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## Somashekar: More ministers may seek injunction

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An Additional City Civil and Sessions Court on Saturday granted temporary injunction restraining media houses from publishing content against six cabinet ministers, even as a few more ministers are likely to seek a similar legal refuge.

Going by Co-operation Minister S T Somashekar's statement, at least six more ministers are likely to move the court.

In the wake of the Ramesh Jarkiholi scandal, six ministers had approached the court on Friday, moving an interlocutory application (IA) seeking ex parte interim injunction.

These include Labour Minister Shivaram Hebbar, Agriculture Minister B C Patil, Cooperation Minister S T Somashekar, Health and Family Welfare Minister K Sudhakar, Municipal Administration Minister K C Narayan Gowda and Urban Development Minister Byrari Basavaraj.

The ministers claimed that they too were probable targets of defamation orchestrated by vested interests.

Somashekar told reporters that there was a concerted



S T Somashekar

### Conspiracy, says Yogeeshwar

Tourism Minister CP Yogeeshwar alleged on Saturday that the Jarkiholi scandal was a larger political conspiracy. "This is orchestrated by vested interests in Kanakapura and Belugavi. They will have to face the consequences in future," the minister said. It was Jarkiholi who lobbied for his induction into the Cabinet.

effort to defame all the "rebel MLAs" who had joined the BJP in 2016.

Somashekar said that they moved the court as a forethought.

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## 'More ministers may seek injunction'

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Five or six more ministers will approach the court. We were informed about an organised attempt to create chaos during the upcoming legislature session, by releasing defamatory material against all of us. We believe this is orchestrated by those who hold us responsible for bringing down the coalition government. Such instances of defamation can undo our political career built over decades of hard work," he said.

Defending their move, Health Minis-

ter K Sudhakar said the Jarkholi scandal pointed towards a larger political vendetta. "These are hit-and-run defamation instances. By the time the inquiry is completed, the person's image is already tarnished and the complainants abscond. We need to put an end to this unethical culture."

However, it seems that the BJP leaders are divided over the ministers seeking refuge in an injunction. Many BJP leaders chose to maintain a distance from the issue calling it their personal decision.