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Pooja Chavan
case: Maha
forest minister
resigns

MUMBAI, DHNS: Maharashtra Forest Minister Sanjay Rathod on Sunday tendered his resignation after his name came up in connection with the death of social media star Pooja Chavan.

Rathod (49), accompanied by his wife Shital, called on Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray at the latter's official residence and put in his papers.

"I have resigned... let there be a thorough probe, the allegations against me are politically motivated," Rathod said.

Asked whether the resignation had been accepted, Thackeray said: "You tell me what needs to be done... do we frame and keep the resignation letter?"

"Sanjay Rathod resigned... but that does not mean that he is innocent," said BJP leader Pravin Darekar.
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Sanjay Rathod

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

After Shiv Sena's Sanjay Rathod quit the Maharashtra Cabinet, the BJP is set to demand the resignation of social justice and special assistance minister Dhananjay Munde of the NCP.

"Today Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray showed the courage to dismiss Sanjay Rathod. He hope NCP President Sharad Pawar would also take a similar decision in the matter of another minister Dhananjay Munde," Maharashtra BJP president Chandrakant Patil said on Sunday.

Another saffron party legislator, Arul Bhatkalkar, also said that the BJP will seek Munde's resignation.

Munde (45), a prominent Banjara leader, is an MLA from Beed in the Marathwada region, and is seen close to Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.

Munde, the nephew of late BJP leader Gopinath Munde, was accused of rape by a Mumbai-based singer, with whose sister he had a long relationship and sired two children.

The singer, however, withdrew the complaint.

Following the allegations of rape by the singer, the Maha Vikas Aghadi leadership was of the opinion that Munde should face a probe without expulsion from the ministry - after then Mumbai city BJP vice president and now Shiv Sena leader Krishna Hegde and MNS leader Manish Dhuri accused the woman of attempting to honey-trap them.

NCP supremo Sharad Pawar had described the charges as "serious" but went by the collective decision of the party and the alliance.