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## Roshan Baig resigns as MLA; SIT summons him in IMA case

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Senior Congress leader R. Roshan Baig submitted his resignation as an MLA to Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar on Tuesday, taking the total number of resignations from the coalition to 14. If all resignations are accepted, the coalition strength will drop to 102, in a House where the simple majority would be 106. The BJP with the support of two independents will have 107.

Mr. Baig, a seven-time MLA, represented Shivajinagar in the city. He was suspended from the Congress in June over his remarks against the party leadership following the Lok Sabha debate and allegations over



Senior Congress leader R. Roshan Baig at the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday. ■ V. SREENIVASA MURTHY

his role in the multi-crore IMA scam.

Close on the heels of his resignation and rumours that he would be joining the rebel camp and eventually the BJP, the Special Investigation Team probing the

IMA scam served him notice summoning him to appear for questioning on July 11.

Though SIT officials claimed that the notice was only a co-incidence, Mr. Baig being made part of the IMA probe is aimed at creating hurdles for him in joining the BJP, sources said. Mr. Baig has an "image problem" and there have been reservations in the BJP of inducting him into the party. The notice in the IMA case will only make it worse, sources said.

Mr. Baig, speaking to media persons in the Vidhana Soudha earlier, said he was headed for Hajj pilgrimage and he was not going to Mumbai or Goa. He neither confirmed nor denied reports that he would join BJP.

IMA founder Mohammed Mansoor Khan had claimed in an audio message that he had paid Mr. Baig ₹400 crore, which he did not return, making his company go kaput. Revenue Minister R.V. Deshpande had said that Mr. Baig had brought Mr. Khan to meet him seeking a favour to get a loan, but he did not help them.

When asked why Mr. Baig was not made part of the probe, the SIT had earlier claimed they could not act on the statements by the accused, but would only go by evidence the probe throws up. The SIT claimed it had now trained the gun at Mr. Baig following leads from the probe. The team has arrested 17 persons so far.