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**Ramalinga
Reddy
withdraws
resignation**

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Senior Congress leader Ramalinga Reddy withdrew his resignation and participated in the Assembly session seated at the treasury benches on Thursday.

Mr. Reddy had submitted his resignation on July 6 along with 11 other Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) MLAs now holed up in Mumbai, but was later convinced by the Congress to stay back. It was hoped that this would bring back three other Bengaluru Congress MLAs into the party fold as they had earlier called Mr. Reddy their "leader".

Rebels' stand

However, minutes before the session commenced, the three MLAs - S.T. Somashekar, Byrathi Basavaraj and Munirathna - released a video reiterating their stand that they would not withdraw their resignations.

"Before resigning, we three MLAs met Mr. Reddy and all four of us submitted our resignation letters together. We had agreed that we will not withdraw our resignations at any cost. But, we have now seen in the media that he has made a U-turn on the day of the trust vote. None of us is going to follow Mr. Reddy and we are firm in our decision on the resignation and won't participate in the Assembly session," said Mr. Somashekar in the video, flanked by Mr. Munirathna and Mr. Basavaraj.