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Saga of a scandal

■ Social activist Dinesh Kallahalli lodges a complaint with Bengaluru city police with a video allegedly showing intimate moments of BJP leader Ramesh Jarkiholi with a woman in a 'sex-for-favours' scandal

■ Mr. Jarkiholi resigns as Minister, but claims he is innocent and a 'mahanayaka' and a gang are behind the conspiracy to defame him

■ Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed to probe the 'conspiracy' to defame Mr.

Jarkiholi and an FIR is registered

■ Hours later, a video message purportedly by the woman in the CD is released in which she alleges Mr. Jarkiholi promised her a job and exploited her

■ The CD scandal makes the Assembly session stormy, as the Opposition demands that a rape case be booked against Mr. Jarkiholi

■ The woman releases another video, claiming she and her parents are facing threat

■ The woman, through a lawyer, files a complaint and the city police book Mr. Jarkiholi for sexual abuse

■ Within hours, an audio recording purportedly of a call between the woman and her family members is leaked, in which she is heard claiming that she was meeting KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar

■ Woman files second complaint through lawyer, alleging intimidation and threats by Mr. Jarkiholi

■ Woman's parents appear before SIT and later allege that she, an ST, was being 'used' for political ends by Mr. Shivakumar

■ Mr. Jarkiholi claims family's statement corroborates his stand and says he will lodge a complaint against Mr. Shivakumar under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act

■ BJP demands that Mr. Shivakumar resign as KPCC president

Victim files one more complaint

She denies claim that she had met KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar

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BENGALURU

A day after an FIR was registered against Ramesh Jarkiholi, BJP MLA, for sexual abuse, the lawyer representing the woman in the CD scandal case filed a second complaint on Saturday accusing him of intimidating her and disturbing the ongoing investigation after the first case was filed against him.

The day also saw the woman's parents appear before Special Investigation Team (SIT) officials. The officials said they recorded their statement about the kidnap case they have filed, threat perception, and the conversations they have had with the woman.

In the complaint addressed to the city Police Commissioner and the Cubbon Park police, with copies to the SIT and the Home Secretary, lawyer Jagadish Kumar said the accused had appeared before the media and made repeated attempts to threaten the woman with consequences and was exerting pressure on her.

He also leaked the audio

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BJP leader Basanagouda Patil Yatnal on Saturday alleged that besides a 'mahanayaka' (great leader) in the Congress, a 'yuvaraja' (crown prince) in the BJP was also

conversation of the woman with her brother, violating individual privacy, said the complaint. While the woman is under pressure and being threatened, "phones are being illegally intercepted by the accused by using government machinery," Mr. Kumar stated in the complaint.

The accused claimed that he was going to break big news, which would affect the investigating process. "If the accused is scot-free, he may destroy the available evidence by threatening the complainant and other witnesses," said the petition.

'Under pressure'

The complaint came hours after a video surfaced, pur-

portedly of the woman, claiming she was under pressure and may be pushed to ending her life, holding the accused responsible. She said in the video that she continued to face harassment and threats from the former Minister.

Speaking to presspersons in Haveri, Mr. Yatnal, without taking any names, alleged that they made CDs using young women and then

blackmailed leaders, threatening to expose them. Mr. Yatnal said with the release of the audio clip and the 'mahanayaka' in the Congress had been exposed now and soon the 'yuvaraja' in the BJP would be exposed.

leaked shows that my parents are not safe," said the woman. "The SIT has been saying that they will give protection. I urge them to bring my parents to Bengaluru," she said, adding that they were not safe. Referring to Mr. Jarkiholi stating that as one who had brought down a government in the past, he was ready to face anything, the woman said, "This means that he can go to any length. He can harm my family and me as well."

She said she was willing to make a statement to the police only in the presence of her family. The video clip released on Saturday is the fourth from the victim.