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Joint house committee to probe nursing college scam

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Bengaluru: Chief minister BS Yediyurappa on Monday announced in the legislative council that a joint house committee, comprising legislators from the assembly and council, will probe alleged irregularities in 650 nursing and allied health sciences colleges in Karnataka.

While Janata Dal (S) MLCs, who stormed into the well of the house, demanded a probe by the house committee comprising members of the council, the ruling BJP earlier wanted to constitute a three-member expert committee to investigate the case.

JD(S) members wanted to scrutinise the approval and running of 45 nursing colleges and 47 allied health colleges in 2020-21, but health and medical education minister K Sudhakar insisted on probing all 650 colleges approved since 2002.

Yediyurappa attended the council to resolve the crisis and said his government was willing to hand over the case for a judicial probe and a three-member committee will be headed by a retired judge.

But JD(S) members continued to protest in the well of the house. Chairman Basavaraj Horatti was forced to adjourn the house to hold a meeting with representatives of both treasury and opposition benches.

Finally, the logjam ended with the CM relenting to the demand for a house committee but decided on joint house committee.

"We urged that the committee be headed by an MLC since the issue was raised in the council," said JD(S) member Marithibbe Gowda.

Bill for better prison management

The government on Monday approved a bill for better prison management and to keep records of prisoners by storing their blood samples and iris biometrics.

Currently, prison authorities keep only physical measurements of prisoners. The additional database will help the government keep better track of prison inmates and habitual offenders even after their release in violent cases.

The government has also decided to bring a law to produce experts and witnesses through video conferences at sessions courts.