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## MLA booked for violating norms at son's wedding

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A case was registered against Congress MLA and former minister P T Parmeshwar Naik for conducting his son's wedding in a grand manner, violating Covid norms, on Monday. While the government order restricts the number of guests at a wedding at 50, there were over 1,000 people at this marriage.

Naik's younger son Avinash got married at Laxmipur Tanda in Harapanahalli taluk and the ceremony was attended by some of the top political leaders, including Health Minister B Sriramulu, former CM Siddaramaiah and former deputy chief minister G Parameshwara. There was criticism as Sriramulu, who is at the forefront of state's fight against Covid, was seen without a mask and not following social distancing norms.

A large number of police of-



State Health Minister B Sriramulu seen without a mask at the wedding

ficials, who were part of the security for these leaders, too were at the wedding, but no action was taken till the event got over. Only later did the Ballari district administration serve a notice and instructed the Harapanahalli tahsildar to book a case. DC S S Nakul said he ordered the tahsildar to register an FIR against Parmeshwar Naik and his elder son Bharat Naik at Arasikere police station. "Whoever it may be, it is a clear violation of Covid-19 emergency law," he said.

A senior police officer confirmed the case has been filed.