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## Mask was on, forced to pay fine: MLA

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MUDIGERE MLA M P Kumaraswamy has written to Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, alleging that the police forced him to pay a fine, though he was wearing a mask.

In a letter to the minister, Kumaraswamy said that around 12.30 pm on Thursday, he was on his way to the Legislators' Home in a rented car and was stuck in traffic in front of Sesadripuram Police Station, a policeman came near the car, and forced the driver to roll

down the tinted window and asked him to pay the fine of Rs 250 even though he was wearing a face mask.

Kumaraswamy, who is a BJP MLA, told *TNIE*, "I always use a mask since I suffered from Covid-19. But the police started arguing that we were not wearing the masks properly. I was really frustrated with the behaviour of the police who were misusing

their power. Since I am a responsible person, I did not argue with them and paid the fine. I wanted to bring the incident to the notice of home minister."

A police officer from the Sesadripuram police station said he learned of the incident, but a senior officer has to look into the matter to take action against the personnel who fined the legislator.



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