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AT A time when Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and other BJP leaders are ruling out any change in leadership, Opposition leader Siddaramaiah reiterated that Yediyurappa will be removed from his post after April.

During his visit to Mysuru on Sunday, he told reporters that as per information he got

from a source close to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Yediyurappa would be removed from the CM's post after April.

"No senior leader or high command would tell the Chief Minister that he will be removed. If they do so, the government won't be able to

run. But as per information I have received, there will be a leadership change and Yediyurappa will be removed after April," Siddaramaiah said.

He also demanded a judicial investigation into the funds given by newly-inducted minister C P Yogeshwar for Operation Kamala, and the alleged "blackmail CD". "A BJP minister (Ramesh Jarkiholi) himself agreed that Yogeshwar has taken crores of rupees as loan to fund Operation Kamala. I demand a judicial investigation by a sitting High Court judge on this and the blackmail CD," he said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

REACTING to Opposition leader Siddaramaiah's comment on leadership change in Karnataka, BJP State President Nalin Kumar Kateel said that many politicians, including Siddaramaiah, are making statements on the political scenario, but there will be no

change.

"B S Yediyurappa will continue to lead the govern-ment," Kateel told reporters at Sambra Airport in Belagavi on Sunday.

He also questioned Siddaramaiah's source being from the RSS. "From where did Siddaramaiah come? Was he in the RSS earlier? What is his source? First, let him have

a proper relation with Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi. Do RSS workers speak with such leaders?" he asked.

Meanwhile, many ticket aspirants for the Belagavi bypoll visited Kateel at a private hotel in Belagavi. Former Rajya Sabha member Dr Prabhakar Kore reportedly met Kateel and lobbied for a ticket, besides discussing political developments. There has been much speculation with more than 10 sitting and former MLAs, besides other leaders meeting Kateel on this count.