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## Quoted out of context, says Murugesh Nirani

BENGALURU, DHNS: BJPMLA adding that the Opposition Murugesh Nirani has dismissed Leader of the Oppo- remarks for political gain. sition Siddaramaiah's claim proof of irregularities in Covid-19 procurement.

In a statement, Nirani said that his remarks about a person from Vijayapura - who had come to Bengaluru to submit documents over irregularities in Covid-19 equipment procurement to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) - were misinterpreted.

""I neither met that person after the meeting nor am I acquainted to him," he said,

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On allegations that disthat he wanted to submit a gruntlement over being left pendrivethat supposedly had out of the cabinet had triggered the remarks, he said that the incident was not connected to the issue. "Inducting me to the Cabinet is left to the discretion of high command and the chief minister," he added.

On Wednesday, Siddaramaiah tweeted a document purported to be the minutes of the PAC meeting to claim that Nirani had submitted a pen drive with documents regarding Covid-19 irregularities.