE TWO AGREED TO STEP ASIDE WITH MR CHARAN SINGH INSISTING THAT HE WOULD STICK TO HIS WEDNESDAY'S STATEMENT, AND MR GUPTA EQUALLY PREPARED NOT TO PRESS HIS CLAIM TO LEADERSHIP.



It marked the culmination of the behind-the-scenes efforts that started at midnight last night through the efforts of, among others, Dr Ram Subhag Singh. With today's decision the division in the non-Congress (R) camp that had not only stalled its bid to come to power in the State, but had also provided a justification to the action of the Governor, has ended.

The Governor was informed telegraphically soon after the leader's choice was ratified at a meeting of the five-party representatives without any difficulty. He was requested to invite Mr T. N. Singh to form a popular Ministry. The telegram was sent on behalf of the five parties.

The B.K.D. was asked to nominate Mr Charan Singh as one of its members at the House of Representatives. Mr Charan Singh, who was a member of the B.K.D. and a member of the State Council, was asked to accept the post of deputy leader of the new bloc. Mr Charan Singh, who was a member of the B.K.D. and a member of the State Council, was asked to accept the post of deputy leader of the new bloc.

Though various names including that of Mr Girdhari Lal had figured in the preliminary discussions in the last few days, Mr T. N. Singh was eventually recommended by Mr Gupta for the post. Some last night at informal discussions with his party colleagues. His party choice was Mr S. D. Mishra, General Secretary of the Congress (O).



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At the five-party meeting, Mr Singh's name for leadership was proposed by Mr Gupta. Mr Charan Singh and Mr Girdhari Lal had unanimously accepted by the others. Later Mr Gupta read out to reporters a resolution adopted at the meeting regarding the proposal of Mr Charan Singh to accept the post of deputy leader of the new bloc. The resolution stated that Mr Charan Singh should accept the post of deputy leader of the new bloc. Mr Gupta also stated that Mr Charan Singh had agreed to accept the post of deputy leader of the new bloc. Mr Gupta also stated that Mr Charan Singh had agreed to accept the post of deputy leader of the new bloc.