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Jindal row: PAC seeks information on land grant

BANGALORE: The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has sought information on the extent of land granted for industrial purposes, including the contentious JSW Steel facility in Ballari, and how many Kannadigas were employed by all establishments.

The government has been given 15 days to give details.

The PAC, headed by BJP legislator R Ashoka, is a legislative panel that looks into government's finances and fiscal discipline, besides reviewing Comptroller and Auditor-General's reports.

PAC members, who met on Tuesday, wanted to discuss the controversial lease-cum-sale deed of the 3,667 acres land to JSW Steel in Ballari. The government has decided to convert the land from "leasehold" to "free-hold". In the face of the controversy, the Cabinet has now referred the matter to a sub-committee for review.

The PAC, however, is likely to go into the details in its next meeting after two weeks.

Even Kannada Development Authority chairperson S G Siddaramaiah has sought information from the government on employment at the

Jindal facility in Ballari.

He had received complaints that workers in the JSW plant were mostly from other states falsely shown as locals.

The PAC also asked the government to explain a CAG finding that royalties worth Rs 500 crore were due from stone crushers over the past three years. "In what looks like an ominous move, the government gave the stone crushers three months' time to pay up and no follow-up was done. Also, a drone survey ordered to assess the areas where the crushers worked wasn't taken up," said a PAC member.