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Talk to CM, letter not the way: BJP to KSE

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Bengaluru: A day after senior minister KS Eshwarappa sent a complaint to governor Vajubhai R Vala and party leadership against chief minister BS Yediyurappa over alleged interference in his department, the BJP on Thursday disapproved of the senior leader expressing resentment in public and said grievances will be redressed after bypolls in the state.

Arun Singh, party's national general secretary in charge of Karnataka, said Eshwarappa, a senior party functionary and minister in Yediyurappa's cabinet, should not have written the letter to the governor. "If any minister has any issues at any point of time, then he or she should

talk to the chief minister. This is not the way," he added.

Indicating that the issue will not impact the upcoming bypolls, the central leader expressed confidence that the party will win all three seats with a big margin.

Eshwarappa on Wednesday sent in a five-page letter to the governor, alleging nepotism and authoritarian ways of running the administration by the CM. He alleged that the CM, on MLAs' requests, sanctioned Rs 774 crore under the rural development and panchayat raj department "ignoring" him, and approved Rs 460 crore worth of works bypassing him. He accused the CM of allocating funds to opposition MLAs at the cost of ruling party lawmakers.

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section of ministers and BJP MLAs seen as Yeddyurappa loyalists met the CM at his official residence by an expression of solidarity. Later they held serial press conferences, strongly backing the CM and slamming Eshwarappa. The CM chose to remain mum on the issue.

Health minister K Sudhakar said the CM enjoys powers to look into all departments and found nothing amiss. Revenue Minister R Ashoka said the issues should have been discussed within the party forum and with the CM. "This development is not good. Such incidents -- when the government is functioning effectively -- will cause embarrassment," he said.

"Administrative matters

should be resolved within the government and it was not right (on the minister's part) to take it to the government. Ours is a disciplined

MPs of BJP MLAs and ministers rallied behind BS Yeddyurappa, saying RS Eshwarappa should have voiced concerns privately

party, and discipline should not be violated," said home minister Basavaraj Bommai, adding the CM has released funds to constituencies of 81 MLAs after the state's financial improved post lockdown.

Agriculture minister BC Patil said: "Eshwarappa is a senior leader and he should be guiding us. He should have resolved the issue

within the cabinet. Making it public was not right."

Accusing Eshwarappa of embarrassing the government and the party, the CM's political secretary and MLA MP Renukacharya asked, "When people of your stature do such things, who do we take disciplinary action against?"

The lawmaker said a meeting of the party legislators will be held to take up a signature campaign in favour of the CM and then they will meet PM Modi, home minister Amit Shah, party president JP Nadda and Arun Singh to provide evidence about non-biased fund allocation.

MLAs AS Patil Nadahalli and Madal Virupakshappa said the CM came to their help by sanctioning funds after they spoke to him.