

ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಿಂದ
PAPER CLIPPINGS

ವಿಷಯ / ವಿಷಯ : DEPARTMENT / SUBJECT: Other State matter

ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯ ಹೆಸರು : NAME OF THE NEWS PAPER: The Hindu

ಆವೃತ್ತಿ : DATE: 19/3/2010

Duty of an
MLA is to the
people: Cong.

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court, which heard the arguments of the BJP and the Congress in the Madhya Pradesh floor test case on Wednesday, said it was anxious to avoid horse-trading.

Senior advocate Dushyant Dave, for the Congress, informed the court that senior party leader Digvijaya Singh was detained by the Karnataka police when he tried to meet the legislators.

"The duty of an MLA, as per his own oath, is not to run away when somebody promises him a chartered flight and a beautiful hotel stay. His duty is to the people," Mr. Dave submitted. He said stable governance should become a part of the Basic Structure of the Constitution.

Chief Minister Kamal Nath, represented by senior advocate Kapil Sibal, insisted on the court allowing him to meet the MLAs. "I am a member of the Congress party. I am the Chief Minister. I want to meet them." But Justice Chandrachud responded that "there is a problem with your plea for access, this is not like the custody of a child." The BJP, represented by senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, said "the MLAs have already made it amply clear to the Congress that 'we do not want to go with you to Bhopal or even look at you.'" It said a floor test should be held immediately.

on March 19.