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CM begins meet, BJP MLAs from all regions seek funds for growth

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A confident CM B S Yediyurappa, backed by the BJP state executive and core committees that met at Shivamogga till Sunday, started meeting party MLAs on Monday to take into confidence all sections of the party and also to hear their grievances. The legislators from across regions demanded that the chief minister release funds for development works in their constituencies.

On Monday, legislators from Kalyana Karnataka, Mumbai-

Karnataka, central Karnataka and coastal Karnataka regions met the chief minister, while on Tuesday, MLAs from Bengaluru, Mysuru, Malnad and other districts are set to interact with him.

As MLAs complained of lack of funds for development works, the CM is said to have

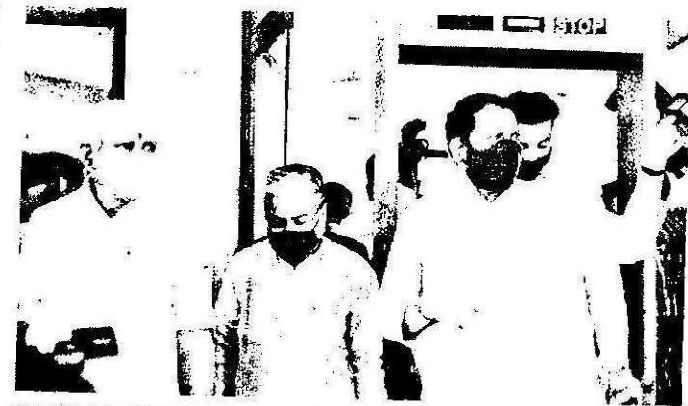
explained to them that the state is facing a financial crisis because of Covid and floods. He told them that he was unable to release funds as per allocations made in the last year's budget, but assured them that he will fulfil their demands in this year's budget as the state's finances are already showing

signs of recovery. The coming budget will focus on the health sector, he told them.

After meeting the chief minister, Kalaburagi South MLA Dattatreya Patil Revoor, who is also president of the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB), Sedam MLA Rajkumar Patil Telkur and Kalaburagi Rural MLA Basavaraj Mattimudu told *TNIE* that the government has sanctioned ₹1,170 crore to KKRDB as against the demand for ₹1,500 crore. Only ₹450 crore has been released in two tranches so far, they added. **P4**

YATNAL QUESTIONS VIJAYENDRA'S INTERFERENCE

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa advised Vijayapura MLA Basavaraj Patil Yatnal not to make allegations that may embarrass the party and government. During the meeting, Yatnal is said to have accused Yediyurappa's son Vijayendra of interfering in the government, and added that everything has to go through Vijayendra, sources said | **P4**



Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, and Deputy CMs Govind Karjol and Laxman Savadi at the meeting with BJP MLAs in Bengaluru on Monday | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**