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Speaker junks 9 resignations, says letters in wrong format

To look into 5 others; BJP likely to knock on Governor's door

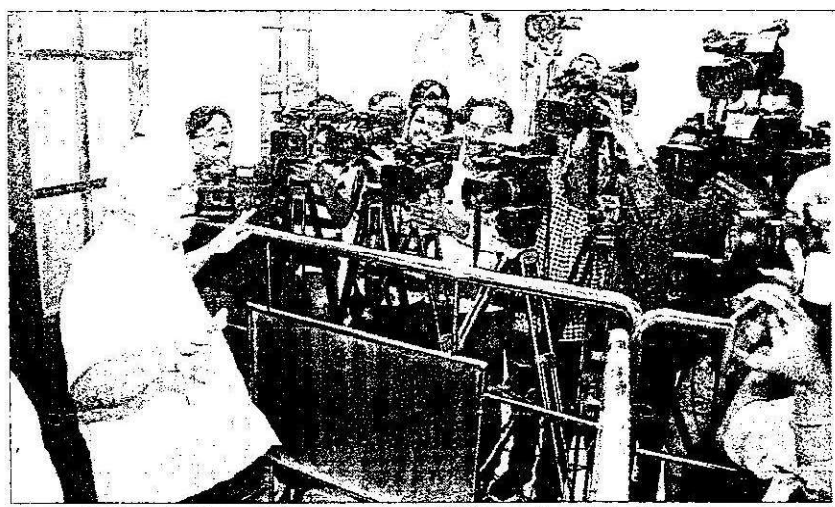
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BYGONE ERAS: In a setback to the rebel legislators' camp, Assembly Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar on Tuesday rejected the resignation letters of nine MLAs on the grounds that they were not in the prescribed format.

A peeved BJP, which is waiting in the wings to install its government, immediately decided to seek the intervention of Governor Vajubhai R Vala. It is speculated that Vala would ask Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy to prove his majority on the floor of the House if the crisis continues.

The Speaker, who looked into the resignation of 14 MLAs, found that only five were in order as per Rule 202 of the Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly. They were the letters of Anand Singh, Narayana Gowda, Pratapgouda Patil, K Gopalaih and Ramalinga Reddy.

Those whose letters were rejected had deviated from the prescribed format, including minor aspects like mentioning the name of their constituency.
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Assembly Speaker Ramesh Kumar arrives at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru. PTI

THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT

A member wanting to resign should stick to the following format and not give any reason for the resignation, according to the rule:

To
 The Speaker
 Legislative Assembly,
 Bangalore
 Sir,
 I hereby tender my resignation to my seat in the House with effect from

 Place:
 Date:
 Yours faithfully
 Member of the House

REJECTED: 9

- ST Somashekhar: Cong
- A H Vishwanath: JD(S)
- Muniratna: Cong
- B A Basavaraj: Cong
- B C Patil: Cong
- Ramesh Jarkiholi: Cong
- Shivaram Hebbar: Cong
- Mahesh Kumathalli: Cong
- R Roshan Baig: Cong

WHAT

- BJP may press for floor test.
- Governor may ask CM to prove majority.
- More disgruntled MLAs may resign.
- Ghulam Nabi Azad may succeed in pacifying Ramalinga Reddy and a few other rebels.

RESIGNATION LETTERS IN ORDER: 5

- Ramalinga Reddy: Cong
- Anand Singh: Cong
- Pratapgouda Patil: Cong
- Narayana Gowda: JD(S)
- K Gopalaih: JD(S)

CONG SENDS AZAD TO RESOLVE CRISIS

Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad arrived in Bengaluru on Wednesday amid the deepening crisis. Sources in the Congress said Azad will hold talks with rebel MLAs, especially Ramalinga Reddy, and try to convince them to withdraw their resignation.



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"We have informed the others that their resignation letters are not in order, and that they should be reformat," Kumar said.

For the five MLAs whose resignations are in order, the Speaker will hear them out on two different dates — Singh, Patil and Gowda on July 12, Gopalaiiah and Reddy on July 15. Thus, the Speaker has helped the Congress buy more time to reach out to the rebel MLAs and also ensure the monsoon session of the legislature commences as scheduled on July 12.

The eight rebels, most of whom are in a Mumbai hotel, are expected to come to Bengaluru to tender their resignations again on Wednesday.

The Speaker also revealed that the Governor had written to him on the resignations. "The Governor expressed faith that I

will uphold Constitutional provisions."

The Congress, which held its legislature party meeting earlier in the day, threatened to move a petition seeking the disqualification of the rebel MLAs. However, it shied away from doing so. Instead, the party asked the Speaker to dispose of a pending disqualification petition it had submitted in February this year against Jarkiholi and Kumathalli.

Responding to the party's threat of invoking the anti-defection law against them, the rebels said they were firm on their decision to resign and maintained that they had not indulged in any anti-party activity.

Meanwhile, the Congress kept up its effort to convince the rebels. In a final outreach, Congress' DK Shivakumar and KM Shivalinge Gowda of the JD(S) will head to Mumbai to talk to them.