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Thousands of farmers hit streets against land, APMC ordinances

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Bengaluru: Over 3,000 people, mainly members of the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and other farmers' unions, staged a protest march in the city on Monday against the BJP government's land and agricultural marketing reforms.

The agitation coincided with the monsoon session of the state legislature which began on the day. The BS Yediyurappa government's ordinances on Agriculture Produce Marketing Committees and land reforms that have raised the income ceiling for those wanting to buy farm land have angered the farming community. The ordinance



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ernment should immediately annul the move," he said.

Yogendra Yadav, political activist and national president of Swaraj India, also joined the protesters near Anand Rao Circle. He slammed the Karnataka government's attempt to bring in land reforms without considering farmers' welfare. "Everyone in the agrarian community including landless labourers, small and marginal farmers, and those who have lost their land should not be passed by the assembly. This is not reforms, but deforming of Karnataka," Yadav said.

The protesters, however, were stopped at Freedom Park by over 400 police personnel from proceeding towards Vidhana Soudha.

UP IN ARMS: Farmers rally against the proposed land amendment bill in Bengaluru on Monday. (Below) Anganwadi workers protest at SBM Circle, demanding introduction of LKG/UKG classes at their centres, LIC pension system, uniform and textbooks for children

