

Ministers slam KSE complaint against Yediyurappa

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A group of ministers on Thursday strongly backed Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa a day after senior minister KS Eshwarappa accused him of running an authoritarian administration and interfering with the affairs of his Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Revenue Minister R Ashoka, Health Minister K Sudhakar and Agriculture Minister B C Patil came out in support of Yediyurappa, who is yet to break his silence on the issue.

On Wednesday, Eshwarappa, the RDPR minister, gave Governor Vajubhai R Vala a five-page complaint against Yediyurappa for "direct interference, serious lapses and authoritarian way of running the administration."

Apparently, Yediyurappa told Bommai and others that he was disappointed with Eshwarappa for having gone to the Governor.

"If Eshwarappa has objections, he should have discussed them with the CM. The



Yediyurappa Eshwarappa

Governor merely works on the advice of the Council of Ministers. What (Eshwarappa) has raised is an administrative matter that should be resolved internally and taking it to the Governor is not appropriate," Bommai said.

In his complaint, Eshwarappa pointed at three instances where Yediyurappa sanctioned funds without taking him into confidence. Bommai defended this. "We've had Covid-19 for the past one year and no works happened, especially in rural areas due to the difficult financial situation. Since October-November, the finances have improved and MLAs requested the CM for funds. The CM took a decision and sanctioned funds," he explained, adding that it is the CM as the finance minister who sanctions funds.

Urging Eshwarappa to hold

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Congress on Thursday upped the ante for Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's resignation with Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah demanding President's rule in the state over senior minister KS Eshwarappa's complaint to the Governor on the goings-on in the administration.

"The allegations made by senior minister Eshwarappa are of serious nature. Governor should intervene, dismiss the government & recommend President's rule," Siddaramaiah said in a

series of tweets. "Eshwarappa has provided evidence for BJP's corruption, nepotism & irregularities. We had been saying this since the first day & their own party ministers are repeating now," the Congress leader said, slyly appreciating Eshwarappa for having "done a good job for the first time in his political career."

Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Siddaramaiah asked him to rate his party's government. "You had called our government as 10% sarkar. Now that

mon any file and take decisions.

'No differences with CM'

A day after accusing the chief minister of interfering with the affairs of his Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Eshwarappa said that there was no discontent between him and the chief minister and that he only highlighted issues pertaining

to his department in a letter to Governor. Speaking to reporters in Shimvammogga, Eshwarappa clarified, "There's no question of discontent or dissatisfaction. I only discussed administrative matters pertaining to my department with the Governor. If need be I will go to Delhi. There is no need to give importance to it."

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Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D K Shivakumar said Yediyurappa had two options. "Either CM should resign or he should sack Eshwarappa," he said. "Eshwarappa is not just some MLA. He's a senior politician who was deputy CM and party president," he said, adding that Eshwarappa's complaint was "proof to show corruption" in the government.

Cong eyes BSY's scalp over letter bomb

RDPR dept sitting on works, allege MLAs

The Chief Minister's Office (CMO) on Thursday released a letter signed by 48 legislators blaming Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister K S Eshwarappa of blocking works despite grants being released.

This came a day after Eshwarappa lodged a complaint with Governor Vajubhai R Vala against Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, accusing him of "direct interference, serious lapses and authoritarian way of running the administration."

The 48 BJP MLAs who are signatories of the letter, dated March 18, complain of the delay by the RDPR Department in approving projects. The MLAs said that Rs 1,313 crore for rural road works was released by the CM on March 4.