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Govt seeks gov's nod to call session for one day

Fresh Push To Move No-Trust Motion Against Chairman

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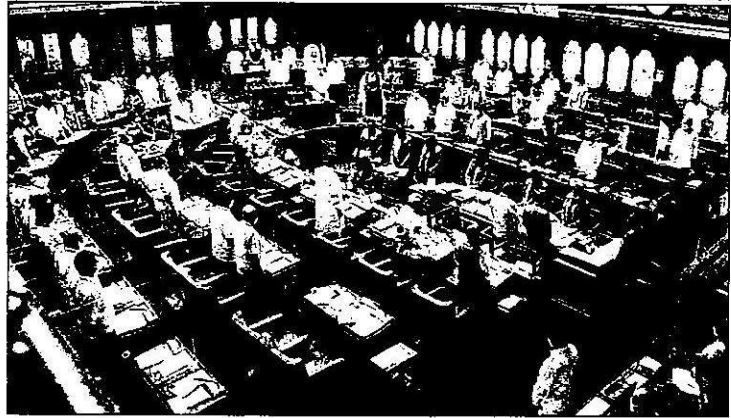
Bengaluru/Dharwad: The BJP government plans to hold a one-day legislature session on December 15 to take up the no-confidence motion against the chairman of the legislative council.

Chief minister BS Yediyurappa on Friday said he has decided to reconvene the winter session of the legislative council for a day to deliberate pending issues. "I have written to governor Vajubhai Vala seeking his approval," he added.

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The BJP government is miffed over council chairman Pratap Chandra Shetty's decision to adjourn the house sine die even as the government was preparing to table the tough anti-cow slaughter bill and move a no-confidence motion against him. Some members had reportedly requested adjourning the session for Friday so that they could muster support to get the controversial bill passed and then take up the no confidence motion.

"How can the legislative council chairman adjourn the House sine die when the business advisory committee of the council has taken a decision to conduct the session till Tuesday or Wednesday?" asked Yediyurappa.



HOUSE DRAMA: BJP is miffed over council chairman Pratap Chandra Shetty's move to adjourn the house sine die on Thursday, last day of winter session

The BJP has been trying to dislodge Shetty with the help of the JD(S) and has already issued a notice to move the no-confidence motion. On Wednesday, when BJP members demanded the motion to be taken up for discussion, Shetty said he had doubts about the motion and wouldn't take it up until he got legal opinion. On Thursday, the house was adjourned.

If the governor agrees to the government's request, BJP is likely to press for a no-confidence motion first and then take up the anti-cow slaughter bill if it gets the support of JD(S).

Meanwhile, the secretary, department of parliamentary affairs, has written to the council secretary to continue the session till December 15 as decided earlier. "As decided earlier, the proceedings of the council should have been carried

out till December 15. But the session was adjourned sine die though it was not decided in the business advisory committee of the house. As such, the session should continue till December 15. If the members are away from Bengaluru, the session should be held on Tuesday at 11am and discussion on the no-confidence motion against the chairman and other subjects listed is facilitated," the letter said.

JD(S) MLC Basavaraj Horatti said it's the first time in history that the government has directed the council secretary to continue the session adjourned by the chairman. "It remains to be seen what stand the chairman will take," he added.

The Congress members, however, said the governor would not approve the request of the chief minister since it has to be made after cabinet approval.