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**No rejig, BSY
cabinet to add
7 ministers**

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Bengaluru/Mysuru: Chief minister BS Yediyurappa is most likely to undertake a cabinet expansion and not a reshuffle, with the party leadership reportedly having asked him to fill all seven vacancies in his cabinet by inducting turncoat legislators N Munirathna, MTB Nagaraj and R Shankar, and four party loyalists.



A day after he said the expansion will take place on Jan 13 (Wednesday), the CM said on Monday that it may take place on Wednesday or Thursday. "We are inviting our national chief JP Nadda and general secretary in charge of state Arun Singh for the oath-taking ceremony. According to their convenience, we will decide on either day." TNN

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**Nadda & Singh to visit,
may hold talks with CM**

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Sources said Nadda and Singh are scheduled to arrive in Bengaluru on Wednesday for the conclusion of the party's 'Janasevaka Samavesha' in the state and might hold consultations with Yediyurappa before taking a final call on the expansion. Some party sources said Wednesday may be skipped as it is a no-moon day (Amavasya) and not considered auspicious.

CABINET EXPANSION

The wait is proving particularly trying for the long list of aspirants as sources said the names were yet to be approved by the central leadership. Late Monday night, Nagaraj and Umesh Katti told TOI they had not received any communication from the CM about their possible inclusion in the cabinet.

"I am waiting for a call and if I don't get it by Tuesday morning, I will personally meet the CM," said Nagaraj. "As of now, I have not got any intimation. If I am given a chance, I will do justice to the post. If not, I will continue to serve my constitu-



CM BS Yediyurappa at Chamundeshwari temple in Mysuru on Monday

ency," said Katti. Sources said the high command spiked Yediyurappa's plan to reshuffle his cabinet by dropping a few ministers as it felt such a move would trigger unnecessary problems at this point of time. Moreover, the incumbent ministers have not even completed two years in office, a source added.

The party had said the reconstitution of cabinet can be carried out after the Maski bypolls, likely to be held in February, as the party may be forced to induct Pratap Gouda Patil, another turncoat, if he wins. Asked about the berths, Yediyurappa said: "Wait for two days you will come to know if it will be just

an expansion or a rejig."

Besides the three turncoats, the names doing the rounds for induction include Katti, CP Yogeshwar, Aravind Limbavali, SA Ramdas, Sunil Kumar and Halappa Acharya. Sources indicated that Katti and Yogeshwar were in the clear and a decision was to be taken by the leadership only on two remaining slots.

Sunil Kumar is being considered from the coastal region, a strong belt of the BJP, which is not represented in the cabinet now, sources said, while Acharya could be the face of Kalyana Karnataka. Limbavali's name is being pushed by the party, the sources added.