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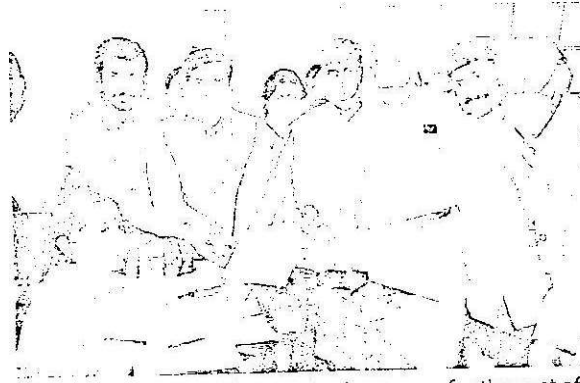
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## Basavaraj Horatti, Naseer Ahmed file nominations

JD(S) leader set to be Council Chairman



Basavaraj Horatti filing his nomination papers for the post of Legislative Council Chairman in Bengaluru on Monday.

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Senior JD(S) member Basavaraj Horatti and Congress member Naseer Ahmed filed their nominations for the post of Legislative Council Chairman on Monday. The election to the post will be held on Tuesday.

Mr. Horatti, a seven-time M.L.C, has emerged as the consensus candidate of the ruling BJP and the JD(S) after the two arrived at an understanding. He was accompanied by both JD(S) and BJP members, including the Leader of the House Kota Srinivas Poojary, while filing

his nomination papers. After the two parties came together to depose past Chairman K. Pratapchandra Shetty, the BJP got the Deputy Chairman's post and M.K. Pranesh was elected on January 29. The JD(S) has got the post of Chairman. With the combined strength of the BJP (31) and JDS (13), victory for its candidate is ensured in the 75-member House.

The Congress, with 28 members, has fielded Naseer Ahmed as its candidate to "force voting on the floor of the House and to expose the JD(S) alliance with the communal BJP".