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HDK in a fix as Cong opposes move to induct 28 KAS officials

MLAs, Speaker Say Lateral Entry Will Affect Incumbent Officers

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Bengaluru: Chief minister HD Kumaraswamy has found himself in a spot with several Congress legislators questioning the rationale behind the recent cabinet decision to provide jobs to 28 candidates who were denied the opportunity 21 years ago because of alleged irregularities in the Karnataka State Public Service Commission (KPS) exam.

1998 BATCH

"The legislators are upset over the unilateral decision taken in the case of KAS officials (1998 batch). The matter should be brought back to the cabinet after consulting legislators," said SN Subba Reddy, Congress MLA from Bagepalli, who shot off a missive to the chief minister.

Assembly speaker KR Ramesh Kumar also urged

MANY OFFICERS MAY LOSE SENIORITY

The cabinet on May 27 decided to promulgate an ordinance for providing employment to these candidates who were deprived of the opportunity to join gazetted probationers Group A and B due to alleged irregularities in the recruitment process.

While the government took this step as per the HC directive, the move has only intensified bickering within the JD(S)-Congress alliance. Kumaraswamy is also facing the wrath of bureaucrats with whom the Deve Gowda clan generally has a good rapport. As the entire bureaucratic structure is getting disturbed due to the lateral induction of 28 candidates into the



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service, many officials may lose seniority. Seven officers are poised to lose IAS rank, while the ranks of 700 KAS officials will automatically be downgraded. As a possible solution, the government is planning to reshuffle the officers among various departments. If they want to continue in the present department, then they have to face downgrading.

Officials who are in service are going to be punished for no fault of their own. The government cannot shirk the responsibility to protect the interest of its officers, by merely citing the court's order

—KAS officer

the chief minister to ensure justice to officials in service whose ranks will be downgraded because of lateral in-

duction of these candidates.

"I have a limited role to play in this issue. However, I've requested the CM to en-

CM MEETS SPEAKER

After receiving complaints from several officials, the speaker on Monday wrote to the chief minister. Kumaraswamy met the speaker on Tuesday and promised to resolve the issue amicably. Officials from the department of personnel administrative reforms (DPAR), however, said the government has no other option but to follow the high court order. "A contempt petition, which is pending against the government in the high court, will be heard on June 10. The government cannot dodge the court," said a DPAR official.

sure justice to officials in service. This issue calls for the CM's special attention," Ramesh Kumar told TOI.