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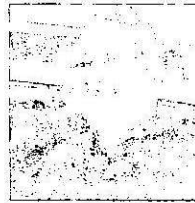
Vijayendra funded RJD, Cong in Bihar to beat BJP: Yatnal

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Disgruntled former Union minister Basappa Gouda Patil Yatnal on Thursday claimed that Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's son B Y Vijayendra funded the RJD and Congress with the aim of defeating the BJP in the Bihar elections.

Vijayendra is also the BJP vice-president.

Yatnal, the MLA from Bijapur City, said he mentioned this charge in an 11-page reply to a show-cause notice the party had issued for having made "embarrassing" statements against the Yediyurappa-led BJP government.



Yatnal

"How much money did Vijayendra send to Lalu Prasad Yadav's RJD and Congress during the Bihar election through one prominent (BJP) and one Congress leader in Karnataka? I have asked this question in my reply, for which

I want Vijayendra and Yediyurappa to answer," Yatnal said, adding that the party top brass should probe this.

The BJP leadership is aware of discussions around Vijayendra's alleged funding, Yatnal

claimed, calling it "a betrayal". "People in the state are talking about the money (Vijayendra) sent to defeat BJP in Bihar," he said.

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Yatnal's charge sits well with speculation that was rife during the Bihar election that if BJP-backed Nitish Kumar were to lose, then the party would go slow on its plan to replace Yediyurappa.

"The Yediyurappa govern-

ment is bringing disrepute to BJP and there is no respect for MLAs," Yatnal said, adding that the administration was "running contrary" to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "principles of corruption-free and dynasty-free governance".

Yatnal also said he had raised several other issues, in-

cluding the alleged corruption in transfers and appointment of boards and corporations. "There are 45 paras in my reply. I will reveal them one-by-one in the days to come."

BJP national general secretary Arun Singh dismissed Yatnal's allegations saying they were irrelevant.