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SC closes
plea by two

INDEPENDENT MLAs

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Thursday allowed a plea by two Independent MLAs from Karnataka for closing the hearing on their petition for conducting the trust vote in the state Assembly as it had already taken place on July 23, leading to exit of the JD(S)-Congress coalition government.

A bench presided over by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, however, did not fail to bat an eyelid, to point out again that senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, who represented the petitioners, was not present.

Senior advocates Rajeev Dhavan and A M Singhvi, who represented caretaker chief minister H D Kumaraswamy and Assembly Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar, submitted that they were present as the court desired it on Wednesday.

Dhavan said Rohatgi was out of Delhi so he could not be here. "When it comes to mentioning, you come at midnight and seek midnight hearing. If he has chosen not to appear, it is alright. We allow the plea," the bench added.

MLAs R Shankar and H Nagesh, represented by advocate Diksha Rai, contended that the matter should be closed since their writ petition for direction to conduct the floor test forthwith in the Assembly has been addressed.