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**Reshuffle or expansion? CM
says will induct 7 to 8 ministers**

BENGALURU, DHNS: Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Tuesday said "seven to eight" new ministers will be inducted into the Cabinet, even as suspense continued on whether it will be an expansion or a reshuffle.

Yediyurappa played the expansion/reshuffle card close to his chest after the BJP high command okayed the much-delayed Cabinet rejig on Sunday.

The legislators expected to make the cut include MLCs M T B Nagaraj, R Shankar, C P Yogeeswar and MLAs Umesh Katti (Hukkeri), Arvind Limbavali (Mahadevapura), Murugesh Nirani (Bilgi), S Angara (Sul-

lia) and Muniratna (RR Nagar). The list is subject to last minute changes, sources said. "They will take oath at 3.30 pm on Wednesday evening," Yediyurappa said. On how



Yediyurappa

the CM will accommodate eight ministers when only seven berths are vacant, he said the issue is being discussed. "We

might have to drop one minister," the CM said.

Earlier, Excise Minister H Nagesh's hasty exit after meeting the CM added fuel to speculation that he might be dropped.