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Under pressure, BSY rejigs portfolios again

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Bengaluru: A day after allocating portfolios to seven new ministers of his cabinet, Karnataka chief minister BS Yediyurappa on Friday reshuffled some of the portfolios after some members expressed unhappiness about their roles.

In the process, JC Madhuswamy, relieved from his second portfolio of Kannada and culture, has been allocated Haj and wakfs department in what is seen as a second snub in 24 hours.

On Thursday, the chief minister had allocated him medical education and Kannada and culture ministries after removing law and parliamentary affairs and minor irrigation departments.

Kannada and culture has

WHO GETS WHAT

JC Madhuswamy | Medical education, Haj & Wakf Aravind Limbavali | Forest, Kannada and culture

MTB Nagaraj | Municipal administration, sugar

K Gopalaiah | Excise R Shankar | Horticulture

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KC Narayan Gowda

Youth & sports, planning

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now been given to Aravind Limbavali in addition to the forest ministry as he was unhappy with one department considering his seniority.

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Gopalaiah*** gets excise

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n Thursday, Madhuswamy was miffed that the minor irrigation portfolio was taken away from him and given to new minister CP Yogeshwar. Sources said Madhuswamy is peeved again and he met the Suttur mutt seer on Friday, seeking blessings before deciding on his future course of action. Sources said he would fall in line because he doesn't have too many options. Accordingly, Yediyurappa changed the portfolios of some new ministers, who had threatened to resign as they were unhappy Thursday's allocations.

MTB Nagaraj, who had been given excise but was keen on housing, has been handed the municipal administration and sugar. The excise portfolio has gone to K Gopalaiah, who was unhappy with horticulture and sugar ministries. Gopalaiah said he was happy with the excise department since its revenues will help in chalking out finances of the state.

Youth empowerment and sports minister KC Narayana Gowda has been given the additional charge of planning, programme monitoring and statistics, a portfolio that was with Yediyurappa.

The state's new horticulture and sericulture minister will be R Shankar.