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Panchamasali seer gives up stir after CM's promise on quota

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The Panchamasali Lingayat seer Basava Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swami on Monday called off his protest after an assurance by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa in the Assembly to look into their category 2A reservation demand within six months.

The seer has been leading the protest for close to a month at Freedom Park, demanding that they be included under category 2A. Before arriving at Freedom Park, the seer had taken up a 'padayatra' from Kudalasangama to Bengaluru.

The seer called off the protestafter Yediyurappasaid that the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes report would be ready within six



Seer Jayamrutyunjaya Swami has been leading the protest for close to a month at Freedom Park, demanding that the Panchamasalis be included under Category 2A. DHFILE PHOTO

months from now.

Apart from the Commission's report, a committee led by a former High Court judge Justice Subhash B Adi is also looking at the reservation demands of various communities. "This report, too, would be ready in six months," Yediyurappa said in the Assembly.

Speaking to *DH*, the seer said he had withdrawn the protest after the CM's assurance. "We will give the government six months' time as sought by them. If they fail to meet our demands, we will start a massive

protest again," he said.

Meanwhile, BJP MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal, who has been at the forefront of the Panchamasali stir, asked the government to recall the Justice Adi committee.

"When the Backward Classes Commission, which is a quasi-judicial body, is already looking into it, what is the need for another committee?" he sought to know. He, however, thanked the CM for assuring to take a decision on their reservation demand within six months.