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BSY camp gears up to counter Yatnal's attacks



ARDENT CRITIC: The BJP MLA has repeatedly questioned BS Yediyurappa's leadership

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Bengaluru: BJP MLAs loyal to BS Yediyurappa plan to pressure the party brass to discipline senior legislator Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, who has repeatedly lobbed criticism and barbs at the chief minister and his son and speculated about leadership change.

The MLAs met Yediyurappa on Monday and expressed their support, saying a strong message condemning Yatnal's behaviour should be sent from a proper forum. They urged Yediyurappa to call a meeting of legislators and ministers on Thursday and he agreed.

"The issue of indiscipline by some elements in the party has come to a head. If we don't do anything, it could prove costly for us, especially in the by-polls and zilla panchayat elections," said the chief minister's political secretary, MP Renukacharya.

BJP insiders say countering Yatnal is one part of the Yediyurappa camp's strategy. The camp wants the party high command to shut down all in-house criticism of Yediyurappa.

Barring a show-cause notice in Feb-

ruary, Yatnal has not faced any action so far. BJP functionaries allege he has intensified personal attacks on Yediyurappa and his son, BY Vijayendra, with the tacit backing of some party seniors. Recently, Yatnal claimed that Yediyurappa would be removed from office after the assembly elections in five states.

"Such statements indicate that there is a conspiracy against Yediyurappa. We are ready to fight it," said a BJP legislator close to Yediyurappa.

A major complaint of the MLAs who met Yediyurappa on Monday was that ministers don't address their grievances. On Thursday, he is likely to instruct ministers to be more responsive and accessible to elected representatives. He had issued a similar directive at a meeting last week.

"The issue of indiscipline was discussed on Monday as most people in the party find open attacks by a BJP member on the chief minister deplorable. But the main focus of the meeting was the demand for funds for our constituencies ahead of the zilla panchayat polls," said senior BJP legislator Araga Jnanendra.