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After 8 yrs, govt tables report on encroachment of Wakf land

Many Congress Figures Linked To 'Scam'

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Bengaluru: A controversial report linking several Congress politicians, current and former, to encroachment of Wakf properties was tabled in the assembly on Wednesday, eight years after it was submitted.

The names of sitting Congress legislators NA Haris, Tanveer Sait and Kaneez Fatima, member of legislative council CM Ibrahim, Rajya Sabha MP Mallikarjun Kharge, former MP Rehman Khan and disqualified MLA R Roshan Baig, among others, feature in the report. The Karnataka State Minorities Commission headed by Anwar Maniappady prepared the report in 2012.

The claim that Congress figures were involved in encroachment of Wakf land is expected to embarrass the



Syed Asif

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The controversial Anwar Maniappady report on Wakf property was filed in 2012. It was tabled on Wednesday

party, though it has maintained from the start that the report was politically motivated and far from the truth. The previous Congress government led by Siddaramaiah decided not to table an action taken report on the findings, categorically rejecting them.

The BS Yediyurappa government has decided to breathe fresh life into the is-

Report politically motivated: Cong

“The report and the move to table it in the assembly are politically motivated. The report seeks to tarnish the names of our senior leaders. The person who prepared it was a BJP member.

Saleem Ahmed | WORKING PRESIDENT, KPCC

sue, tabling the entire report, including the details of Wakf land that the commission had said was encroached upon and

Windsor Manor land deal under scanner

The 2012 Anwar Maniappady report said the land on which the iconic Windsor Manor hotel in Bengaluru stands was an encroached Wakf property. While cases have been going on in courts, the report claims former MP Rehman Khan played a crucial role in the land deal involving the hotel's former

management. “The Karnataka State Minorities Commission would like to bring to the notice of the government that Rehman Khan was the chartered accountant of Baqarabad Wakf. Khan facilitated and orchestrated the deal of long-term lease, which is very illegal,” the report alleges.

Encroachment at Bidar graveyard

The report claims 180 acres of land in Bidar district was encroached upon. Said to be under the Khaja Abdul Faiz Dargia, the land was reportedly a be part of the “largest burial ground for the Muslim community in Asia”. Inaction by local Wakf officials led to land being encroached.

the names of people allegedly involved. Maniappady claimed in the report that this scam was bigger than the 2G scam, estimating that Wakf land worth Rs 2 lakh crore was either encroached upon or sold off to private entities. The report also names IAS and IPS officers, who were allegedly involved in dodgy deals for thousands of acres, and former chief minister Dharam Singh, ex-Union minister CK Jaffer Sharief and former minister Qamar-ul-Islam, who are no more.

Terminating the people involved in the encroachment

and sale as “Wakf land in fia”, the report claims 2,000 acres of property in Bidar, Kalaburagi, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara and Koppal districts alone was illegally taken over. The commission cited this as the “tip of the iceberg”, saying a detailed investigation was needed in 2012, it recommended suspension of the then Karnataka State Board of Wakfs for a year, an inquiry by the Lok Sabha, formation of a task force, and creation of a high powered committee to hand over the board's responsibility for the interim period.