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## Got Eshwarappa's letter, will resolve issue soon: Kateel



**LOOKING DIFFERENT WAYS:** BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal on Friday said Eshwarappa has always been loyal to the party

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**Mangaluru/Vijayapura:** BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel on Friday said he received the same letter senior minister KS Eshwarappa wrote to the governor and that the issue will be resolved amicably in the next few days.

Kateel told reporters that he had already spoken to Eshwarappa on the issue and the MLAs involved were told not to drag this any further. He said the concern raised by the senior minister is "not complicated to handle". The issue raised by Eshwarappa and statements made by another senior BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal about chief minister BS Yediyurappa and his son are two different things and are incomparable. For his statements, the party has already issued notice to Patil," he added.

### More rebellion on the cards, says Yatnal

In Vijayapura, Yatnal warned of more rebellion in the party if Yediyurappa is not sacked from the CM's post before May 2. Speaking to reporters, Yatnal said several ministers in his cabinet are reportedly fed up with the "authoritarian interference" of Yediyurappa and his son in their departments. "One can imagine the extent of interference by the father-son duo if a

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senior minister like Eshwarappa is getting frustrated. If the party leadership fails to tackle this issue soon, many more ministers will turn rebellious," he added.

Taking Yediyurappa loyalists to task for hitting out at Eshwarappa, Yatnal said these ministers and MLAs have no standing to criticise a senior minister. "Yediyurappa and I had left the BJP for some reason and returned after good sense dawned on us, but Eshwarappa has always been loyal to the party. He is among those who built the party from grassroots," he said. He also termed the signature campaign undertaken by Yediyurappa loyalists anti-party activity.

Lashing out at BJP national general secretary in charge of Karnataka Arun Singh, Yatnal sought to remind Singh that he is in charge of Karnataka and not in charge of Yediyurappa and his son. "Singh should try to know what's happening in the state; he is busy hating for Yediyurappa and his son for some unknown reasons," he added.