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# Council ruckus: 2 BJP MLCs quit House panel

## Vishwanath, Sankanur not happy with committee

BENGALURU, DHNS

Two BJP MLCs have resigned from the special House committee to look into the December 15 ruckus in the Legislative Council, putting its future in limbo.

The committee, headed by JD(S) MLC Marithibbe Gowda, was constituted by Leg-

islative Council chairperson K Pratapchandra Shetty.

BJP MLCs H Vishwanath and S V Sankanur recused themselves from being members of the committee ahead of its first meeting scheduled on Friday. The committee also has Congress MLCs RB Thimmapur and BK Hariprasad.

Vishwanath told reporters there was need for a high-level



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Sankanur

committee to inquire into the incident and the special committee constituted by Shetty would not serve the purpose.

"A committee like this has to be constituted in consultation with party whips. It cannot be a unilateral decision. This committee was constituted only by the chairperson without him seeking suggestions from anyone," Sankanur told

DH. Both the leaders said they agreed with Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for a high-level inquiry into the ruckus, after which Deputy Chairperson S L Dharmegowda, who was heckled, died allegedly by suicide.

Meanwhile, Marithibbe Gowda said the committee was unfazed by the resignations and that it would continue meeting and submit a report in 20 days. "Our next meeting is scheduled for January 12. We have much to accomplish to compile the report," he said.

According to Gowda, resignations had to be accepted only the chairperson.