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As infighting rages, Cong looks set to stretch losing streak in Haryana

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CHANDIGARH,
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JUST OVER a fortnight left for D-day on October 21, things aren't looking very bright for main opposition Congress in Haryana. The party has failed to put its house in order despite effecting a change of guard in the state unit weeks before the elections.

From infighting, factionalism, defections and uncertainty in party leadership to a "rebellion" through a show of strength by former chief minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda, and now state unit chief Ashok Tanwar's resignation — nothing seems to be going right for the grand old party.

On Saturday, Tanwar accused the Congress of conspiring to commit "political murders" and "ignoring" dedicated and committed soldiers. Accusing Hooda and Gulam Nabi Azad, the party in-charge for Haryana, of hijacking distribution of election tickets, Tanwar announced his resignation and said he and lakhs of party workers are "feeling suffocated".

In the Lok Sabha polls just this summer, the Congress lost all 10 seats to the BJP by huge margins. In

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Do-or-die battle for Hooda, Selja

OCTOBER 21 poll will be a do-or-die battle for Kumari Selja and Bhopinder Singh Hooda, who replaced Ashok Tanwar and Kiran Choudhry as Haryana Congress president and Congress Legislature Party leader, respectively. Hooda had the lion's share in ticket distribution and got a majority of his close aides party tickets. Besides other stalwarts of Haryana Congress, both Selja and Hooda lost this summer's Lok Sabha polls by big margins. Hooda and at least 13 Congress MLAs — all of them contesting this time — were demanding Tanwar's removal for the party to improve its prospects.

the 90-member Assembly elected in 2014, the party had a strength of 17, before one of its MLAs, Jai Tirath Dahiya, recently resigned, allegedly did to infighting, reducing the strength to 16.

While the BJP is constantly increasing its vote base in Haryana — from 17 per cent in 2009 Assembly polls to 34 per cent in 2014 and over 58 per cent in 2019 Lok Sabha polls — the Congress has been on just as steady a decline. The party lost each election by

big margins — mayoral, byelection to Jind Assembly seat earlier this year, and the Lok Sabha polls.

A senior Haryana Congress leader, not willing to be named, said, "It is a pity the way the Congress is functioning, barely days before the polling. All this will cost the party dear. At a time when the entire leadership should have got together, led the party workers and exposed the BJP government, leaders here are fighting each other and accusing the leadership of conspiracies".

Another Haryana Congress leader, who is a candidate in the upcoming polls, said, "Developments such as Hooda's rebellion or resentment shown by Capt Ajay Yadav and Kiran Choudhry, or Tanwar's resignation, will definitely have a bearing on our prospects. Congress candidates are virtually looking for a miracle, as the kind of support they required from senior leadership is nowhere to be seen."

Hooda, however, remains unfazed. He said the party's slogan this time is "Abki baar, Congress sarkaar", an apparent contrast to the BJP's "Ab ki baar, 75-paar" slogan.

On Friday, Selja had rejected Tanwar's allegations and said that the Congress "does not belong to any individual".

In poll season, parties out to milk Aarey issue

Uddhav, Aaditya back protesters; Oppn slams Sena, BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 5

THE SHIV Sena, which never loses an opportunity to take on ally BJP, on Saturday took the issue of tree felling at Mumbai's Aarey Colony to slam Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL) and hit back at the BJP-led state government, of which it is a part.

While Shiv Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray, the party's candidate from Worli constituency in Mumbai, said late Saturday that his party would ensure Aarey is declared a forest after it comes to power in the state, another Sena leader, Maharashtra's Minister of State for Housing Ravindra Waikar, told *The Sunday Express* that "relocation of the (Metro) car shed on an adjoining plot would have saved large-scale destruction of trees".

Waikar, who is also MLA of Jogeshwari (East), where both sites are located, said he had discussed the option with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and officials of MMRCL in the past.

Throwing his weight behind activists protesting against felling of trees, Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray said, "Aarey is the most important issue for me right now. Whatever is happening today, whatever was happening yesterday, and whatever will happen in future... I will collect detailed information of what the situation is and will speak firmly and directly on the issue."

Firing a barb at ally BJP, Thackeray said, "The upcoming government will be ours, and once it comes into power, we will deal with the murderers of Aarey forest in the best possible way we can."

Interacting with the media in Worli constituency, Aaditya said, "I am angry and sad. I never felt MMRCL would steal the plot in such a manner. If they had guts after the court gave the order in their favour, they should have



Aaditya Thackeray at a rally in Mumbai Saturday. Nirmal Harindran



done it in daylight. It is wrong to do such work by using so much police force, treating it as PoK. "We will not tolerate *dadagiri* on Mumbaikars."

Seeking to explain why the Sena has not taken a more proactive role in saving the trees, Aaditya said: "Our hands are tied due to the elections and the code of conduct. But when we return to power, we will ensure that Aarey is declared a forest."

While the hacking of trees is going on at a 30-hectare green portion that was earlier reserved by the Fadnavis government for a "Metro car shed and allied uses", minister Waikar said, "I feel the entire ordeal could have been avoided. The adjoining plot (partially slum encumbered) is big. I had suggested that the car shed be constructed there. The hutments could have been redeveloped or rehabilitated. That way, the car shed could have come up without destruction of

the trees."

Meanwhile, Congress candidate Sunil Kumre questioned Waikar's lack of interest in the movement. "Every Sunday, a 'Save Aarey' protest was held. The MLA of the area has never come." He said the state government showed unprecedented hurry following the Bombay HC judgment and gave "no time to activists to approach the Supreme Court".

By Saturday afternoon, former Mumbai Congress president Sanjay Nirupam reached the site and joined the protest. He blamed the Sena for exhibiting "hypocritical attitude" towards the Aarey issue. "They should take a stand but they aren't. Sena must break coalition with BJP if it supports the Aarey cause," Nirupam said.

Former mayor Shubha Raul, who was detained on Saturday morning, said the local Sena cadre has been supporting the Aarey cause.

NCP spokesperson Nawab Malik also questioned the BJP-Sena alliance over Aarey issue. "Now that trees are being felled where are those environment lovers who banned plastic?" he said in a statement.

Candidate pays poll deposit in Rs 10 coins

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 5

INSPIRED By a film, a candidate from Latur Assembly seat in Maharashtra paid his poll deposit in coins.

Santosh Sabde, who is contesting as an independent from this central Maharashtra town, said Election Commission officials on Friday were hesitant to accept the deposit in coins, but

"acquiesced eventually".

An Assembly poll candidate has to pay Rs 10,000 as deposit. Friday was the last day to file nominations for the October 21 state elections.

Makrand Anaspure-starrer 2009 Marathi film *Gallit Gondhal Dilili Mujra* has a sequence where the protagonist, who is contesting an election, pays the deposit in coins, and officials sweat it out while counting them.

Sabde (28), who is pursuing

law degree, said he took his cue from the film, "but for a public cause".

"I don't know why, but people in Latur are reluctant to use or accept Rs 10 coin in transactions at any level despite it being legal tender. So, I decided to pay the deposit in Rs 10 coins to flag the issue," Sabde said.

He collected coins from people who could not spend them due to the 'unacceptability', he said.

Won't allow Tanwar entry into BJP: Khattar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 5

SOON AFTER Haryana Congress president Ashok Tanwar made public his resignation on Saturday, the BJP sharpened its attack on the Congress.

While there was speculation in political circles that he would switch over to the BJP before the polls, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar ruled out the possibility. "We will not give him (Tanwar) entry (into BJP)," he said.

On Tanwar's reported remarks that the BJP had invited him, Khattar said, "The BJP has not established any contact with him (Tanwar). Had the BJP called him, he would have joined us long time ago."

Khattar said Tanwar's allegations of irregularities in ticket allotment have exposed the Congress. He said, "Now people and leaders have understood that they should not remain in such a party. A lot of their people are contacting us and we are saying that we will take people whose past is clean and who face no allegation and carry no baggage."

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DUSHYANT CHAUTALA
JJP, Uchana Kalan

₹74.77 cr
TOTAL ASSETS (Self, Spouse, Coparcener Ajay Chautala HUF)

IMMOVABLE **MOVABLE**
₹23.47 cr **₹51.30 cr**

CASH (self) **₹9.32 lakh**
Income in 2018-19 ₹65.45, 878 lakh (self, spouse, HUF)

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Tender No.	Short Description
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38.19.2187E	Outer Spring
38.19.2363	L Type Composition Brake Block
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65.19.5025A	Elevators 13 passenger capacity
30.19.3650	Equalizing Slay
30.19.1192	Hanger Block
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30.19.1106	Rear Cover for Axle Box
30.19.1903A	Battery Box
38.17.1544B	Air Brake Hose Coupling

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Devendra Fadnavis

Three objections against Fadnavis poll affidavit, RO dismisses them

VIVEK DESHPANDE
NAGPUR, OCTOBER 5

THREE OBJECTIONS were raised on Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' election affidavit on Saturday. However, after going through the submissions made by Fadnavis' election agent, Sandip Joshi, the Returning Officer (RO) dismissed the objections and held the affidavit valid.

The first objection was raised by Congress candidate from Nagpur South-West constituency, Ashish Deshmukh. He pointed out that the stamp of the notary before whom Fadnavis had made his affidavit showed that the validity of his licence had expired on December 28, 2018.

Joshi in his written submission to the RO said that the notary, V P Sontakke's, licence was extended for five years on December 29, 2018 and that the old stamp error "was inadvertently put and was hence inconsequential". He also submitted a copy of notary's licence.

The RO, Shekhar Ghadge, in his ruling, said: "Sandip Joshi has submitted the copy of the licence of the notary that shows the five-year extension granted to him. Hence, the objection is rejected as no substance was found."

The second complaint was raised by AAP candidate from Nagpur South-West, Amol Hadke. He said, "Fadnavis was an MLA from 2009-2014. He is Chief Minister from 2014. During this period, he had a room reserved for him at MLA hostels in Mumbai and Nagpur. He also occupied the government bungalows in Nagpur and Mumbai. The CM had not furnished 'no dues certificate' for these places in his affidavit."

The RO rejected the objection, saying that the 'no dues certificate' had been submitted by Fadnavis "independently".

The third objection was raised by lawyer Satish Ukey. He alleged that Fadnavis' affidavit was "forged".

In his ruling, the RO said it wasn't within his jurisdiction to decide the issues raised by Ukey. He added that the lawyer should approach appropriate authority for redressal.

Mizoram civil society groups meet Shah with concern over citizenship Bill

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 5

CIVIL SOCIETY groups in Mizoram on Saturday met Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who is on a visit to the north-east Indian state, and submitted a memorandum, expressing concern over the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) and stating that the Bill should not be passed "until there are provisions for safeguard of Mizos".

The memorandum also highlighted the issue of repatriation of Brus to the state from camps in neighbouring Tripura, Lalmachhuana, secretary of Mizoram's NGO co-ordination committee, said.

Stating that Shah assured them on both issues, Lalmachhuana said, "The Home Minister said that a provision will be inserted in CAB for protection of the people of states where the ILP [Inner Line Permit] regime is in place — states such as Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland. On repatriation of



Amit Shah at the Northeast Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition 2019 in Aizawl. PTI

Brus, he told us that an interlocutor will be appointed through whom the issue should be settled amicably."

On Saturday, Shah also met Chief Minister Zoramthanga, who tweeted, "I am glad I could convey the need of my people to the Hon'ble Amit Shah ji who is very keen on uplifting the socio-economic status of Mizoram."

Zoramthanga told Shah that people of Mizoram are against the proposed amendment to the Citizenship Act,

1955, and the Citizenship Bill, 2019, could open a "floodgate of illegal immigrants" in Mizoram, according to an official statement issued in Aizawl.

Shah was in Aizawl to inaugurate the Northeast Handloom and Handicraft Expo.

Speaking at the exhibition, Shah called Mizoram the most beautiful state in India and maintained that the state has now taken a lead in development and peace after over-

coming violence of the past. "The Narendra Modi government is committed to development of Mizoram and solving all its problems," he said.

Shah said Mizoram received only Rs 19,974 crore during the 13th Finance Commission under the Congress-led UPA government, and the amount was increased to Rs 42,972 crore by the Modi government in the next Finance Commission. He stressed on bamboo cultivation and listed the various sectors in which the Centre has enhanced development in the Northeast.

Shah had visited Guwahati last month and said that constitutional safeguards to states and communities in the north-eastern states will not be overridden when the CAB is passed by the government, nor will any illegal migrant be allowed to stay in the country.

In the BJP-led NEDA meet which Shah attended in Guwahati, Zoramthanga had requested Shah to exclude the Northeast from the purview of the Bill.

Nath meets PM, asks for Central team to assess flood damage

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath on Friday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and asked him to send a Central team for assessing the damage caused by excessive rain and floods that hit the state earlier this month.

As many as 20 out of 52 districts in the state received 60 per cent or more rainfall than normal.

During their 45-minute interaction, Nath apprised Modi of the damage. The CM also submitted a memorandum saying the devastation should be categorised as a major calamity, and demanded that the Centre release Rs9,000 crore from the National Disaster Relief Fund immediately for reconstructing the damaged infrastructure.

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