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My phone is being tapped, alleges Shivakumar

DKS should check with service provider, says Bommai

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Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D K Shivakumar approached Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant on Friday with a complaint that his phone might be tapped.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai denied that the government was tapping Shivakumar's phone.

Shivakumar approached Pant a day after accusing the officer of being 'biased' in the ongoing investigation into the Pulakeshinagar riots.

"Yesterday and the day be-

fore, my phone was alright. But now, I'm not able to receive calls properly. I think my phone is being tapped," Shivakumar told reporters.

In his complaint, Shivakumar wrote: "From the past 2-3 days, I have noticed some differences in the incoming and outgoing calls on my phone numbers (9845556622, 9845556633). The voice isn't clear, there's an unexpected rise and drop and an unnecessary sound is heard."

In a statement, Bommai said Shivakumar should check with his telecoms service provider. "It's wrong to call it phone tapping. Ours is a responsible government that will not stoop

'Govt trying to cover up doc's death'

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D K Shivakumar on Friday demanded strong legal action against those responsible for the death of Nanjangud taluk health officer Dr S R Nagendra, while accusing the government of trying to 'cover up' the matter.

"How long does the government need to arrest those involved? Ministers are trying to do damage-control. Why are you trying to cover up the

down to that level and we don't have to also. The government isn't concerned with Shivakumar's activities," he said, bringing up the snooping scandal of the Congress-JD(S) coalition



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issue," Shivakumar asked.

"It will not suffice if the official's family gets Rs 50 lakh or Rs 1 crore. Why did the officer kill himself? Who is responsible for that? What action was taken? That's more impor-

tant," Shivakumar said.

Taking exception to this, Medical Education Minister K Sudhakar said, "As a doctor and a representative of the government, I went to condole the death and not to indulge in politics. The CM has already announced Rs 50 lakh compensation and that his wife will be appointed as sub-registrar. The incident will be probed objectively and comprehensively."

tiffs from Adichunchunagiri, Rambhपुरi, Siddaganga, Sirigere and Suttur were tapped. Do you remember? Our government isn't that wretched to tap your phone," he said.