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CM allocates portfolios, Jarkiholi has his way

**Yediyurappa
keeps energy and
Bengaluru city
development**

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All 10 newly-inducted ministers were given portfolios on Monday with Ramesh Jarkiholi emerging as the real winner of sorts with the plum water resources department, which Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa had kept with himself.

Water resources, or irrigation, is considered plum given the funding it gets year on year and the mega projects that are taken up. This is the only portfolio the chief minister has divested himself of, giving nine other new ministers departments that were additionally held by the incumbent.

Yediyurappa continues to hold the energy and Bengaluru city development portfolios, which are also considered plum.

Jarkiholi was reportedly hellbent on the water resources portfolio, which his bete noire D K Shivakumar of the Congress had under the previous Congress-JD(S)

coalition. It was under the coalition regime that Jarkiholi's turf war with Shivakumar led to a rebellion that ultimately led to the BJP coming to power.

Besides Jarkiholi, other newly-inducted ministers indulged in hectic lobbying for portfolios of their choice. Once Governor Vajubhai R

Vala signed off on the list of portfolios, there was some disappointment. For instance, K Sudhakar, who studied MBBS, indicated unhappiness over being given medical education, which was held thus far by Deputy Chief Minister C N Ashwath Narayan.

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Ramesh Laxmanrao Jarkiholi
Major and Medium Irrigation

Anand Singh Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs

Shrimant Balasaheb Patil Textiles

K Gopalaih Small Scale Industries and Sugar

B A Basavaraja (Byrathi) Urban Development

ST Somashekar Cooperation

Arabail Shivaram Hebbar Labour

BC Patil Forest

K C Narayana Gowda Municipal Administration with
Horticulture and Sericulture additionally

K Sudhakar Medical Education

Kumathalli MSIL chief

In a bid to pacify Athani MLA Mahesh Kumathalli, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa appointed him as chairman of Mysore Sales International Ltd on Monday. Kumathalli was sulking after he was the only "rebel" MLA who won the December bypoll to be left out of the state Cabinet.

CM gives new ministers jobs...

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"I had spoken something else with the CM," Sudhakar said and laughed. "I'll hold a meeting with officials. I'll need three days to understand everything and devise a blueprint and share my vision."

It is speculated that Sudhakar wanted the energy portfolio, which the CM has kept.

B A Basavaraja (Byrath), too, did not sound upbeat on being given urban development. "Bengaluru city development would have been nicer. I could've focussed on solving the garbage problem and modernising Bengaluru," he told *DH*.

Nonetheless, he said he will sit down with officials and have his task cut out. "There are 10 city corporations in the state. I'll discuss with officials on what can be done."

Another minister who was eyeing Bengaluru city development was S T Somashekar, who has been given cooperation, considering his experience in the sector.

It is said that Yediyurappa has retained energy and Bengaluru city development to be given to "native" BJP legislators who will be inducted into his Cabinet later.

The Cabinet currently has 28 members, and six berths are still vacant.

Deputy Chief Minister and Transport Minister Lakman Savadi has been stripped of the agriculture portfolio, which has been given to Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Yediyurappa's confidant. Likewise, newly-inducted Shivaram Hebbar has been given labour, which was with Primary & Secondary Minister S Suresh Kumar.