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BJP in a spot as JD(S) seeks council chairperson's post

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Bengaluru: The BJP leadership is staring at a fresh challenge after getting the support of Janata Dal (Secular) to dislodge legislative council chairman K Prathap Chandra Shetty through a no-confidence motion as the HD Deve Gowda-led party wants that post.

In the 75-member council, BJP has only 31 MLCs and is banking on the JD(S), which has 14 MLCs, to unseat Shetty, a Congressman who ruling party members allege is partial. Shetty seemed to be safe until JD(S) extended support to BJP and gave a letter about it to the governor and council secretary on Tuesday. Following unsavoury scenes in the house, BJP and JD(S) leaders paraded MLCs before the governor at Raj Bhavan.

While Shetty's ouster looks

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imminent, the buzz is who will be the next chairman. JD(S) is lobbying hard with senior member and former minister Basavaraj Horatti a likely pick. The JD(S) surprised many by its move to support BJP in the case of no-confidence move since the party had opposed the ruling party's anti-cow slaughter bill the same day.

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Will take it up if BJP and JD(S) reach consensus, says Horatti

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Earlier, it had supported BJP in the council to get the land reforms bill passed. However, insiders said veterans of BJP and JD(S) came to an understanding on the no-confidence motion with chief minister BS Yediyurappa talking to Kumaraswamy.

“We decided to move the motion only after JD(S) ensured its support. Now, JD(S) wants to bag the post,” said senior BJP MLC and government chief whip in the legislative council Mahantesh Kavatagimath.

It'll be the second effort for Horatti, who has been nursing the aspiration to become chairman for a long time. He came close when the JD(S)-Congress alliance formed the government in 2018 but finally Shetty got the nod. “I'll take it up if both BJP and JD(S) leaders come to a consensus. I have no issues if they don't want me,” said Horatti.

While some senior BJP leaders, including Yediyurappa, are apparently willing to spare the post to JD(S), many loyalists are

against it. They're already upset that migrants from Congress and JD(S) are bagging cabinet berths and plum portfolios.

While Kavatagimath is a contender, BJP has many aspirants, including Shashil Namoshi, Arun Shahpur and Ayanur Manjunath. “BJP is the single largest party in the council. There's no question of handing the post to JD(S). The chairman has to be from BJP,” said BJP councillor Lahar Singh Siroya. It may even create an implosion in JD(S) if Horatti gets the post since his party colleague S L Dharmu Gowda, now deputy chairman, has to step down.

Shetty in no hurry to resign

Congress functionaries have chosen to wait and watch even as Shetty is no hurry to resign. “There is no point in asking for Shetty's resignation now. If they have the numbers, let BJP and JD(S) give a fresh notice to move a no-confidence motion and let the strength of parties be proven on the floor of the House,” said Congress MLC BK Hariprasad.