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BSY camp launches counter-attack

Some Ministers, MLAs to write to party brass against Eshwarappa

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Launching a counter-attack at RDPR Minister K.S. Eshwarappa, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's supporters within the Cabinet and some MLAs on Thursday declared that they would write against the former to the party high command. They also urged Mr. Eshwarappa to hold talks with the Chief Minister to put an end to the row.

Hold meeting

More than half a dozen Ministers held a meeting with Mr. Yediyurappa at his home-office Krishna here on Thursday to take stock of the situation. Several MLAs too were part of the meeting. Later, while the Chief Minister desisted from commenting on Mr. Eshwarappa, Ministers and MLAs aired their views against his action.

Chief Minister's political secretary M.P. Renukacharya went hammer and tongs against Mr. Eshwarappa for approaching the Governor against the Chief Minister. Taking exception to this, he said they too



BASAVARAJ BOMMAI,
Home Minister

Let Eshwarappa meet the Chief Minister as early as possible to solve the problem. There is no need to take the matter to the party high command. It is better to solve the problem here.



Eshwarappa could have sorted it out in five minutes through talks. But the current situation is certainly an embarrassment to the government, the party, and even Eshwarappa himself.

SUDHAKAR,
Health Minister



When 70-80 MLAs requested him for funds, the Chief Minister, who is also the Finance Minister, exercised his power.



R. ASHOK,
Revenue Minister

would write to the party high command against his behaviour.

Written requisition

Referring to Mr. Eshwarappa's contentions about releasing funds to MLAs from outside the Budget without bringing it to his notice, Mr. Renukacharya said the decision was taken following written requisition to the Chief Minister by over 60

MLAs. They also furnished a copy of the letter by MLAs with signatures seeking funds for their constituencies from the Chief Minister to prove a point that the allocation had not been made *suo motu*.

Defend CM

Meanwhile, several Ministers, including Basavaraj Bommai, R. Ashok, K. Sudhakar, and B.C.

Patil, expressed dissatisfaction over Mr. Eshwarappa's move and strongly defended Mr. Yediyurappa.

While Mr. Bommai and Dr. Sudhakar urged Mr. Eshwarappa to resolve the issue through mutual dialogue with the Chief Minister, Mr. Ashok said approaching the Governor against the Chief Minister was an unprecedented move. He said this was not a good political culture.

All the Ministers maintained that it was the prerogative of the Chief Minister to intervene in the administration of any Minister as technically he chooses the Ministers. They argued that a senior Minister like Mr. Eshwarappa, who hails from the Chief Minister's home district, should not have gone to the Governor against him without holding consultations with him.

According to sources, some of the MLAs close to the Chief Minister also wanted the portfolio of Mr. Eshwarappa to be changed. However, the Chief Minister has not taken any decision in this regard, it is learnt.