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# BSY govt drops cases against ministers, party MLAs & MPs

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Rioting, Attempt  
To Murder Charges

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**Bengaluru:** Brushing aside red flags raised by law and home departments, the BJP government has withdrawn cases against party MLAs and MPs, including a couple of ministers and the CM's political secretary, who were facing serious criminal charges like rioting and attempt to murder.

Sources said a cabinet meeting in August decided to withdraw 63 cases filed against BJP functionaries, including some from Sangh Parivar, and farmers. The decision followed recommendations of a subcommittee headed by home

## 'CONG GOVT WITHDREW CASES TOO'

“The cases withdrawn were false and politically motivated. Cong has no right to question us.. Siddaramaiah govt had withdrawn cases against SDPI and PFI activists involved in anti-national activities & rioting

CT Ravi | KANNADA AND CULTURE MINISTER

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minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Law minister J C Madhuswamy said successive governments have withdrawn cases despite objections from law and home departments. “Cases against Congress and JD(S) leaders, too, were withdrawn by the previous coalition government,” he said, defending recommendations of the Bommai subcommittee that it would help reduce the burden on courts.

KPCC working president Saleem Ahmed accused the state government “of trying to shield those involved in riots and inciting violence. It has exposed the hidden agenda of the BJP.”

Forest minister Anand Singh, agriculture minister BC Patil, CM's political secretary MP Renukacharya, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and Haveri MLA Nehru Olekar are some prominent

leaders who had been slapped with cases. While Singh and Patil had been charged with IPC Sections 143 (unlawful assembly), 147 (rioting with dangerous weapons) and 339 (wrongful restraint), Renukacharya was charged with attempt to murder.

The case against Anand Singh relates to blocking of Hospet taluk office in Ballari district by about 300 people, followed by hurling of stones and vandalizing property, causing damage running into Rs 3 lakh. BC Patil was charged in a 2012 case when he, then a Congress MLA, was part of a group that attacked police personnel with stones and chappals and damaged police vehicles during a Ganesh idol immersion procession.

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