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Yediyurappa is my leader, declares Eshwarappa

'Approached gov for clarification, not to complain'

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Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister K S Eshwarappa on Wednesday played down his differences with Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa.

He said he met the Governor to seek clarification and not lodge a complaint as was perceived.

Eshwarappa's attempt to put an end to the controversy came ahead of BJP national general secretary Arun Singh's visit to the state.

"To claim that I filed a complaint against the CM is a lie. The question of lodging a complaint (with the Governor)

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does not arise at all. Yediyurappa is our CM. He is my leader," Eshwarappa said.

According to the Karnataka (Transaction of Business) Rules, the CM cannot directly intervene in distribution of funds, once they are allocated to a department. The CM, according to the Eshwarappa, released funds bypassing him.

"In order to seek clarification on this, I approached the Governor, as he had served as finance minister for 17-18 years in Gujarat," he said.

Eshwarappa, it can be recalled, had met Governor Vajubhai R Vala last week, with a 5-page letter describing Yediyurappa's "serious laps-



Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister K S Eshwarappa in a programme near Harihar in Davangere district early this week. DH FILE PHOTO

es and authoritarian way of running the administration," apart from the indiscriminate release of funds. National leaders have assured to visit the state and sort this out, he said. He was confident of a positive outcome, Eshwarappa said.

Slams Yatnal

To a question, he advised BJP leader Basanagowda Patil Yatnal to ensure that everything was within the bounds of the party. "He is criticising Yediyurappa and Vijayendra daily. If he has any evidence, he

should furnish it first and then speak," he said.

Eshwarappa added there was no merit in claims by Yatnal or leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah of a change in leadership.

"Siddaramaiah is just cooking up stories that there's a plot by BJP national general secretary B L Santhosh to replace the CM," he said.

Arun Singh in state today

BJP national general secretary Arun Singh, who is in charge of the party's affairs in Karnataka, is scheduled to arrive in the state on Thursday, for a 3-day visit. He will land in Bengaluru post-noon and head to Mangaluru and Puttur to take part in a programme.

Singh will then participate in the bypoll campaign in Belagavi on April 9, Maski on April 10 and Basavakalyan on April 11, before heading back to New Delhi.