

Over 60 MLAs assure CM Yediyurappa of support

Show of strength and solidarity to his leadership

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More than 60 BJP legislators met Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Thursday in what was seen as a show of strength and support for his administration.

The MLAs, many of whom are known to be Yediyurappa loyalists, came to the CM's home office Krishna for the meeting that was anchored by Honnali MLA M P Renukacharya.

"We discussed issues pertaining to their constituencies and the upcoming bypolls," Yediyurappa said. "It was resolved that all of us should work together."

Thursday's meeting was significant in more ways than one. The MLAs seem to have

assured Yediyurappa that they supported his leadership and wanted him to continue as the CM in the wake of former Union minister Basanagouda Patil Yatnal's repeated claims on change in leadership.

The MLAs told Yediyurappa of a signature campaign they had started against Yatnal. A petition signed by the MLAs seeking action against Yatnal will be submitted to the party leadership.

Also, the MLAs got an opportunity to complain against ministers. For quite some time, MLAs have been unhappy with the functioning of some ministers, especially about them being inaccessible. Apparently, MLAs frowned at being directed by ministers to



Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa greets BJP MLAs at a meeting convened at his home office Krishna in Bengaluru.

the CM for their works.

For instance, MLAs are said to have complained with Yediyurappa that Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister K S Eshwarappa had put on hold funds granted by the Finance department. Matters pertaining to the

departments of minor irrigation, health, social welfare and public works were also discussed.

"We have told the CM that we are with him and that he should continue as CM and that the government is doing well," Renukacharya, the CM's

political secretary, said, praising Yediyurappa for treating MLAs with respect. Asked about complaints against ministers, Renukacharya said: "We have told the CM whatever we had to. CM has assured that our problems would be resolved."