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**Disqualified MLAs
not barred from
filing papers: CEO**

BENGALURU, DHNS: The disqualified legislators can file nominations for the October 21 bypolls, but whether or not they will be accepted is a question that has no answer for now, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sanjeev Kumar said on Tuesday.

"No one can stop one from filing nominations," Kumar told reporters. The officer declined to comment on the EC's submission before the SC that the Speaker's order disqualifying the MLAs should not deprive them of their right to contest the bypolls.

Kumar announced that the enrolment of new voters for Karnataka West Graduates', South-East Graduates', North-East Teachers' and Bangalore Teachers' constituencies will start on October 1. The tenure of the legislators representing these constituencies will end in June 2020.