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BENGALURU, DHNS: Condemning Wednesday evening's blast that left him and his supporters injured, Shanthinagar MLANA Haris on Thursday said it cannot be brushed aside as a cracker blast and appealed to the state government to inquire into the incident.

Haris, who is recovering from injuries on his leg, was discharged from St Philomena's Hospital on Thursday afternoon. Interacting with reporters outside his house in Shanthinagar, Haris said, "It was not a cracker but a ball-like object that was hurled at me. I have been seeing crackers since my childhood, and the object that was thrown at me was certainly not a cracker. It had splinters and hard objects."

Expressing shock over the incident, he said, "I have been representing the constituency for over 12 years and have no rivals."

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"Barring the political ideology during elections, all leaders in our constituency have been on good terms. Yet, we do not know what the motive was or who was behind the incident," he added.

Haris said Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai had called him to enquire about his condition at the hospital and added, "I have also briefed the home minister and explained to him what exactly happened. I have full faith in the police and will cooperate in the investigation."

Haris said doctors have advised him three to four days' rest.

Meanwhile, the police have

more or less come to a conclusion that it was a firecracker accident and not any other explosive. However, investigating officers are awaiting the report by the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL). The police have also sought a wound injury report from the hospital.

"Our team of officers are even probing whether somebody deliberately hurled crackers at him. But so far, nothing major has come to light during the course of the investigation. We are also analysing CCTV footage from the surrounding buildings. A case has been taken up by the Viveknagar police," a senior police officer told DH.

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**MLA HARIS DEMANDS PROBE,  
DISMISSES CRACKER THEORY**

Bengaluru: While the Bengaluru city police have concluded that the 'mysterious' blast that injured Shantinagar Congress MLA NA Haris and four others is a firecracker, the MLA has demanded that a thorough probe into the matter be conducted. He said that the object that hit him did not look like a firecracker. Speaking to reporters after he was discharged from hospital, Haris clarified that he had no political or personal opponents. "There could be people who are jealous of my success. Thus, it's better to probe the matter. Even the Home Minister had called me and assured an impartial probe into this," he said. Police have registered an FIR and are investigating the case. *ENS*