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# BJP rejects Yatnal's claims against CM

## MLA Questions Conduct of BSY And His Son

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**Bengaluru:** The BJP brass on Thursday dissociated itself from allegations of senior BJP MLA and former Union minister Basaragouda Patil Yatnal against chief minister BS Yediyurappa and his son BY Vijayendra.

"For us, Yatnal is irrelevant from now on. Everyone knows his nature. We have stopped taking him seriously. We're running a good government and his allegations are totally baseless," Arun Singh, party general secretary and in-charge of Karnataka, said here before leaving for Delhi. He had attended a party meet in Hassan.

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Singh said the party's central disciplinary committee will take the final call on Yatnal's response to the show-cause notice.

Earlier in the day, Yatnal fired a fresh salvo on Yediyurappa and Vijayendra. He told reporters: "I've asked the high command to find out how much money Yediyurappa and Vijayendra sent to RJD and Congress leaders to ensure the defeat of BJP candidates in Bihar elections to



**PARTY ROW:** BS Yediyurappa, Arun Singh, BY Vijayendra at Raj Bhavan in Jan. (Inset) Basaragouda Patil Yatnal

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weaken PM Modi's growing influence. I've requested them to investigate it."

He added that he has brought to the party brass notice that Vijayendra recently went to Mauritius and requested them to investigate it. He asked: "What was taken by the personal assistant of a former home minister to Mauritius?"

Yatnal said he sent an 11-page reply to the show-cause notice issued for publicly criticising Yediyurappa and his son. "I have not sought an apology or expressed my regret. I've given details of corruption and intervention

of Yediyurappa's family members in government affairs and sought a detailed investigation by the high command," he said.

In his reply, he clarified that he never criticised the party or the Prime Minister's leadership and hence his public statements targeting the chief minister and his son for corruption should not be construed as anti-party activity. Yatnal was given the notice after he repeatedly attacked Yediyurappa and his son. Recently, he termed the transfer of 42 IAS officers a "wholesale deal involving a huge amount of money".