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## K'taka govt unearths ₹400cr BDA scam, suspends 22 officers

Properties Worth  
₹3.5k-Cr Recovered,  
BSY Tells Assembly

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**Bengaluru:** Karnataka CM BS Yediyurappa on Friday said the government has unearthed a Rs 400-crore scam at the Bangalore Development Authority over the past two months.

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Replying to a debate on the motion of thanks to the governor's address, Yediyurappa said the government has taken serious note of the scam in which 53 officials are allegedly involved in 'hiding' vacant sites and properties from the government purview.

### LAND LOSS

► CM BS Yediyurappa says 53 officials involved in ₹400-cr BDA scam over the past two months  
► Suspends 22, orders probe against 12 and issues notices to 19 for 'hiding' vacant sites & properties from govt purview  
► Says the state is amending the BDA Act, 1976, to enable transfer of officers employed by the authority for decades

The CM said the government has suspended 22 BDA officials, initiated probe against 12 and issued notices to 19 others. "I have asked senior bureaucrats to initiate criminal action against whom evidence has been collected," he said, adding the government has recovered properties worth Rs 3,500 crore.

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## Govt will tweak policy to prevent long BDA stints

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Yediyurappa said the state is amending the BDA Act, 1976, to enable transfer of officers employed by the authority for decades. "As per the existing laws, no BDA official can be transferred out of the institution. This has led to many of them entrenching themselves in their posting and indulging in scams. We will soon replicate the transfer policy in other city development authorities across the state," he said.

The CM said 1,572 BDA corner sites have been sold, earning Rs 1,422 crore in revenue in the past few months. Last year, the government decided to auction the sites to tide over the financial crisis wrought by Covid-19 lockdown. "The legislature will be happy to note that some corner sites have been auctioned at over three times the base price," he added.

On scaling up infrastructure in Bengaluru, the chief minister said 32 roads have been taken up for development under Smart City project and set May as the deadline for completing the works.