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Cong suspends Roshan Baig

BENGALURU The Congress on Tuesday suspended seven-time legislator R Roshan Baig with "immediate effect" for anti-party activities.

"The All India Congress Committee (AICC) has approved the proposal sent by the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) to take action against R Roshan Baig on account of his anti-party activities. He has been suspended from the party with



immediate effect, on the basis of the enquiry conducted on this matter," KPCC general secretary V Y Ghorpade said in a release on Tuesday.

Baig had earned the wrath of the Congress leadership when he went public with his disgruntlement soon after the Lok Sabha election results.

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While urging Muslims to join hands with the BJP, Baig had called Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah arrogant, AICC general secretary K C Venugopal a buffoon and KPCC president Dinesh Gundu Rao a flop-show.

Baig had been linked to the multi-crore IMA scam and his acquaintance with fugitive Mansoor Khan was acknowledged by Revenue Minister RV Deshpande. Earlier in the

day, about a dozen KPCC office-bearers petitioned Rao to act against Baig in the light of his alleged involvement in the IMA scam.

A former minister, Baig represents the Shivajinagar constituency in Bengaluru. It is known that Baig was sulking ever since the Congress-DMK coalition government was formed. He was a ministerial aspirant. During Lok Sabha elections, he is understood to have aspired for a ticket to contest from Bangalore Central constituency.