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# Ministers, too busy campaigning, have no time for public: Congress

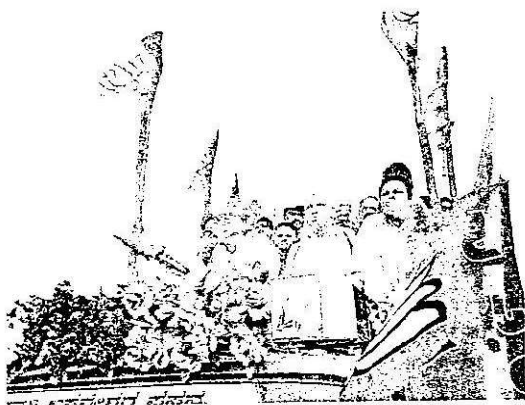
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## Party submits petition to Governor; says govt. has come to a standstill

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After submitting eight complaints against the ruling BJP, for violating the model code of conduct, to the Election Commission of India (ECI), the Opposition Congress on Thursday knocked on the doors of the Raj Bhavan and alleged that the B.S. Yediyurappa government has come to a standstill as the Chief Minister and Ministers are busy campaigning for party candidates in 15 Assembly constituencies.

The Congress alleged that the Chief Minister and all top Ministers in the State Cabinet have been assigned the job of campaigning for BJP candidates, and this has left



Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa during an election campaign in Hirekerur constituency.

no time for them to hear public grievances. In fact, each Minister has been given the task of managing a constituency to ensure victory of the candidate, it said.

In a two-page petition to Governor Vajubhai R.

Vala, Congress MLC Prakash Rathod urged him to direct the Chief Minister and his Ministers to attend office to address public grievances. "The Ministers are neither available at the Vidhana Soudha nor at the official

quarters to the public," it said.

Further, it alleged, "Mr. Yediyurappa is also campaigning in all the 15 constituencies and has no time for public grievances or for implementing administrative decisions".

### 'ECI mute spectator'

The Congress said it had given umpteen complaints to the ECI regarding misuse of official machinery, violation of the model code of conduct, acts of bribery, and inducing and coercing voters by the BJP.

"The ECI has become a mute spectator. Action on violation of the model code of conduct has not been taken," the petition claimed.