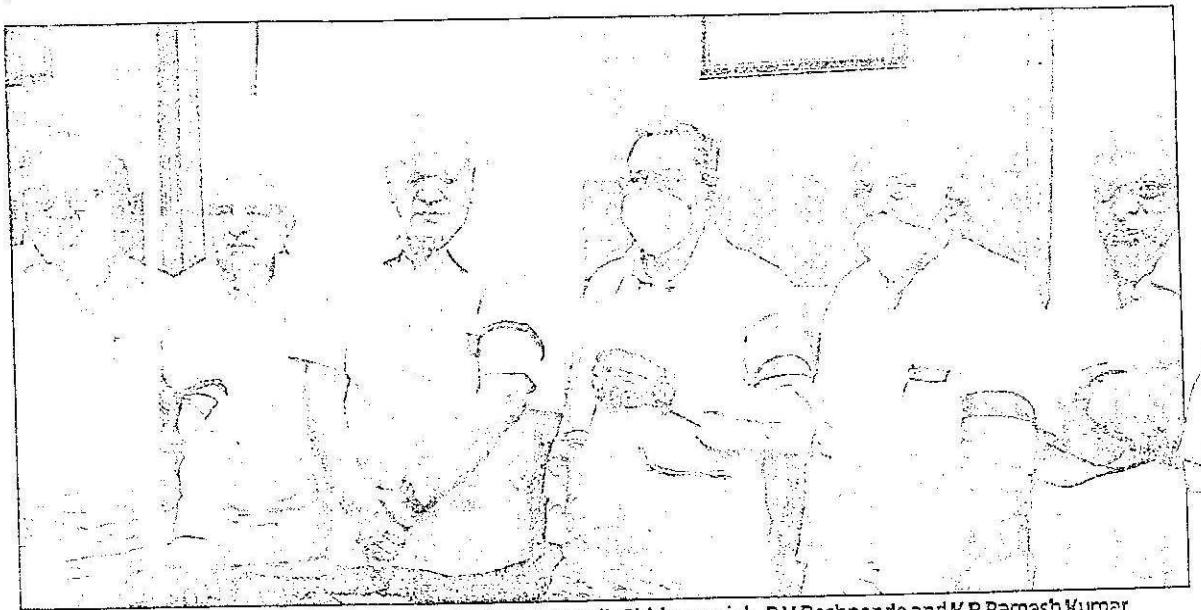


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Congress legislators G Parameshwara, H K Patil, S R Patil, Siddaramaiah, R V Deshpande and K R Ramesh Kumar sport black bands as a mark of protest during the budget session on Monday. DH PHOTO/S K DINESH

Cong walks out in protest, calls it 'hollow' budget

Govt has lost its morality,
says Siddaramaiah

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The Congress on Monday walked out of the Assembly during Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's budget speech, with Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah terming it as "hollow".

Siddaramaiah led his legislators out of the Assembly in protest.

"We walked out because no government had lost its morality like this one. This is an immoral government and we

didn't want to listen to their lies," Siddaramaiah said.

He said Yediyurappa was out on "anticipatory bail," referring to the Supreme Court recently granting him and Mines & Geology Minister Murugesh Nirani protection from arrest in a corruption case.

"Also, six ministers have moved the court seeking an injunction on the media. Apparently, there are 19 CDs that they are wary of," the Congress leader said.

Siddaramaiah, who has presented a record 13 budgets, said the 2021-22 budget lacked transparency because of the sector-wise allocation. "This Budget has more to hide than reveal," he said.

Slamming Yediyurappa for presenting a deficit budget, Siddaramaiah said the government will have to borrow loans to

meet revenue expenditure going forward.

"In 2020-21, the revenue deficit is Rs 19,485 crore. This means, the government has to borrow to meet revenue expenditure," he said.

"When I was finance minister for five years, there was not a single year that had a revenue deficit."

The former chief minister said he welcomed the allocation the CM has made for communities such as Veerashaiva-Lingayats and Volkkaigas.

"You have given Rs 500 crore each to these two communities. But for 16 other communities, you have kept Rs 500 crore overall, which roughly works out to Rs 30 crore each. These are communities that deserve attention. Is this social justice?" he said.