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## Minister Ravi quits, BSY gets more room to expand cabinet

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**Bengaluru:** Karnataka tourism minister CT Ravi has tendered his resignation to chief minister BS Yediyurappa to take up his new role as BJP's national general secretary, and he may continue to remain a minister until early November to handle the twin jobs of Dasara and Kannada Rajyotsava.

With the new vacancy, the CM gets more room to induct one more disgruntled legislator from the party, but the cabinet-expansion exercise will be on the backburner till Bihar assembly election results are announced. Ravi, who handed in his resignation to the CM on Saturday morning, told TOI: "I quit after I was informed by the central leadership to concentrate on strengthening the party organisation. I have done my duty."



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## 'BSY may get appointment after Bihar, K'taka polls'

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Sources said Yediyurappa's decision to cancel his proposed Delhi tour to push for cabinet expansion comes in the wake of the central leadership concentrating on the Bihar elections. "Hence, the CM did not have a confirmed appointment and had to postpone his Delhi visit," a CMO official said.

Sources said Yediyurappa may get an appointment after Bihar elections and Karnataka bypolls are completed.

The delay in expansion would mean that Ravi may continue in his post till November, with Dasara celebrations and Kannada Rajyotsava coming up. If Ravi's resignation is accepted, then the portfolio and responsibility of conducting Dasara and selecting Rajyotsava awardees (Ravi is also Kannada and culture minister) will fall on the CM. Asked when he will be relieved of his post, Ravi said: "It is up to the CM - it may be tomorrow or later this year."