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SC notice to MP Prajwal on plea challenging his election

NEW DELHI, ^{4/6/20}DHNS: The Supreme Court on Wednesday admitted a plea for consideration against the Karnataka High Court's order dismissing an election petition filed against Prajwal Revanna who won from Hassan Lok Sabha constituency as a joint candidate of JDS and Congress.

A bench of Chief Justice S A Bobde and Justices A S Bopanna and Hrishikesh Roy issued notice to Revanna, grandson of ex Prime Minister H D Devegowda on a petition filed by G Devarajegowda.

The petitioner, represented by senior advocate Pramila Nesargi and advocate Lakshmi Rao, challenged the validity of judgement of the High Court, dated January 31, 2020, dismissing the election petition on "procedural irregularities". He claimed Prajwal had resorted to unfair and corrupt practices and his election should be set aside.

The petition filed by ad-

vocate Balaji Srinivasan contended that the HC did not consider the fact that by dismissing the election petition, it was running a risk of having a representative in Parliament who has not got the maximum number of valid votes.

The petitioner, an advocate by profession, sought declaration of rival BJP candidate, A Manju as the winner for having secured the maximum number of valid votes.

A separate petition filed by Manju was also dismissed by the HC on January 17, 2020. He has also filed a special leave petition against the judgement in the top court, which had on March 2, 2020, issued notice to Prajwal.

Manju had challenged the 2019 election of Prajwal on the ground of alleged non-disclosure of assets by him in the election affidavit.

Prajwal was declared as the winner with 6,76,606 votes. His nearest rival Manju had polled 5,35,282 votes.