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BSY meets PM after 6 mths, but no nod for cabinet rejig

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Bengaluru: Karnataka chief minister BS Yediyurappa met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Friday – a first face-to-face interaction in six months – but he failed to win nod from the party leadership for immediate expansion of his cabinet.

The 15-minute meeting at Parliament House saw Yediyurappa inviting Modi to remote-inaugurate Bengaluru Tech Summit on November 19.

Sources said Yediyurappa sought permission from the PM to expand his cabinet during the monsoon session of the legislature starting on Monday, but the PM reportedly told him to discuss it with national party president JP Nadda. In the evening, Yediyurappa said Nadda would discuss the cabinet expansion with the PM and Union home minister



CM BS Yediyurappa performs bhumi puja for reconstruction of Karnataka bhavan in Delhi

Amit Shah before taking a call.

Sources claimed Yediyurappa requested Nadda to allow him to expand the cabinet and include MLCs R Shankar and MTB Nagaraj in his team to reward for their efforts in bringing the BJP to power in July

BSY to make way for young Lingayat MLA?

Hours after the Modi-BSY meeting, there was a strong buzz that the BJP leadership asked the CM to "immediately" make way for a firebrand Lingayat MLA from north Karnataka. BJP insiders said the party has informed Yediyurappa about the leadership change, and it is likely to happen after the Bihar elections in November. Yediyurappa's age – he is 78 – and alleged interference of family members in the administration might have gone against him. TNN

2019. The two leaders, who resigned their assembly membership, have been pressuring Yediyurappa to induct them into the cabinet after they were made MLCs two months ago.

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BSY urges PM to expedite release of funds under NDRF

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or the remaining four berths, the CM reportedly asked the party high command to suggest names. In the race are Umesh Katti, CP Yogeshwara, Murugesh Nirani, MP Renukacharya, Vasant Bangera, GH Thippareddy and Appachhu Ranjan.

"Being a five-term MLA, I'm a ministerial aspirant," said Madikeri MLA Appachhu Ranjan. Former minister SA Ramdas played a sentiment card: "A mother (BJP) never allows injustice to be meted out to her child."

Renukacharya, who is in Delhi, said he was a strong contender to be a minister and cited his work as excise minister in the DV Sadananda Gowda cabinet to support his claim.

During his meeting, Yediyurappa requested Modi to announce Upper Krishna Stage -3 and Upper Bhadra projects as national projects and extend financial assistance. He sought the Centre's approval for Mekedatu and Kalasa-Banduri projects and urged the PM to expedite the release of funds under NDRF, while appealing to the Centre to revise norms for assistance under SDRF and NDRF for the current year to ensure timely and adequate financial assistance to the distressed people.