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# After a nudge, ministers assure more access to MLAs

## All ministers to be in their offices two days a week

BENGALURU, DHNS

Following complaints by BJP MLAs, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's Cabinet colleagues have promised to make themselves available in their offices to ensure that grievances and petitions are addressed at the earliest.

Deputy Chief Ministers Govind Karjol, Laxman Savadi, Housing Minister V Somanna, Cooperation Minister S T Somashekhar, Social Welfare Minister B Sriramulu and Women and Child Development Minister Shashikala Jolle came together to address a news conference to assure MLAs in this regard.

"Since MLAs found it diffi-

cult to get in touch with ministers, it was decided that all ministers will be at their offices on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This will help legislators meet us," Transport Minister Savadi said.

According to Karjol, the PWD minister, Yediyurappa has assured to sanction Rs 25 crore for all constituencies to ensure development activities were carried out despite the state's financial constraints.

The ministers also played down the face-off between Yediyurappa and Vijayapura MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal and said all legislators were with the chief minister.

Karjol said that save one MLA, everyone was happy with the administration. "On

## Bengaluru legislators complain of disparity

During the meeting of BJP MLAs from Bengaluru chaired by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa post noon on Tuesday, legislators alleged discrimination in taking up works in a few constituencies. Sources

said that Mahadevapura MLA Arvind Limbavali alleged that some constituencies in the city were being sidelined and urged Yediyurappa to ensure parity in developmental activities carried out in all constituencies.

## Relax theatre norms: MLAs

Some legislators are learned to have sought the government to relax norms for theatres and allow 100% occupancy on the lines of Tamil Nadu. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa assured to consider the proposal and take a call in coming days about the issue.

Monday, there was some confusion because of one MLA. All the other legislators were happy and backed the government," he said, adding that such confusion was common during such

meetings.

Somanna criticised the incident where Yatnal had a serious disagreement with Yediyurappa. "As part of the government, I condemn this incident," he said.