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Court orders thorough probe in 2006 land case against BSY

Rejects His Plea To Quash A Spl Court Order

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Bengaluru: In a huge setback for chief minister BS Yediyurappa, the Karnataka high court on Tuesday dismissed his plea to quash a special court order for Lokayukta cases to probe a land denotification complaint lodged against him in 2013.

Dismissing the petition, the court pulled up officials over pending investigation and ordered a thorough probe in the case registered against the CM. The complaint with the Lokayukta says Yediyurappa, as deputy chief minister in 2006, ordered illegal deletion of land notified for IT Park in and around Bellandur and Devarabisanahalli.

“There was deliberate and intentional delay on the part of the probe agency as it did not conclude inquiry from Feb 18, 2015 – when the complaint was referred for investigation – to April 2, 2019, when the HC actually stayed the investigation – Justice John Michael Cunha

In 2013, Vasudeva Reddy had filed a private complaint in the Lokayukta Special Court, saying Yeddyurappa ordered de-notification of four acres 30 guntas in survey number 49 in Devarabisanahalli and survey numbers 10, 18, 46/1 in Bellandur. He further alleged that following denotification, the lands were diverted for residential purpose.

The order comes at a time when talks are doing the rounds about a BJP high com-

₹140cr slum rehab scam in B'luru?

The BDA has issued notices to 11 officials who allegedly allotted rehabilitation sites to ineligible persons instead of giving them to families who lost their homes when a slum in Banashankari 3rd Stage was destroyed six years ago. The allotment scam is believed to be in the range of ₹140cr. P 3

mand plan to replace the CM ahead of the 2023 assembly polls. Refraining from ordering any action against the Lokayukta police, Justice John Michael Cunha directed the Lokayukta court to keep watch over the probe ordered by the criminal courts in respect of the misconduct of public servants and MPs and MLAs involved in the commission of criminal offences.

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At this juncture, it cannot be said Lokayukta police succumbed to pressure since Yediyurappa has been holding the position of CM. But being an independent body entrusted with the duty to probe the misconduct of public servants (it) cannot give rise to an impression that it is playing into the hands of political bigwigs,” the judge stated. Yediyurappa had claimed that proceedings in the FIR against former Congress minister RV Deshpande, another ac-

cused, were quashed by the HC on October 9, 2015 and probe against him on the basis of the same FIR amounts to abuse of the law.

However, Justice Cunha said the probe in so far as Yediyurappa having not been stalled, the explanation offered by the Lokayukta police cannot be accepted.

Karnataka Rashtra Samiti president Ravi Krishna Reddy said the CM should resign to facilitate fair probe.

CMO sources said the CM will move the SC when it reopens after winter vacation early January.