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House winter session cut short after cold response

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Bengaluru: The winter session of the state legislature has been shortened from nine days to four after thin attendance was recorded during Tuesday's proceedings.

Focus on the upcoming gram panchayat (GP) elections and pandemic concerns kept many assembly and council members away. The business advisory committee, comprising members of all parties, decided to end the session early, citing the polls as the main reason.

The winter session, which began on December 7, will conclude on December 10. The original schedule was December 7 to December 15.

On day 1, 100 MLAs from three parties turned up as against the house strength of 225. There was a marked drop on day 2 and it was most evident when the speaker listed two petitions filed by BJP and JD(S) members, who wanted a discussion on providing permanent housing to slum dwellers in Bengaluru and on completing a drip irrigation project in Mandya's Malavalli taluk. When the speaker took up these issues, not a single MLA who had signed the petitions was present in the house.

Senior MLAs are reportedly avoiding the session as they are worried that spending long hours in AC halls will put them at risk of contracting Covid-19. Some MLAs from BJP and JD(S) are skipping proceedings because they are upset with developments in their camps, party functionaries said.

Law and parliamentary affairs minister JC Madhuswamy and opposition leader Siddaramaiah expressed concerns over the conduct of MLAs and urged the speaker to issue a warning.