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CROSS-TALK?



Ministers Anand Singh and Sriramulu, MLCs Nanjundi and Tejaswini have a word in the Legislative Council on Wednesday, DH PHOTO/S K DINESH

## Assembly clears 'ease of doing business' Bill

**Now, Cos have to get clearances from depts within 3 years**

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Legislative Assembly on Wednesday passed the Karnataka Industries (Facilitation) Bill, 2020, which provides temporary clearance to establish industries by filing a combined application form.

The companies will have to receive clearances from departments concerned within three years, which is in contrast to previous regulations that mandated a company to ensure all approvals before setting shop, Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar said.

The opposition parties,

**Bill to increase wards approved**

The Assembly also passed amendments to section 7(a) of Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, which will increase the number of municipal wards in city limits up to 250, from the existing 200. Law Minister J C Madhuswamy said that the amendments were to ensure BBMP elections are held. "We have to make a submission (regarding BBMP elections) to the high court in two days," he said.

ernment to receive guarantee from private firms of establishing industrial units prior to clearing applications under

gress said that the number of industries investing in the state had decreased. The High Power Committee, which clears investments exceeding Rs 500 crore has met just once in the past year and only one project was cleared, he said.

Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Bill was also passed by the Assembly after a heated exchange between Law Minister J C Madhuswamy and Congress' H K Patil, who sought to introduce three sections to the Bill such as provisions to penalise officials in cases of corruption during a pandemic and auditing of public expenditure within three months of the outbreak.

The Legislative Council passed the Karnataka Race Course Licensing Act (Amendment) Bill, which will increase the penalty by 100% on race courses that violate licences conditions. Where