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Trust motion only when chief minister wants it: Speaker

It will lose its seriousness if not moved now: Ramesh Kumar

BANGALORE: Assembly Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar has put the ball in Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy's court on when the trust motion should be moved.

During the obituary references on Friday, Kumaraswamy volunteered to take a floor test and asked the Speaker to fix a date for it.

"The CM should say when... he has spoken his heart that he won't stick to his chair in this atmosphere of confusion. He wants to seek the confidence of the House. If he tells me when he wants to move (the trust motion), I will list it in the business for the next day," Kumar told reporters.

Kumar, however, said he expected the chief minister to move it soon, given the prevailing political crisis. "It will lose its seriousness if it is not moved

Rebels, Ind MLAs don't show up

None of the 16 rebel Congress-JD(S) MLAs who have tendered resignation or the two Independents who have withdrawn support to the ruling coalition turned up for the monsoon session of the legislature on Friday. The government has already issued a whip mandating the presence of all MLAs for the full duration of the 11-day session.

now. If he is saying there's confusion and that he won't stick to his chair, I expect him to move the motion soon," he said.

'I'll get some sleep'

The Speaker had scheduled a hearing to review the resignation of three rebel MLAs Anand Singh, Pratapgouda Patil and Narayana Gowda on Friday afternoon. None showed up.

"I'll do it (hearing) if they come. If they don't come, I'll go home and get some sleep," Kumar quipped. The Speaker has scheduled a personal hearing for Ramalinga Reddy, K Gopalaiah on July 15, MTB Nagaraj and K Sudhakar on July 17.

At the Business Advisory Committee meeting after the Legislative Assembly session was adjourned for the day, Ku-



Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar greets the members of the Treasury and Opposition Benches before the commencement of the Assembly session on Friday. DH PHOTO / SK DINESH

maraswamy is learnt to have suggested July 17 as the date for the floor test. Since Leader of the Opposition BS Yeddyurap-

pa was not present for the meeting, the Speaker did not finalise the date, sources said.

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