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## CM to discuss Cabinet expansion with Arun Singh

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Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Saturday said he would discuss the expansion of his Cabinet with BJP national general secretary Arun Singh, who is in charge of the party's affairs in the state.

Singh attended the party's core committee meeting in Shivamogga on Saturday night. He will also participate in a special meeting on Sunday.

"(Singh) has come, so I will discuss with him," Yediyurappa told reporters before leaving for Shivamogga, when asked about the Cabinet expansion.

There are seven berths vacant in the 34-member Cabinet. Pressure has been mounting on Yediyurappa to accommodate MLCs M T B Nagaraj and R Shankar, along with recently elected MLA Munnirathna among others as ministers.

According to sources, Yediyurappa is likely to make a pitch for a Cabinet expansion, buoyed by the BJP's performance in the recent Gram Panchayat elections.

Ministerial aspirants are waiting in the wings to be inducted and are hopeful that Singh will approve the Cabinet expansion.

## BSY on doubling farmers' income

Yediyurappa assured farmers that the government was working towards doubling their income as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"The government intends to introduce new technologies in value addition, processing, storage and packaging of horticulture produce in collaboration with the CFTRI (Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysuru) and the Indian Institute of Horticulture," Yediyurappa said in his virtual inaugural address of the horticulture mela organised by the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot.

The CM added that the state would use KISAN rail facility to transport perishables such as pomegranate and orange.