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**Shift offices  
to Belagavi:  
CM to depts**

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**Belagavi:** Chief minister BS Yediyurappa on Wednesday directed officials to identify and shift some government offices from Bengaluru to Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi within a month.

He said that the work should be completed before the next meeting. The directives were issued at a review meeting of the public works department.

Except for the 10 days of the legislature session held every year, Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi remains shut. The government has been trying to find ways to use the space after criticism that the complex was a wasteful expenditure.

People from North Karnataka have been demanding relocation of some government offices, so that they don't have to travel to Bengaluru for every small work.

In 2018, the then coalition government of Congress and JD(S) issued orders that some departments, boards, corporations and commissions should be shifted to Suvarna Soudha. The orders, however, remained on paper.

Government officials are reportedly against the idea of moving offices, citing additional burden on the state exchequer and administrative inconvenience.