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MLAs should know whom to submit resignations to: Speaker

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Legislative Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar, apparently upset with the manner in which Congress MLA B.S. Anand Singh rushed to the Raj Bhavan to submit his resignation to the Governor, on Wednesday said: "An MLA should have minimum knowledge of whom to submit his resignation to."

"Let him (Mr. Singh) submit his resignation to the President of India. I have no objections," the Speaker said angrily.

On Tuesday, the Speaker was upset with Ramesh Jarkiholi, MLA, for faxing his resignation and said that he

was "not a postman" and there was a procedure to be followed in such matters. "The MLAs should know the rules of the House and whom to submit resignations to quit membership to the Legislative Assembly," Mr. Kumar said.

On Monday, Mr. Singh called on the Governor and publicly announced that he had tendered his resignation from the membership to the Assembly. Noting that he was not aware of the reasons cited by Mr. Singh, the Speaker said MLAs have to follow the House proceedings while resigning from the Assembly. He said he had no authority to investigate the reasons for

Mr. Singh's resignation, but would take the next step after examining his letter.

'Pressure from relatives'
Meanwhile, Forest Minister Satish Jarkiholi said his brother has tendered resignation under pressure from relatives from his wife's side. However, he has not yet submitted his resignation to the Speaker. Another Jarkiholi brother, Lakhon Jarkiholi, on Tuesday said he would lead the party in Gokak constituency in Belagavi district in the absence of his brother. He also took a swipe at Mr. Ramesh Jarkiholi's brothers-in-law, accusing them of "leading him down the wrong path."