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# Outgoing chief minister HDK foretells fresh elections

**BENGALURU** Outgoing chief minister HD Kumaraswamy predicted that the new BJP government will be fraught with instability, after which the only way out would be fresh elections.

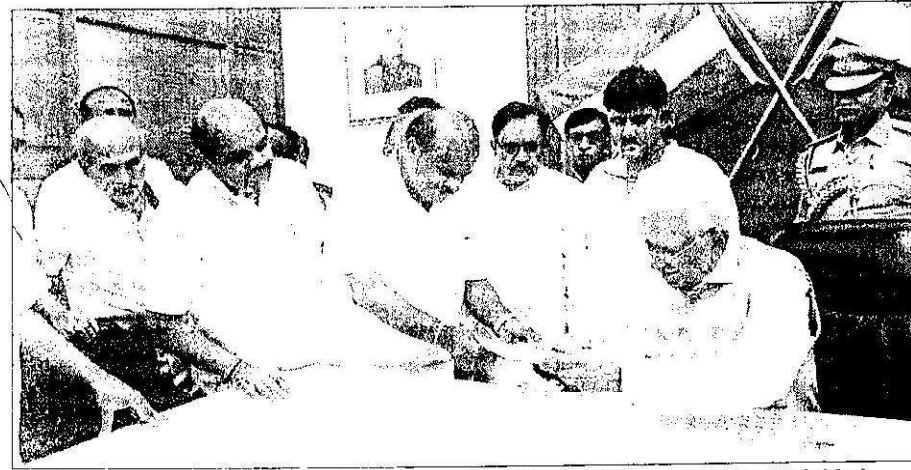
Kumaraswamy, in his reply to the confidence motion, said the BJP will face backlash from within soon after incoming chief minister BS Yeddyurappa would form his Cabinet.

"So, that is what happens," Speaker KE Kamath asked. "We will have to go for fresh elections," Kumaraswamy said.

BJP leaders too, are wary that the new government will, six months down the line, find itself in the same situation the Congress-JD(S) coalition was during the crisis.

Kumaraswamy elaborated his warning to the BJP by seeking to expose the rebel MLAs, especially those from the JD(S) - H Vishwanath, K Gopaliah and KC Narayana Gowda.

"I'm surprised with Vishwanath. Do we call him a statesman? He says the Speaker was encouraging the delay in the confidence mo-



**Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy hands over his resignation letter to Governor Vajubhai Vala at Raj Bhavan on Tuesday. Ministers Sa Ra Mahesh, Bhandappa Kashempur, Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara and Minister D K Shivakumar are seen.**

tion proceedings, and that the state politics was filled with demons."

Enraged, Kumar lambasted Vishwanath for casting aspersions on him.

"He's an MLA since 1978, he was a Lok Sabha member, he was a minister and JD(S) state president. Yet, he couldn't write his resignation letter properly. And he's giving me a certificate?"

Kumaraswamy said Gopaliah wanted "protection" in a family murder case. "How can I give him protection? I've never misused my power," Kumaraswamy said. Hitting out at Gowda, the outgoing chief minister said: "He has accused

me of not giving him funds to even drill a bore well. In fact, I was against giving him the ticket in 2013. In 2018, I went against my family to field him again."

Refuting the rebels' claim that the coalition government

had neglected development, Kumaraswamy gave out allocations that had been made to their constituencies. "Ramesh Jarkiholi got Rs 262 crore, Mahesh Kumathalli Rs 157 crore, Vishwanath Rs 304 crore, Anand Singh Rs 179 crore, K Sudhakar Rs 136 crore, B C Patil Rs 147 crore, R Shankar Rs 113 crore, HNagesh Rs 303 crore, Pratapgouda Patil Rs 517 crore, Shivaram Hebbar Rs 413 crore, M T B Nagaraj Rs 132 crore, ST Somashelkar Rs 115 crore," he said. "Despite this, why did they leave?"

Listening to all this, the Speaker also warned the BJP. "Be careful," he said, alluding to the possibility of the MLAs rebelling again.

Kumaraswamy hailed his crop loan waiver scheme, implementation of the Israeli farming techniques and zero-budget farming besides allocation for road works and Bengaluru infrastructure, among other achievements.

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