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SC to decide fate of 17 rebel MLAs

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The Supreme Court is likely to decide on Wednesday fate of 17 rebel MLAs of Congress and JDS whose move has caused fall of the coalition government led by H D Kumaraswamy in July and helming of BJP leader B S Yediyurappa as Chief Minister of Karnataka.

A bench of Justices N V Ramana, Sanjiv Khanna and Krishna Murari would deliver its judgment on as many as nine separate petitions by the disqualified legislators.

Among 17 ex-legislators, one Congress MLA Shirmanth B Patil, who was admitted to a Mumbai hospital and did not participate

in trust vote, was also disqualified by then Speaker K Ramesh Kumar.

Other rebel MLAs - 13 from Congress and three from JDS - claimed they were disqualified by the Speaker under the provisions of the Tenth Schedule (anti-defection) law, though they had resigned from membership of the House due to various reasons.

Some even contended they did not leave the party. Some said they were not given mandatory seven days time to respond to disqualification notice by the Speaker. R Shankar, who won as Independent and joined the government, claimed the Speaker could not have treated him as a Congress MLA.