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Judicial scrutiny

SC said there have been not just precedents but also the provision to address exceptional circumstances where judicial scrutiny is allowed.

Congress leaders Prithviraj Chavan, K C Venugopal and A M Singhvi, Shiv Sena MP Gajanan Kirtikar and others display victory sign outside the Supreme Court on Tuesday | ARUN KUMAR

Immediate floor test most effective tool to prevent horse-trading: Apex court

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AN immediate floor test is the most effective tool to ward off horse-trading, the Supreme Court said on Tuesday as it dealt with the Maharashtra political situation and ordered that the test be through open voting and be shown live.

The verdict was followed by a rush of events, with the four-day BJP government exiting, realising that it did not have

the number to pass the floor test. However, complying with the SC order, a pro-tem Speaker was elected and the schedule for holding a special session for MLAs' oath-taking declared.

"In a situation wherein, if the floor-test is delayed, there is a possibility of horse trading, it becomes incumbent upon the court to act to protect democratic values. An immediate floor-test, in such a case, might be the most effective mecha-

nism to do so," observed the bench.

"...In the present case, oath has not been administered to the elected members even though a month has elapsed since the declaration of election results. In such emergent facts and circumstances, to curtail unlawful practices such as horse-trading..we are of the considered opinion that it is necessary to pass certain interim directions," said the court.