

BSY video creates rift, BJP launches internal probe

Hubballi/Shivamogga/Mangaluru: Deputy chief minister Laxman Savadi said the BJP is determined to get to the bottom of the leaked video, which has embarrassed the party and put its central leadership in a spot of bother.

Savadi, who was in Hubballi on Tuesday, said pursuant to the party's decision to conduct an internal investigation into the tape, the BJP has formed a special team which will begin work immediately.

"The team will soon find out who recorded the video at the party's core committee meeting in Hubballi and at whose behest it was leaked,"

Savadi told reporters. The video of Yediyurappa addressing party leaders in Hubballi has been widely shared on social media ever since it came into public domain a few days ago. In the video, Yediyurappa is purportedly heard telling workers that BJP's national president orchestrated the collapse of the previous JD(S)-Congress coalition government by poaching legislators from the two rival, ruling parties.

BJP sources say the internal investigation was ordered by the BJP leadership in Delhi. Sources say the controversy surrounding the leaked tape has led to infighting in the party and has widened the rift between the Yedi-

Yediyurappa BSY promised more funds

Mandya: In more unease for CM BS Yediyurappa, disqualified MLA KC Narayanagowda said he resigned from the legislative assembly after Yediyurappa promised to release more funds for the development of his constituency — KR Pet in

Yurappa and BL Santosh camps, which have been trading accusations on the issue ever since it broke.

Denying opposition leader Siddaramaiah's allegation that he could be one of three leaders in the BJP who had recorded and leaked the video, Savadi said he (Siddaramaiah)

is an expert in making fake videos and CDs". "We all know how many videos he made and leaked to milk political mileage in the past," Savadi said. Hitting back at Savadi and Yediyurappa, who had claimed that the Congress leader had doctored the vid-

eo, Siddaramaiah said, "Were we present at the core committee meeting of the BJP? Were any of our leaders present in their meeting? Why are they blaming us for something that happened at their meeting?" On another note, Siddaramaiah reiterated the Congress will win "12-13" seats out the 15 scheduled to go to polls on December 5.

Meanwhile, in Mangaluru, Jaiveer Shergill, Congress spokesperson, called Yediyurappa the "CEO of BJP's horse trading empire". "The Supreme Court has taken note of the video involving Yediyurappa and it will be considered when the final verdict is delivered," Shergill said.

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