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Horatti likely to be elected council chief

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Bengaluru: JD(S) MLC Basavaraj Horatti and Congress MLC Naseer Ahmed filed nominations on Monday for the council chairman election scheduled for Tuesday.

Horatti, flanked by BJP and JD(S) MLCs, including ministers Kota Shrinivas Poojary and MTB Nagaraj, filed his papers before the council secretary, while Ahmed was accompanied by Congress functionaries BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan, BK Hariprasad and others.

The election was necessitated following the resignation of Congress' K Prathapachandra Shetty as chairman on February 4 to preempt a no-confidence motion against him by the BJP, and JD(S) extending support to it.

Though Horatti is most certain to win as the numbers are clearly on his side, the opposition Congress, with the aim of ensuring a contest, has fielded Ahmed. During the council deputy chairman election too, Congress has fielded its candidate and had said it was with an intention to "expose" the JD(S) and its secular credentials. This time, they are planning to do the same by fielding a Muslim candidate. BJP and JD(S) have joined hands for the council chairman and deputy chairman's posts.

As per the arrangement, BJP MLC MK Pranesh was on January 29 elected deputy chairman with the backing of JD(S), and now the ruling party will return the favour by supporting Horatti. BJP sources said the party agreed to back



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Horatti as chairman instead of seeking the post for itself in return for JD(S)' support in its move to oust Shetty and ensure passage of certain key bills.

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The earlier move by both parties in December to remove Shetty as chairman failed as their notice of no-confidence was rejected on technical grounds. The House had witnessed high drama that day with BJP-JD(S) and Congress members hurling abuses and pushing each other. Amid the ruckus on December 15, then deputy chairman, late Dharmegowda, was even pulled out of the chair.

The ruling BJP is the single-largest party in the council with 31 seats, followed by Congress with 29, JD(S) with 13, one independent and one vacant seat (due to Dharmegowda's death).