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Budget session curtailed after Cong threatens overnight stir

Oppn Steps Up Pressure Over Sex CD Case

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Bengaluru: The budget session of the legislature was cut short by a week and both houses were adjourned sine die on Wednesday after Congress members threatened to stage an overnight dharna to escalate two sets of demands. They have sought a high court-monitored inquiry into the sex-for-job

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complaint against BJP's Ramesh Jarkiholi and resignation of six ministers who obtained an injunction to stop publication or broadcast of defamatory material against them.

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ON THE ATTACK: Congress members protest inside the assembly, demanding a high court-monitored inquiry into the sex CD case

day because of the opposition's protests, and the BS Yediyurappa government got the 2021-22 state budget hurriedly passed in the assembly before the adjournment.

Amid sloganeering by Congress members, Yedi-

yurappa read out his reply to the budget discussion and defended huge borrowings in the current fiscal. "The government has taken loans to meet unexpected expenses arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic, and not to splurge on unnecessary

things as alleged by the opposition," he said.

He assured the house that the government would try to implement all programmes announced in the budget for the next fiscal despite the stress on the state's finances.

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At one point, he became angry over Congress members' agitation, saying people were watching the developments and would teach them a lesson.

After the reply, the budget was passed through a voice vote as Congress members refused to participate in the process. The house also passed the fiscal responsibility bill, which will allow the state govern-

ment to maintain a fiscal deficit of up to 4 per cent of the state GDP from the current 3 per cent. Basically, the government will have leeway to borrow more.

Earlier on Wednesday, Congress members resumed their protest by gathering in the well of the house and refused to join the proceedings until their demand for the inquiry was met.

Home minister Basavaraj Bommai rejected the demand, saying the government had already made its stand on the issue clear, and requested the speaker to proceed with the day's business.

Both the speaker and chief minister requested opposition members to return to their seats, but to little avail. The speaker took up the finance bills and adjourned the house till 3pm. The Congress demonstrations continued when it reassembled. Finally, the session was adjourned sine die.