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## CD scandal: My daughter under pressure, says woman's father

BELAGAVI, DHNS

**T**he father of the woman allegedly found in the sleaze CD involving MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi has said that his daughter was under pressure and her statement should be recorded only after she becomes normal.

Speaking to reporters here on Monday, the father of the woman, who claimed himself an ex-serviceman, said that his daughter should be allowed to stay with her parents for four-five days and urged that the court should consider any statement recorded by her directly.

"We do not have anyone behind us. There is neither any pressure. The chief minister, Home minister and the court should consider our appeal seriously," he said.

Replying to a question, he claimed they have 11 witnesses and would decide further course of action in consultation with his advocate only after the girl returns. "We have released two audios and still nine are there," he said.

One of her brothers said that his sister had been staying away from her after receiving money from D K Shivakumar and

## 'CD release is part of campaign towards BSY-free BJP'

**KALABURAGI, DHNS:** In a startling revelation, KPCC spokesperson Priyank Kharge on Monday said the release of sleaze CD purportedly featuring BJP MLA and former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi was part of a campaign by a section of saffron party to dethrone Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa.

Speaking to reporters here, he said that a section of BJP leaders was using the CD row to dislodge the Yediyurappa-led government.

The CDs are being released to dethrone Yediyurappa. Why is the BJP-led Union government, which orders CBI and ED probes over 'frivolous' issues, silent over the CD scandal?, the ex-minister sought to know.

"The SIT has been constituted to investigate and prosecute the perpetrators

behind the release of sleaze CD. But the 22-member probe team is toothless. Instead of arresting the accused as mentioned in the complaint lodged by the woman, the probe team is after those who were behind the release of CD. The SIT is safeguarding the government instead of getting justice to the victim," he alleged.

Former minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil demanded the President's rule in the state as law and order has collapsed.

"The people of the state have lost faith in the SIT as the probe team is dancing to the tune of Ramesh and the state government. The government should get the sex scandal case investigated under the supervision of a High Court judge," Sharan Prakash urged.

that she should be freed from captivity first. "I spoke to her on March 2. She told me that

she was conducting herself as directed by D K Shivakumar," he said.