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Sena minister resigns from **Union Cabinet**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK 12/11/19 New Delhi: With the Shiv Sena snapping ties with the BJP, its nominee in the Union Cabinet, Arvind Sawant, tendered his resignation saying it would be im-



proper for him to continue in the NDA government at the Centre given the current

situation in Maharashtra.

Sawant accused the BJP of reneging on its promise of equal division of seats and a shared chief ministerial term and said this had. led to Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray ending ties with BJP. He said BJP had been untruthful in denying an agreement to share ministerial berths and the chief minister's post.

"They have also hurt my party by lying. Since there is no trust left, I have decid-ed to resign," said Sawant. "I have resigned as Union minister. I have sent my resignation to Prime Minis-ter Narendra Modi," Sawant said, displaying a copy of the letter of his resignation as minister for heavy

industries.

"In such an atmosphere, it is not proper on my part and for the sake of morality to continue as minister in the Union government," Sawantsaid.