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Speaker Kageri loses cool over MLA's antics

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SPEAKER Vishveshwara Hegde Kageri, generally a calm man, on Tuesday lost his temper, rising from his chair to give a "piece of advice" to a legislator creating "nuisance" in the House. Even after repeated pleas, when Congress MLA Parameshwar Naik did not sit down, Kageri rose, and so did his voice.

During question hour, Naik's name was called to ask a question of Narayana Gowda, Minister for Sports, Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics. When Gowda got up to reply, Naik said he didn't want



an answer from Gowda, who had gone to court to restrain media reportage on CDs. "He does not have the morality to sit there and reply," Naik said. Home and Law Minister Basavaraj Bommai began defending Gowda, which irked Naik.

The Congress MLA began speaking about the Ramesh Jarkiholi CD case, saying that BJP ministers are involved in such cases, and have lost their morality. Bommai retorted, asking if Congress netas were not involved in such cases. There was a hot exchange of words, and Kageri directed Naik to sit down. But Naik did not stop, despite repeated orders.

Kageri got up from his chair and told Naik he should listen to the chair. "You are wasting the time of the House. There is a dignity to the House, do not damage it with your misbehaviour. Do you think no one is watching you? You seems to

have lost common sense. Lakhs of people voted for you and you should represent their voice. Your behaviour is not acceptable..." he said.

Kageri also said that the House is a temple of democracy. "I am not stopping anyone from speaking. That does not mean you can say whatever you want, you should respect the chair. People are watching, do not become a laughing stock," he said.

Senior Congress leader and former DyCM G Parameshwara said, "I have not seen you lose your temper. This should not have happened. We respect the Chair."

Panel wants Kannada in CBSE, ICSE schools

Bengaluru: The Committee on Subordinate Legislation, headed by BJP MLA Kumar Bangarappa, has recommended that Kannada language be made one of the teaching subjects, in CBSE and ICSE schools across the state. In its report tabled in the Assembly and Council on Tuesday, the committee has recommended that all ICSE, CBSE and other schools teach Kannada compulsorily. The report pointed out that earlier, there were no parameters for private schools to teach Kannada, while registering under the KEA but in 2015-16, the Kannada Language Learning Act, 2015 stressed on implementing the language as a teaching subject from 2017-18.

One rape case registered every day in state

Bengaluru: On an average, at least one rape case was registered in the state, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai told the Assembly on Tuesday. The matter was raised by Jayanagara MLA Soumya Ramalinga Reddy in a star question. Bommai tabled the answer, but it was not discussed as Reddy was not present. According to the answer, since 2018, 1,535 rape cases have been registered in Karnataka, including 485 cases in 2018, 497 in 2019 and 477 in 2020. Till February end this year, 76 rape cases have been registered.