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Come clean on internal quota, HDK tells state

'Govt offering lip sympathy on the issue'

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The state government must make its stance clear on the issue of providing internal reservation among SC/ST and OBC communities, JD(S) legislature party leader H D Kumaraswamy demanded on Sunday.

Backing internal reservation, he charged that the government was offering "lip sympathy" on the issue with-

Take responsibility on GST: Gowda to Centre

Criticising the Centre for putting the onus on state governments to take the aid of RBI for receiving GST compensation, former prime minister H D Deve Gowda on Sunday said the Centre had proposed a "skewed idea".

In an official statement, the JD(S) supremo said, with the introduction of GST, the states gave up the

outacting on it. He questioned the government's motives in a series of tweets.

right to levy taxes and hence, the Centre should take the responsibility in this crisis.

"Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has spoken about the 'act of God'. I agree with her. However, we cannot sit back and wait for God to set right the mess we often put ourselves in. As the proverbial saying goes, God will help only those who help themselves," he stated.

"When the government can bring in 10 pc reservation for upper castes, what is stop-

ping it from bringing internal reservation for SC, ST and OBCs? The state government should take all backward communities into confidence and implement internal reservation.

The Supreme Court's recent observation on the issue is in favour of internal reservation. Implementing it, is the duty of the government in the interest of social justice," he said.

Further, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, himself being from an oppressed community, should ensure internal reservation in the interest of all sub-communities, Kumaraswamy said.

"Even to this day, in the oppressed communities, there

is a division of touchables and untouchables," he pointed out.

Kumaraswamy's tweets saw a quick retort from S A Ramadas, MLA of Krishnaraja constituency (Mysuru), who said the comparison between internal reservation and the 10% EWS reservation was unfair.

The MLA said the government was very much in the process of implementing measures for the development of the backward communities.

"What problem do you have with the EWS among upper castes getting 10% reservation? There is no discrimination among castes when it comes to poverty," said S A Ramdas.