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**Govt denies
nod for DKS
swearing-in**

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Bengaluru: The government on Tuesday denied permission for Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar's swearing-in ceremony. It was planned on June 14.

The nod was denied citing central government guidelines, which have banned public gatherings and congregations, to prevent spread of Covid-19, till further notice. "The Centre while extending the lockdown till June 30 has prohibited large public gatherings and congregations. In this background, your request for organising the programme will not be considered," principal secretary to the revenue department said in a letter to Shivakumar.

The KPCC president had on June 5 written to CM BS Yediyurappa seeking approval for the event. Shivakumar had planned to take charge in the presence of 150 senior party functionaries at the KPCC office in Bengaluru.

Besides, arrangements were being made for party workers to watch the live telecast in designated places at district, taluk and hobli levels. This is the fourth time the programme is being postponed.