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Patil questions funds given to BJP workers

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Questioning the government over sanctioning of funds in the name of BJP workers and office-bearers by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Leader of Opposition in the Council S.R. Patil on Wednesday accused the department of irregularities in allocation of ₹223 crore for food relief.

Pointing at the funds allocated in the name of Yadgir BJP secretary, Raitha Morcha leader and other party workers, the Congress leader said if the funds had been allocated to a legislator or members of zilla panchayat or taluk panchayat, it would not have created problem. "Funds have been allotted to former legislators R. Shankar and H. Vishwanath (who shifted to the BJP recently)," he said. Mr. Patil said that

Lehar Singh told to speak in Kannada

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When BJP member Lehar Singh started reading his statement on COVID-19, Congress leaders, including Leader of the Opposition S.R. Patil and former Minister H.M. Revanna, took objection to it. "Some of us on this side cannot understand English. Either he should speak in Kannada or arrangements should be made to translate the speech into Kannada. He (Mr. Singh)



Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar speaking at a debate on COVID-19 at the Council. • V. SREENIVASA MURTHY

has been with us for long, he should speak in Kannada," Mr. Patil said. Chairman Prathapchandra Shetty enquired with Mr. Singh

whether he knew Kannada. In response, Mr. Singh said he can speak Kannada and proceeded to speak in the language.

he had written to the Chief Secretary highlighting the issues and an inquiry had been ordered. "But the inquiry officer has not called me nor do I know the fate of the inquiry. Money has been misapprop-

riated. We would have no problem if money was spent in the flood-affected areas."

Replying to his allegation, Muzrai Minister and Leader of the House Srinivas Poojary said such disbursals

have happened during the Congress regime too. "People ask for funds for development in their areas and funds are allocated. It does not mean the funds go to the individual. Due diligence is done."