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The 'experiment' continues

In a move that has been termed as an attempt to clamp down on the media, State Legislative Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde



Kageri (in picture), who is six-time BJP MLA for Sirsi in Uttara Kannada, has continued the ban on private cameras inside the Assembly.

A few months ago, a decision was taken to ban cameras on an experimental basis. Mr. Kageri, who refused to talk about the impact of the ban which started on an "experimental mode", only said: "I have 100% confidence in the media." Despite this so-called confidence, he declined to hear the demand seeking entry of camera persons inside the House to cover the proceedings. When mediapersons persisted with the demand during a press conference, Mr. Kageri turned his talk on coverage of proceedings in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha and defended his decision.

Thus, starting from Monday, the output for the Assembly proceedings will be shots transmitted via satellite link by Doordarshan. The photographs of the same will be provided by the Information Department. Journalists will be allowed to report

from the press gallery, but carrying mobile phones is prohibited. In the past, television cameras have brought much embarrassment to politicians. They have shown leaders dozing off when important discussions are on. The most unforgettable of them all was the 2012 incident when two BJP Ministers allegedly viewed a pornographic video on a mobile device while the legislature was in session. Laxman Savadi and C.C. Patil, who quit following the scandal back then, are now in the Cabinet.