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Pursue no-trust motion, Governor tells Speaker

BJP demands pro-tem Speaker ^{23/2/20}

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The day the BJP leaders had met him, Madhya Pradesh Governor Lalji Tandon directed Speaker N.P. Prajapati to convene the session so that legislators could act on the no-confidence motion pending against him.

In another instance of a stern exchange of letters between Mr. Tandon on one hand and Mr. Prajapati and caretaker Chief Minister Kamal Nath on the other, the Governor wrote: "As the action on no-confidence motion against you is the job of the legislature, therefore after convening the session necessary action should be taken on this proposal on priority. Until then the Principal Secretary, Vidhan Sabha, will perform daily work on your direction."

Mr. Tandon told the Speaker he was expected to

work only after studying the legality of every subject "based on the Constitution, the Vidhan Sabha rules and morality," until his fate was decided by the Assembly.

On Saturday, a BJP delegation led by former Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan met the Governor and later told reporters that MLA Sharad Kol was forced to resign by the Congress.

In a letter submitted to the Governor on Saturday, the BJP leaders had contended that the Speaker had been acting in a politically motivated manner. A day before, when Mr. Nath resigned as the Chief Minister, they had implored the Governor to use the powers vested in him under the Constitution to appoint a pro-tem Speaker instead to "abide by the constitutional values and democratic traditions".