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Supreme Court to hear plea on video clip today

Cong. : Proves defection of MLAs was at the behest of BJP

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The Supreme Court will on Tuesday hear an application filed by the Karnataka unit of the Congress to take on record a compact disc and transcripts of a speech allegedly made by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa about the BJP backing the disqualified legislators to topple the H.D. Kumaraswamy coalition government.

The application was orally mentioned before a Bench led by Justice N.V. Ramana by senior advocate Kapil Sibal and advocate Sunil Fernandes on Monday for urgent listing.

This development comes shortly after the Bench extensively heard the petitions filed by the disquali-



B.S. Yediyurappa

fied legislators challenging their ouster from the Assembly under the anti-defection law. On October 25, the Bench reserved the case for judgment.

In the four-page application, the Congress said the "annexed transcript which contains the speech of Shri Yediyurappa unequivocally

establishes the fact that the entire defection of the petitioners was at the behest, supervision and directions of the leaders of the BJP". "A perusal of the transcript would clearly reveal that the motive of the petitioners was to defect and bring down the government headed by Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy, thereby attracting provisions of the Tenth Schedule of Constitution of India, 1950."

The application said the Congress had sent a letter on November 2 through the Karnataka Governor to the President of India demanding the dismissal of the Yediyurappa government and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

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