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Speaker remark: BSY threatens privilege motion against Siddaramaiah

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'Oppn leader doesn't know grammar'

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Saturday threatened to move a privilege motion against the Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah if the latter failed to apologise for addressing the Speaker in the singular.

Speaking to reporters at Hubballi airport, Yediyurappa said, "It is not right on part of Siddaramaiah to talk lightly of Speaker. It doesn't suit a leader of the stature of Siddaramaiah. He should mend his ways. Otherwise, people will teach him a fitting lesson."

Siddaramaiah hit back at Yediyurappa saying, "I need not have to learn from Yediyurappa, and there is no question of apologising as I have not committed any mistake. Let them move a privilege motion in the House. I will face it."

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar ridiculed Leader of Opposition in Assembly Siddaramaiah saying that he had learnt only singular term. Reacting to a query on Siddar-

amaiah addressing the Speaker in the singular, the minister said, "Siddaramaiah claims to have mastered grammar. He takes grammar classes in the House. But he doesn't know how to talk."

The former chief minister said that he's in politics for the last 40 years and that he knew how to respect the Speaker.

The chief minister and the Leader of Opposition in Assembly, who travelled to Hubballi in the same flight, locked horns over flood relief issue.

Replying to a query, Siddaramaiah said the people would teach the BJP a lesson in bypolls as the Yediyurap-

pa-led government had failed to tackle the flood situation effectively.

On talks about the change of guard in PCC, Siddaramaiah said, "As far as I know, there is no plan to change the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president. Congress high command will take a decision on giving a party post to former minister Shivakumar."