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3 TDP MLAs barred from AP session

Former chief minister of Andhra Pradesh and TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday said that the Jaganmohan Reddy government is becoming impatient each day when asked about the many promises made during Reddy's padayatra.

"They (YSRCP) suspended a backward caste leader and introduced a BC Commission Bill in the house," Naidu commented outside the Assembly after the party members staged a walkout protesting the manner in which three of its deputy leaders were suspended for the rest of the budget session on Tuesday.

K Atchan Naidu, G Butchaiah Chowdary and N Rama Naidu were the three members suspended after Finance and legislative affairs Minister B Rajendranath Reddy proposed and Deputy Speaker Kona Raghupathi announced their suspension for disrupting the business of the House.

"The Opposition leader is trying to divert the attention of the people from a wonderful piece of legislation by creating ruckus in the house," Chief Minister Y S Jaganmohan Reddy alleged after the suspension.

The TDP MLAs were demanding that the CM keep his 2017 promise of reducing the minimum age for old age pensions from 60 to 45 years.

They said Jagan had made the promise in 2017, during his marathon padayatra. While the Chief Minister played the video in which he purportedly made the final announcement in 2018, the TDP members also sought permission to play videos that they brought to the house in a pen drive. After the deputy refused to grant them permission, the suspended trio tried to reach out to the speaker to press their demand, prompting action.