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Siddaramaiah demands President's rule

'BJP should immediately respond to Eshwarappa's allegations'

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A day after Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister K.S. Eshwarappa petitioned to Governor Vajubhai R. Vala against Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa alleging "interference" and "authoritarian administration", Leader of the Opposition and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah demanded President's rule in the State.

'Serious allegations'

In a series of tweets, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the allegations made by Mr. Eshwarappa were of serious nature and appealed to the Governor to intervene, dismiss the go-



Siddaramaiah

vernment, and recommend the President's rule.

Appreciating Mr. Eshwarappa's action in writing to the Governor, the Congress leader said that "for the first time in his political career" Mr. Eshwarappa had done a good job and had "shown that the State's interest is more important than his

political interest". The Congress leader said the BJP should immediately respond to this and uphold internal democracy.

Hits out at Modi

Hitting out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "You had called our government '10% sarkar'. Now that your own party Minister has given the corruption report of your own party to you, give your rating about the government so that people can make an informed decision in the coming elections." In another tweet, he demanded that Mr. Modi change his famous slogan "na khaun-

ga, na khane dunga" to "mai bhi khaunga, thum bhi khao".

Mr. Siddaramaiah said the Minister also cited corruption as the reason behind the State government's bankruptcy. "@kseshwarappa has detailed in the letter that corruption is the reason for govt's bankruptcy and not #Covid19. This clearly indicates that while few powerful within the BJP are getting rich, people of Karnataka are becoming poor," the Congress leader tweeted.

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar too has demanded the resignation of Mr. Yediyurappa.