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# BJP MLA files 'bribe' complaint against Lalu

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Patna: Bihar BJP MLA Lallan Paswan on Thursday lodged a complaint against jailed RJD chief Lalu Prasad at Patna's Vigilance police station, accusing him of offering a ministerial berth to abstain from voting in the Speaker's election on Wednesday.

Former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi and minister Mukesh Sahani, too, claimed to have received feelers from Lalu — just as former deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi alleged that the RJD chief tried to induce him to join the opposition alliance.

"It is wrong to lure an MLA, a public servant, into doing anything. Such actions come under the Prevention of Corruption Act. I have taken the required legal action by lodging a police complaint against Lalu," Paswan, elected from Pirpainti seat, said.

Ex-CM Manjhi said he received multiple calls until midnight on Tuesday from an aide of Lalu, whose use of

## Lalu moved from bungalow to hospital

Jailed RJD president Lalu Prasad was on Thursday shifted back to his hospital room from the British-era bungalow within Ranchi's



Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) that allegedly provided him the scope to be an active player in Bihar politics before and after the elections, reports Gaurav Pandey. Lalu's return to room number 11 of the hospital's paying ward coincided with allegations that he tried to offer inducements to at least two other senior BJP functionaries over phone, besides former deputy CM Sushil Modi.

The ailing RJD president and former Bihar chief minister had been moved to Kelly's Bungalow — a single-floor bungalow with four bedrooms, two dining spaces, a study, two large verandahs and a kitchen — on August 5 after the ward he was in became part of a Covid-19 treatment centre.

Police sources said Lalu was shifted back to the hospital ward after Ranchi DC Chhavi Ranjan asked Birsa Munda jail superintendent Hamid Akhtar if and why the RJD chief was allowed to use a phone during his stay in the bungalow, which is supposed to be the official residence of the RIMS director. "I have asked the jail authorities to submit a clarification at the earliest," Ranjan said. Akhtar said Lalu had been shifted back to the ward on the recommendation of the team of doctors treating him. TNN

a phone while in jail custody at Ranchi's Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences has left the Jharkhand administration squirming.

"I was told that Lallan wanted to talk to me. However, I did not speak to him. If Lallan Paswan and Sushil Modiji are

making such allegations, it is 200% true. Lalu was repeatedly trying to talk to me and other members of my party during and after the polls," Manjhi said. Sahani claimed Lalu got "a befitting reply" from him when he allegedly called to make some offer.