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## Cabinet okays formation of Maratha Corporation

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Cabinet on Wednesday approved the creation of a Maratha Development Corporation as against an Authority that was planned earlier.

"An Authority will need legislation whereas the government can set up a corporation through an executive order," Law Minister J C Madhuswamy said, briefing reporters.

The Maratha Development Corporation is widely seen as a move to woo the community ahead of the Basavakalyan Assembly bypoll, where they are significant in number.

The Cabinet also gave post-facto approval for providing bank guarantee to loans that will be raised by Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam Ltd (Rs 500 crore), Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd (Rs

650 crore), Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd (Rs 250 crore) and Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd (Rs 250 crore), Madhuswamy said.

### Winter session in Bengaluru

The winter session of the legislature will be held in Bengaluru from December 7 to December 15, the Cabinet decided.

Usually, the winter session is held in the Survarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi. Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the session will be held in Bengaluru this time. Last year too, the winter session was conducted in Bengaluru due to the floods in north Karnataka, especially Belagavi.