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## BJP battles anger within over choice of bypoll candidates

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A day after the BJP announced that 13 of the disqualified Congress-JDS legislators will contest the December 5 bypolls as its candidates, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and other senior leaders got busy on Friday trying to calm frayed nerves. Many leaders have openly expressed their displeasure after they were denied the party tickets.

Angry over being denied a ticket, supporters of former Ranebennur MLA R Shankar staged a protest in front of the CM's residence in Bengaluru on Friday. Shankar also met Yediyurappa who promised him that that he will be made an MLC and given a ministry. Shankar agreed to this and is said to have assured the CM and the other party leaders that he will campaign for BJP candidate

Arun Kumar Guththur aka Arun Kumar Pujar in Ranebennur.

Deputy CM Laxman Savadi too was upset over being denied an opportunity to contest from Athani. The BJP has accommodated disqualified legislator Mahesh Kumtahalli there and he will be seeking reelection. Sources said Savadi had expressed his displeasure before senior party leaders and even wanted to resign.

The CM held a meeting with Savadi at his residence on Friday and assured the latter of making him an MLC so that he can continue as Deputy CM.

Industries Minister Jagdish Shettar, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai and senior BJP leader C M Udasi too held meetings with Savadi and convinced him to campaign for the party candidate. Savadi had lost to Kumtahalli in the 2018 Assembly polls. P5

### Richest candidate Nagaraj is richer

BJP Hosakote candidate MTB Nagaraj, who was the richest candidate in the country with assets worth over ₹1,000cr as per 2018 poll affidavit, has seen his income rise by about ₹90lakh every month as per the latest affidavit filed on Thursday. Together with his wife, their assets are worth ₹11,958,124,619