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Tough talk: BJP issues show-cause notice to Yatnal

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The Bharatiya Janata Party on Friday issued a show-cause notice to Bijapur MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal for "insulting and denigrating the herculean efforts" being made by his own party governments in Karnataka and at the Centre to provide flood relief to the affected people in Karnataka.

In its notice, the party's Central Disciplinary Committee said his "intent, utterances and allegations" against the BJP and its leaders constitute a "serious breach" of party discipline and asked to show cause why action should not be taken against him within ten days.

Yatnal had targeted the B S Yediyurappa-led state government and the Centre "for not doing enough" to get flood relief funds for



Basanagouda Patil Yatnal

the state. In a veiled attack against Union Ministers D V Sadananda Gowda and Pralhad Joshi. "What are you doing sitting in Bengaluru and Hubballi? What is stopping you from fixing an appointment with the prime minister."

"If Ananth Kumar was alive, the state would not have faced such a situation. He used to act as a bridge between the state and the Centre. There are three Union

ministers from the state. At least one of them should take lead and act as the bridge between the state and the Centre," he had said while adding it was time for the BJP MPs from the state to show some spine to pressure the Centre to sanction at least Rs 10,000 crore for the relief.

'Physical violence'

The notice says Yatnal "threatened" the party and its leaders by suggesting to the people and "inciting them to teach party leaders a lesson by thrashing them, thus calling for physical violence and causing unrest amongst people by spreading lies."

The notice also said that he had accused leaders of being "power centres" and "further, contrary to the truth and reality," he also pointed fingers at the leadership of "not paying enough attention" to the issues of Karnataka.