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# Days before legislature session Cong undecided on key posts

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MLAs Wonder Whom They Should Consult

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**Bengaluru:** The delay in appointment of a full-time opposition leader and continued infighting among senior leaders have put the opposition Congress in disarray ahead of the joint session of the state legislature beginning on Monday.

### POLITICAL NOTES

With Congress MLAs confused who they need to report to or seek instructions from during the session, the party high command may announce the leader in a day or two. Though the leadership had indicated it would take a call after the Delhi polls, there's been no decision on Siddaramaiah's resignation from the post of opposition

leader as well as Congress legislature party leader or find a replacement. KPCC working president Eshwar Khandre told STOI the high command may take a decision within two or three days. He added that Siddaramaiah would lead the party during the joint session.



**STIR AGAINST CM:** Congress protests alleged misuse of police machinery on Saturday

### Congmen headed for CM's home detained

A number of Congress workers and politicians, including Dinesh Gundu Rao and Siddaramaiah (pictured), were detained by police on Saturday as they tried to march towards chief minister BS Yediyurappa's office and residence. They had planned to stage a protest there against the alleged misuse of the police machinery by the BJP government. Gundu Rao and Bangalore rural MP DK Suresh tried to jump over the barricades erected by police. The march began from the Mahatma Gandhi statue on Race Course Road and caused traffic snarl-ups. The protest was also aimed at highlighting the controversial sedition case against a Bidar school, its headmistress and a parent. TNN

but the party is finding it difficult to bring all state leaders on the same page in a replacement for Siddaramaiah.

While the party high command is bent on relieving Siddaramaiah from all responsibilities, another section of MLAs wants him to continue in his current posts. It's also said that the Siddaramaiah faction is even opposed to Shivakumar's elevation to the KPCC president post.

The delay in appointments has given ammunition to the ruling BJP. "The session is just two days away but the principal opposition party leader to question and challenge the government," said the president Nalin Kumar Kohli said in Davanagere on Friday. He added that rebellion will break out in Congress the moment the new opposition leader and KPCC president are announced. "There is an internal tussle between Siddaramaiah, DK Shivakumar and G Parameshwara and they don't see a bright eye," he said.

KPCC president Dinesh Gundurao also stepped down. Since then, the high command had several meetings to choose their successors, but due to lack of consensus, there has been no decision.

It's said senior leader DK Shivakumar has been chosen for the KPCC president's post,