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Uddhav Thackeray wins trust vote, BJP walks out

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Much along expected lines, the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) on Saturday won the trust vote amid a walkout by the BJP.

The ShivSena-NCP-Congress alliance secured 169 votes in the 288-member Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, while four MLAs abstained. The magic figure in the House is 145.

In the Assembly, the BJP has 105 seats, followed by the Shiv Sena (56), the NCP (54) and the Congress (44). The MVA has the support of smaller parties and independents.

Senior NCP leader Ajit Pawar, the nephew of NCP president Sharad Pawar, also voted in favour of the Thackeray government, as did his nephew Rohit Pawar, and Thackeray's son Aaditya Thackeray.

Incidentally, Ajit had suddenly allied with BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis and was sworn in as Deputy CM in an early morning

ceremony on November 23. However, the ill-fated government collapsed in barely 80 hours.

The resolution seeking the House confidence was moved by Congress leader and former CM Ashok Chavan and seconded by NCP's Nawab Malik and Shiv Sena's Sunil Prabhu.

"I thank all for reposing confidence and faith in the government," Thackeray said.

Fadnavis boycotted the special session, contending that the proceedings contravened the statute and Supreme Court orders.

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He said that the ruling MVA removed the former pro tem Speaker Kalidas Kolambkar and appointed Dilip Walse-Patil in his place, contravening parliamentary rules and regulations.

Fadnavis also took exception to the manner of the oath-taking ceremony held at Shivaji Park on November 28, saying it was not done according to the format since the names of various past and present national leaders/ heroes were invoked.

However, pro tem Speaker Walse-Patil rejected the contention, saying the special session was according to Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari's directives and in accordance Supreme Court orders.

"It's a procedure that the House needs to elect the Speaker first and only then the trust motion can be placed for the consideration of the House, as it was done in 2014. But this government also skipped Speaker's election," Fadnavis said.

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