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Bommai says it's conspiracy to create political instability

More Ministers, MLAs Likely To Seek Injunctions

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Bengaluru/Haveri: On the day six ministers in the BS Yediyurappa cabinet secured a court injunction restraining media from airing or publishing anything defamatory about them, the state's home minister Basavaraj Bommai talked of attempts to destabilise the state, politically.

He said the police suspect some forces of trying to blackmail elected representatives after honey-trapping them with the aim to create political instability in the state.

Bommai told reporters their suspicion stems from the fact that even after five days of the Ramesh Jarkiholi CD case becoming public, neither the woman has come forward nor the complainant has disclosed anything.

"Such long delays either by the woman or complainant can only mean one thing: A bigger political conspiracy could be at play to create political instability in the state," he said.

Meanwhile, political circles are agog with speculation that some more ministers and MLAs, might be moving court on Monday to

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Six ministers, who were among the 17 rebels MLAs to resign in July 2019, move court seeking restraint orders against media

Court restrains 37 media organisations from airing or publishing any defamatory content about the ministers

Clarifies media houses can publish authenticated news without making defamatory remarks about the ministers

Given the advances in technology, anybody can create anything to tarnish the image of individuals... We want to safeguard ourselves from such an attack

K Sudhakar HEALTH MINISTER

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Sanket Enagi CONG STORESPERSON

gain similar restraint orders against the media.

Six ministers — B Basavaraj, K Sudhakar, BC Padil, Shivaram Hebbat, ST Somashankar and KC Narayana Gowda — had moved the court on Friday after water resources minister Ramesh Jarkiholi resigned after a CD was leaked to the media.

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for heading discipline, the court restrained 67 media organisations from airing or publishing any defamatory content about the six ministers. However, the ex-parte order passed by Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge Mayo Halli, clarified that media houses can publish authenticated and true news after verification without making any defamatory remarks about the six ministers.

These six ministers were part of 11 rebel MLAs who tendered their resignation from the House in July 2018 and headed to Mumbai. This eventually led to the fall of the Congress-JD(S) coalition government and paved the way for Yeddyurappi-led BJP to come to power. These ministers sought injunctive order following activist Dinesh Kallihalli claiming he was in possession of more CDs about a minister and two important personalities.

"We have definite information through our leaders that a

conspiracy has been hatched to run a smear campaign during the ongoing budget session and make us resign." Somashekhar said defending their decision.

Union minister DV Sathanand Gowda, however, said it would embarrass the party. Sathkhar countered that they discussed the decision with the party high command and state BJP chief.

Reacting to HD Kumaraswamy's charges that a Rs 5-crore deal had been struck in the Jakkihalli CD case, Bommai said he is taking note of all statements made by senior politicians. "Kumaraswamy has spoken about a Rs 5-crore deal and some others that say CDs of 19 MLAs will be released. We have directed police to probe these angles," he added.

The Congress demanded resignation of the ministers besides seeking a judicial probe into the apprehensions which led them to move court. "Now, it is the moral responsibility of the CM to drop them from the cabinet," said state Congress spokesperson Sanket Enagi.