

CD scandal: Jarkiholi supporters hurl slippers at DKS convoy in Belagavi

DCP Denies Incident | Cong Plans Protest

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Belagavi/Bengaluru: The sex CD scandal took a dramatic turn on Sunday when a crowd of 500 people gathered in front of Belagavi airport to gherao KPCC president DK Shivakumar. Despite tight security arrangements, a few of them managed to hurl stones and slippers at the convoy.

Police resorted to mild caning to disperse the protesters who demanded Shivakumar's resignation for allegedly hatching a political conspiracy to defame their leader Ramesh Jarkiholi using a woman. Shivakumar had come to the city ahead of party candidate for Belagavi Lok Sabha elections — Satish Jarkiholi — filing his nomination papers.

However, DCP (L&O) Vikram Amte denied the incident, saying none hurled slippers and pelted stones at vehicles during the commotion.

Inside the airport, Shivakumar deflected the protests against his arrival and claimed the supporters of

Jarkiholi are "envious of his good work". He said the Congress had chosen a more "well-behaved" Satish — brother of Ramesh Jarkiholi — to contest and that the state unit will strive tirelessly for his victory.

'Govt protecting Jarkiholi'

Meanwhile, a day after Shivakumar was hinted as the 'mahanayaka' behind the release of the controversial CD, the Congress came out in the open to defend him. Party functionaries demanded that Jarkiholi be arrested under rape charges and accused the government of protecting him.

"We've been demanding that the case be handed over to the chief justice-monitored special investigation team, but the government is not responding. An SIT inquiry cannot ensure justice," said KPCC working president Saleem Ahmed.

Opposition leader Siddaramaiah said the case reflects badly on the state police as they could not trace the young woman who was allegedly seen with Jarkiholi in the CD.

"It has been more than 26 days after the first CD surfaced, but till now police could not find where the woman is. As far as her request to provide protection



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Police resort to mild lathicharge to disperse the crowd near Sambra airport on Sunday



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Supporters of former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi stage a protest against the KPCC president

Chappals were not hurled at Shivakumar's car. They must have thrown at the convoy. I've directed the police commissioner there to take appropriate action against those who took law into their hands and ensure such incidents are not repeated
Basavaraj Bommai | HOME MINISTER

Woman's family seeks protection

After submitting their statements before the SIT in Bengaluru, family members of the woman in the alleged sex-for-job scam arrived in Belagavi in the wee hours of Sunday. The SIT handed them over to APMC police. Police have taken a written statement from them that they went home on their own will and not due to any pressure. As requested by the parents, an ASI and three constables have been stationed near their house.

SIT summons Jarkiholi for questioning

SIT sleuths probing the alleged sex-for-job controversy summoned former minister and legislator Ramesh Jarkiholi for questioning on Monday. Jarkiholi will be questioned regarding the allegations made against him by the woman at the Madiwala interrogation centre.

Jagadesh KN, an advocate who filed a rape case against Jarkiholi last week on behalf of the woman, said she is likely to appear before the magistrate on Monday to record her statement.

is concerned, we can help only if she comes out in public and records her statement with the SIT. Appealing from a secret palace will not help," he said.

Home minister Basavaraj Bommai continued to defend police and said the ongoing agitations from both Congress and BJP camps will have no bearing on the

SIT investigation. "The SIT is probing all angles. Notice has been served on the woman five times and still, we are ready to give protection to her," he said.

Meanwhile, Congress workers have decided to launch a state-wide protest on Monday, condemning the alleged attack on Shivakumar's convoy.