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# Congress moves no-trust motion against BJP govt.

Party cites 'rampant corruption' in govt., lack of transparency in administration'

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The principal Opposition Congress moved a no-confidence motion against the BJP government in Karnataka in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday.

Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri admitted the notice on the no-confidence motion given by the Congress and said he would allot time on Friday or Saturday for a discussion on it. The notice was signed by 23 Congress members.

As soon as the House met after paying tributes to Union Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi, who succumbed to COVID-19 on Wednesday, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah raised the issue of notice on non-confidence motion.

"When the House has no confidence in the government, how will you continue?" Mr. Siddaramaiah asked and demanded the Speaker to take up the motion for discussion before taking any other issues.

Countering the claims



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at CLP meeting

made by Mr. Siddaramaiah, Revenue Minister R. Ashok said the Congress had no mandate in the State as well as in the country.

"The notice on non-trust motion is nothing but a political gimmick," he said.

The government has a majority and it was ready to prove a majority in the House. But many members of the Congress had already quit the party and many would quit soon, he said.

"We don't know how many



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will remain in the Congress," Mr. Ashok said.

When Mr. Ashok stood up to table Bills, H.K. Patil (Congress) said the government should not be allowed to table Bills after the Speaker admitted the notice on non-trust motion. Mr. Kageri termed Mr. Patil's suggestion as his personal view and allowed Mr. Ashok to table two Bills in the House.

CLP meeting

Earlier, Mr. Siddaramaiah chaired a meeting of the Congress Legislature Party

(CLP) and decided to move the no-confidence motion against the government. He said the government had lost people's confidence and alleged that family members of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa were indulging in corruption.

Speaking to mediapersons, the Congress leader alleged that corruption was also rampant in the purchase of equipment related to COVID-19 and purchase of laptops.

There was no transparency in the administration. While financial condition of the State had deteriorated, the development works had come to a standstill in the State, Mr. Siddaramaiah alleged.

D.K. Shivakumar, who is also the KFC president, spoke about corruption in the government and said the party was serious in moving the no-trust vote against the government.

It is stated that AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala suggested the State party leaders to move the no-confidence motion against the government.