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Big leader behind CD gate, alleges Jarkiholi

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FORMER water resources minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, who went incommunicado after he resigned a week ago following a sleazy video allegedly showing him leaked, on Tuesday claimed that the entire episode aimed at sully- ing his reputation was managed by a "great leader", but refused to name him or identify the party he belongs to.

He alleged that a person staying on the fourth or fifth floor of an apartment near Ori- on Mall at Yeshwanthpur in Bengaluru is be- hind the incident. "Almost ₹100 crore has been spent. Nine people have operated out of two locations at Bannerghatta Road and Yeshwan- thpur. I knew of this plot four months ago and had discussed it with my family," Jarkiholi said.

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Jarkiholi: CD totally fake

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THE CD is 100 per cent fake, he said, taking the same line that he did on the day the compact disc came out in the open. Tar- geting the two women shown in the CD, he said they have been paid Rs 2 crore each and also, two apartments have been bought for them abroad.

"Even 24 hours before the re- lease of the CD, there was some information about this conspir- acy. I did not act as I had done no mistake. I resigned not be- cause of pressure from anyone, but to save the party from em- barrassment," he said.



He thanked Chief Minister BS Yediyurap- pa, JDS lead- ers H D Ku- maraswamy and HD Revan- na, and his

family for standing by him dur- ing the crisis.

On March 2, RTI activist Di- nesh Kallahalli filed a police complaint, alleging that Ramesh Jarkiholi had sexually exploited one of the women shown in the CD promising her a job. But four days later, he said he was withdrawing the complaint.

BJP vice-president B Y Vi- jayendra, who was at the party office, said, "What Jarkiholi said about powerful people be- ing involved in the CD episode is true. The CM and Home Min- ister have decided to investi- gate the incident."