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ABOLISHING THE COUNCIL

Power to create or abolish the Council rests with Parliament

Maximum time Council can block normal bills

Majority required in Assembly for a resolution recommending abolishment/creation of the Council

Parliament will then have to pass a Bill abolishing the Council



We are ready for a discussion for any length of time under Rule 71. We won't be afraid if the government says it will abolish the House. No TDP member is worried

Nara Lokesh, TDP general secy

Jagan govt mulls abolition of Legislative Council

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THE Jagan government might abolish the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council if the opposition Telugu Desam Party (TDP), which has an absolute majority in the Upper House, continues to block the AP Decentralisation of Governance and Inclusive Development of All Regions Bill-2020 that facilitates the creation of three capitals for the state. The crucial bill, which provides for a Legislative Capital in Amaravati, Executive Capital in Visakhapatnam and Judicial Capital in Kurnool, was passed in the Assembly on Monday night and the same was sought to be introduced in the Upper House on Tuesday morning by finance minister Buggana Rajendranath Reddy.

However, as the House assembled, Chairman Md Shariff



Bapatla MP Nandigam Suresh takes out a rally in support of the three-capital proposal in Amaravathi on Tuesday | PRASANT MADUGULA

allowed a notice served by the TDP under Rule 71 to move a motion disapproving the government policy of having three capitals. Under Rule 71, the Opposition has the right to insist on a debate on a bill or a specific topic. With numbers on its side, the TDP served the notice

to prevent the government from introducing the bill. Leader of Opposition in the council and senior TDP leader Yanamala Ramakrishmudu sought permission for discussion on the motion moved which was strongly objected to by Buggana.

The finance minister, citing rules, pointed out that official business - introduction of bills already passed by the Assembly and sent to the Council - must be taken up first. With Yanamala adamant on a debate on the TDP's motion, the Chairman adjourned the House for 10 minutes. When the House re-assembled, the Chairman, using his discretionary powers, allowed discussion on the TDP motion despite Buggana's pleas to take up the bills first.

Municipal Administration Minister Botcha Satyanarayana advised the Chair not to use his powers to serve political interests prompting the latter to warn him not to impute motives.

The strategy of the TDP is to clearly block the Decentralisation Bill and the repeal of the CRDA Bill. The Council can keep the bills pending for three months.