



राज्यपाल, कर्नाटक
Governor of Karnataka

VIP/49/2019

Date: 18/07/2019

Dear Shri. H D Kumaraswamy,

That you were sworn in as the Chief Minister of State after receiving support from the Indian National Congress. The strength of the House of the Karnataka State Legislative Assembly stands at 224, (plus a nominated member) out of which INC has 79 members, JDS has 37 members, One member from KPJP, One Member from BSP and one independent candidate. And the Bharatiya Janata Party is at 105.

In the last few days, several members of the INC have met me and intimated that they have tendered their resignations as the Members of the Legislative Assembly. I may briefly record the resignation tendered by each of the members as under;

1. Anand Singh from INC has tendered his resignation on 01-07- 2019.
2. Ramesh Jarkiholi from INC has tendered his resignation on 06-07-2019
3. S.T Somashekar from INC has tendered his resignation on 06-07-2019
4. Gopalaiah from JDS has tendered his resignation on 06-07-2019
5. H Vishwanath from JDS has tendered his resignation on 06-07-2019
6. Narayan Gowda from JDS has tendered his resignation on 06-07-2019
7. Byrathi Basavaraj from INC has tendered his resignation on 06-07-2019
8. B C Patil from INC has tendered his resignation on 06-07-2019
9. Shivaram Hebbar from INC has tendered his resignation on 06-07-2019
10. Muni Rathna from INC has tendered his resignation on 06-07-2019
11. Roshan Baig from INC has tendered his resignation on -07-2019
12. Dr. K Sudhakar from INC has tendered his resignation on 10-07-2017
13. MTB Nagaraj from INC has tendered his resignation on 10-07-2019
14. Pratap Gowda Patil from INC has tendered his resignation on 06-07-2019
15. Mahesh Kuntalli from INC has tendered his resignation on 06-07-2019



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Apart from the above, Sri. H Nagesh and Sri R. Shankar Members from independent party met me on 08-07-2019 and intimated me that they have withdrawn their support from your Government and would extend their support to the BJP. They have also submitted their resignations from the Council of Ministers. These resignations being before the Speaker of the House, I have also informed the Speaker to consider the resignations in accordance with the Constitution.

It is clear from the above that out of 117 members, which is the strength of the Coalition Government, if these members are to move away from the ruling coalition, the same casts a serious doubt on the confidence in the Government/Ministry led by you in the House.

It is well settled that the Chief Minister and his Ministry are expected to always enjoy and maintain the confidence of the House. I have also received letters from various persons indicating that the Government has lost its majority. The BJP led by the leader of opposition has given a representation dated 10.07.2019, in which there is an allegation made even against the Speaker of the House. I have received a letter from few practicing advocates that since the ruling coalition government has lost its majority, suitable action in accordance with law needs to be taken.

I have also received a memorandum dated 18-07-2019 from BJP delegation stating that the Government is unnecessarily dragging the issue of Vote of Confidence.



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In this background, I have objectively considered the prevailing situation since past several days including today. The fact that 15 members have met me and tendered their resignations and coupled with 2 members have withdrawn their support and other attendant circumstances do prima facie indicate that you have lost majority/confidence of the House.

In my capacity as the Head of the State, I had not intervened in the matter having regard to the fact that the House was called and Trust vote has been moved. However, it has been reported to me that the proceedings of the house on 18-07-2019 for vote of confidence has been stalled and consequently adjourned without reaching any finality. This cannot go on in a Democratic set up governed by the Constitution of India.

Though a message as contemplated under Article 175 (2) is sent to the Speaker, I am informed that the House is adjourned today i.e. 18-07-2019. Under these circumstances, I require you to prove your majority on the floor of the House on or before 1.30 P.M. tomorrow.

With regards,

Yours



(VAJUBHAI VALA)

To

✓ **Sri.H.D.Kumarswamy,**
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