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State GP polls on Dec 22, 27; results will be out on 30th

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Bengaluru: The State Election Commission on Monday announced elections to 5,762 of Karnataka's 6,004 gram panchayats. Polling will be held on Dec 22 and 27, and results will be declared on Dec 30.

Some 162 gram panchayats will not go to the polls since their term ends only on December 20. At least 74 gram panchayats, which have been upgraded as urban local bodies, will also not vote in December along with six panchayats because of an ongoing court case.

Though the elections are held without using party

No link to cabinet expansion: BSY

There is no connection between the GP polls and cabinet expansion," CM BS Yediyurappa said on Monday, amid murmurs that the ministerial rejig would be delayed further. The CM is under pressure from defectors to expand his ministry and grant them berths. P 5

symbols, control of gram panchayats is seen by mainstream parties BJP, Congress and JD(S) as building blocks to consolidate their power at the grassroots. In the 2016 lo-

cal body polls, Congress-backed candidates had won a majority of the seats.

Chief minister BS Yediyurappa said panchayat polls are as crucial as assembly and Lok Sabha elections since they strengthen the organisation at the grassroots. "We will take utmost interest in the polls, though candidates will not face the election on party symbols. However, we want the candidates supported by us to win," he added.

KPCC chief DK Shivakumar said the party was geared to take on the BJP and retain a bulk of the panchayat

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Will GP polls defer cabinet rejig?

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Bengaluru/Mysuru: The announcement of gram panchayat polls could bring some temporary respite for chief minister BS Yediyurappa, who is not only facing questions over his leadership, but is also under tremendous pressure from ministerial aspirants aiming for cabinet berths.

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Many BJP leaders believe the announcement of GP polls has given the CM and the BJP high command a reason to pacify cabinet aspirants, saying they will have to wait for elections to get over.

Yediyurappa has, however, maintained that gram panchayat elections have not

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hing to do with cabinet expansion and it will happen in the next few days. "There is no connection between GP polls and cabinet expansion," the CM said. He also brushed aside talks of panchayat polls further delaying the planned cabinet expansion. "I don't see any correlation between the two," he said.

Yediyurappa loyalist and revenue minister R Ashoka said that those who made sacrifices for the formation of

the BJP government in the state must be given ministerial berths, indicating the CM is keen on inducting the turncoats.

However, party sources said there is still no clarity on the leadership issue or cabinet expansion, and something concrete will emerge only when someone from the party brass categorically makes a statement. "We are waiting to hear from someone like Union home minister Amit Shah or BJP chief JP Nadda as the local functionaries have no clue what is brewing," they added.

In Mysuru, quoting BJP chief Nalin Kumar Kateel, Yediyurappa's son and state BJP vice-president BY Vijayendra said the CM will complete his full term, dismissing talks of leadership change in the state.