

CONGREN MORE CORRUPT THAN JDS LEADERS, CLAIMS MAHESH

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FORMER minister and JDS leader S R Mahesh on Tuesday alleged that Congress leaders were "more corrupt" than JDS leaders and accused the state government of targeting Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H D Kumaraswamy through politically motivated investigations.



Senior JDS leader and former minister S R Mahesh speaks to the media in Mysuru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Addressing newsmen at a private hotel, Mahesh was responding to allegations made by KPCC spokesperson M Lakshmana against Kumaraswamy. Lakshmana had accused the Union Minister of encroaching government land adjacent to his farmhouse in Kethagahalli village near Bidadi and questioned whether Kumaraswamy had amassed wealth through potato cultivation.

Defending Kumaraswamy, Mahesh said the JDS leader had purchased 50 acres of land four decades ago and had been cultivating potatoes there since then.

"In the history of the state, several politicians have been involved in encroachment of government land. But no government had ordered an SIT probe into such cases. The Congress

government, driven by hatred and an attempt to tarnish the image of H D Deve Gowda and H D Kumaraswamy, has initiated an SIT probe in this case. Let the government order probes into all land encroachments involving politicians," he said.

Mahesh also pointed out that Kumaraswamy had a career as a film distributor and producer before entering politics, while his son, Nikhil Kumaraswamy, is an actor. "Have Congress leaders who built huge bungalows earned their wealth by growing paddy, ragi, or groundnut? Including myself, nobody in politics is completely honest. Even the public knows politicians are

not honest. We all live in glass houses. In today's political system, it is impossible to survive without money. Congress leaders are more corrupt than JDS leaders," he remarked.

The JDS leader further accused the Congress government of corruption in procurement of television sets for BCM hostels. "Each TV set has reportedly been billed at ₹1.5 lakh. There have also been large-scale transfers in MUDA and MCC for money. People will decide in the 2028 Assembly elections whether they want the BJP-JDS alliance or the Congress government in the state," he said.

Minority panel chief flags concern over dropout rate

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KARNATAKA State Minorities Commission chairperson U Nisar Ahmed on Tuesday stressed the need for timely implementation of the Prime Minister's new 15-point programme for minority welfare and directed officials to ensure there was no negligence in executing the schemes.

Chairing a district-level progress review meeting at the DC office, Ahmed said all departments must prioritise the effective implementation of the programme aimed at the overall development of minority communities, including Muslims, Jains, Christians, Sikhs, Parsis and Buddhists. "The Prime Minister's 15-point programme is an im-

portant initiative designed for the comprehensive development of minority communities," he said.

Ahmed expressed concern over the dropout rate among minority children enrolled in Anganwadi centres. While children below six years from minority communities are being admitted, many discontinue after a few months, he noted.

He directed officials from the Women and Child Development Department to regularly visit and inspect Anganwadi centres and conduct door-to-door awareness campaigns in minority-dominated areas to educate parents about the benefits of Anganwadi services.

Mandya district currently has 64 minority Anganwadi centres with 4,326 children en-

rolled. Ahmed instructed officials to identify the reasons behind children discontinuing studies, and take corrective measures.

He also emphasised the importance of vocational training and employment generation for minority youth. Officials, he said, should create awareness about job opportunities and provide skill development training not only for minorities but also for deserving candidates from all communities.

Ahmed further called for extending the PM SVANidhi micro-credit scheme for street vendors belonging to minority communities and urged officials to create awareness among unemployed minority graduates and diploma holders about the Karnataka government's

Youva Nidhi scheme.

Highlighting financial assistance available for minorities, he said the government provides loans and subsidies at low interest rates through banks for self-employment and higher education to Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis.

Lead bank manager Arun Kumar informed the meeting that 477 minority students in Mandya district had received educational loans. Deputy Commissioner Kumar, who also addressed the meeting, said minority welfare schemes and government benefits were being effectively implemented in the district. He directed education department officials to ensure that no child drops out of school or is deprived of education.

Muslim forum says no cattle slaughter during Bakrid



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hassan

LEADERS of the Muslim Forum on Tuesday announced that members of the community had decided not to slaughter cattle during Bakrid celebrations. Addressing newsmen here, forum state convener Anshad E Palya said Muslims had allegedly faced harassment in several instances while purchasing and transporting cattle in different parts of the district.

He urged the state government to withdraw the Anti-cow Slaughter

Law, alleging that it was being misused by certain sections of society and was against constitutional principles.

"Muslims traditionally celebrate Bakrid by distributing meat among friends and relatives. This practice has been followed for centuries and reflects the religious sentiments associated with the festival," he said.

Farmers' protest Cattle Slaughter Law in Hassan

Members of the Karnataka Prantha Raitha Sangha took

out a rally in Hassan on Tuesday demanding the withdrawal of the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act. Led by Navin Kumar, the protesters marched from Hemavathi Statue Circle to the Deputy Commissioner's office, where they submitted a memorandum to the government through district officials.

The organisation also urged the government to safeguard farmers' interests while framing policies related to cattle and agriculture.

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