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While the controversial remarks on freedom fighter H.S. Doreswamy by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislator Basanagouda Patil Yatnal disrupted both the Houses over the past two days, Tuesday saw slogans being raised against him on the floor of the Legislative Council.

In a heated debate after chairman Prathapchandra Shetty allowed a discussion on Mr. Yatnal's remarks, BJP spokesperson N. Ravi Kumar raised slogans against Mr. Doreswamy.

Mr. Kumar said that the centenarian should be "ashamed of his views" on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his association with "anti-nationals".

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He displayed photostat copy of a newspaper clipping and shouted slogans against Mr. Doreswarny.

This development, when Congress member Ivan D'souza was speaking, took the Opposition by surprise. The House plunged into a din after the Opposition trooped into the well taking objection to the remark and sought an apology from the member.

While the Chairman adjourned the House, the Congress and JD(S) members' demanded suspension of Mr. Kumar when the House resumed.

When no business could be transacted, the Chairman adjourned the House till Wednesday.

The ruling party members took objection to Congress members raising Mr. Yatnal's name in the House since he was not present and his reported statements were outside the legislature. BJP members, including Tejaswini Gowda and Y.A. Narayanswamy, raised objections to the content of Opposition leaders' speech. Minister C.T. Ravi also interrupted the speech of the Opposition members.

Mr. D'Souza challenged the government to file sedition case as the BJP legislator who called the freedom fighter a "Pakistani agent". He said the BJP legislator had 23 criminal cases.

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