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Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge files his papers in Bengaluru on Monday

Non-Congress leaders too want Kharge in RS: DKS

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KPCC president D K Shivakumar said there is a demand from a wide range of the political spectrum to elect veteran leader Mallikarjun Kharge to the Rajya Sabha.

"Not just the Congress, but leaders of other parties across the country are also in favour of sending the senior leader to the upper house of Parliament," Shivakumar said.

Kharge filed his nominations for the Rajya Sabha elections from Karnataka on

Monday as the sole candidate of the Congress.

"We took an unanimous decision to field Kharge and AICC president Sonia Gandhi also approved it. He will be the voice of the voiceless in Parliament," he said.

On supporting JDS stalwart H D Deve Gowda in the polls, Shivakumar told reporters that the decision of Sonia and former Congress president Rahul Gandhi is final. "We are committed to whatever our national leaders decide," he said.

IT WAS NOT EASY TO PERSUADE GOWDA: HDK

Former CM H D Kumaraswamy said it was not an easy task to persuade former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda to contest the Rajya Sabha polls. In a series of tweets on Monday, he said Gowda decided to contest the RS polls at the request of party legislators, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and several other national leaders.