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**'Coalition' deputy speaker hangs on**

Over seven months since the BJP came to power, a JD(S) functionary continues in the post of deputy speaker in the legislative assembly.

While speaker KR Ramesh Kumar quit almost immediately after the collapse of the coalition government, JK Krishna Reddy of the JD(S) has hung on to the deputy's post. The BJP is eyeing the post to placate a senior disgruntled legislator.

Reddy hosted a non-vegetarian lunch at his office on Tuesday leading many to believe he had decided to quit. But sources say the lunch was hosted for new office-bearers of the

Secretariat Government Servants Housing Society and had nothing to do with Reddy per se.

BJP has tried to ensure an "honourable" exit for the four-time Chintamani MLA and CM BS Yediyurappa had asked Reddy to give up the post voluntarily. "We sent reminders at least four times, but the JD(S) legislator hasn't budged," said one functionary.

However, JD(S) state president HK Kumaraswamy said there has been no discussion on the issue till date and if the BJP wants the post, it can move a no-confidence motion against Reddy. TNN