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## Arun Singh raps KSE on letter, says should have talked to CM first

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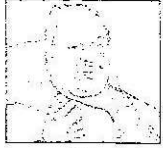
A day after RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa wrote to the Governor against Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's "interference" in his department, BJP National General Secretary (incharge Karnataka) Arun Singh on Thursday disapproved of Eshwarappa's action.

"Eshwarappa is a senior minister. Whatever the differences, he should have discussed with the Chief Minister and in the party forum. There is a system in the party to resolve such issues," he told reporters in Delhi.

Singh said party leaders will discuss the letter and whether

to take any disciplinary action against the minister after the polls.

On Wednesday, Eshwarappa wrote to Governor Vajubhai Vala, accusing Yediyurappa of interfering in his department in violation of the Karnataka (Transaction of Business) Rules on division of power in the Cabinet.



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Sources in the BJP told DH that soon after Eshwarappa's letter leaked to the media, Singh spoke to state BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel, asking him to reprimand Eshwarappa.

Fearing that the letter controversy would impact the party prospects in the coming

### Ministers back BSY

A group of ministers on Thursday strongly backed Yediyurappa after Eshwarappa accused him of running an authoritarian administration and interfering with the affairs of his RDPR department. Page 4

by polls, the party top brass also advised Yediyurappa and Eshwarappa to refrain from speaking on the issue.

Sources said the party top brass was upset with Eshwarappa's letter considering that by polls are near.

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