

Gowda's quid pro quo

JDS will help Cong bag second RS seat from Karnataka; in return, Gowda wants three MLC seats; HDK for talks with Azad

LAKSHMI IYER IN NEW DELHI

Former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, who bailed out the UPA government by remaining absent at the time of the cut motion on the financial bills during the budget session, has once again decided to back the Congress in Karnataka.

He has decided that JDS legislators will help the Congress get two of its members elected in next month's Rajya Sabha elections. His son and former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy is to hold talks with senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday.

Of the four members retiring from the state, two belong to the Congress — Oscar Fernandes and B K Hariprasad. As per the strength of MLAs, the Congress with 78 legislators can easily elect one RS member — each MP needs 60 votes. For the second seat, it needs the support of another party with 42 votes.

Party sources said the Congress leadership had more or less decided to repeat the candidature of Oscar Fernandes for the sure seat. For the second seat, the party will be fielding incumbent PCC chief R V Deshpande.



In exchange for his party's backing, Gowda reportedly wants three MLC seats. Elections are going to be held for seven legislative council seats — four will go to the BJP and the JDS wants to grab the other three with the help of the Congress.

For the Congress, whose numbers in Rajya Sabha are dwindling, there is no choice but to take up Gowda's offer.

At the same time, sources said it would be difficult to pass over AICC general secretary B K Hariprasad's claim for a Rajya Sabha ticket.

"He is a good organisation man. He can return as PCC chief. There is talk that he could get a MLC ticket," said a Karnataka leader.

Hariprasad refused to comment on the issue. He said, "I think everything will be finalised on May 31 (the last day for filing nominations). Azad and Kumaraswamy will also be holding talks. Let us see."

An online contwist



COVER STORY

After two days, we received a mail from Desmond with the desired information. Apart from sending two photographs of the car and details of the mode of payment, he said that a certain Wilson Hooper was the person to be contacted and gave his number as +60146208314. This is what his mail said: "The car is presently in very good condition. You can check the date on which the pics were taken. You will have to pay me 50 per cent of the payment which is Rs 1 lakh, the remaining as soon the car reaches you. My friend at the British High Commission left for Malaysia yesterday for an important conference meeting, but you can contact him at +60146208314."

That was the end of the road for Desmond Kumar (now, if that's his real name) as far as we were concerned. "There is no one called Wilson Hooper in our office," an official at the British High Commission in New Delhi tersely confirmed over the phone.

However, it surely isn't going to be the end of that Corolla ad. Conmen don't give up that quickly. Watch this space.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BM AND CONMAN

BM WROTE

Hi Mr Desmond Kumar, I happened to see your advertisement in a website while searching for used cars. Just wanted to check if you still have Toyota Corolla car or has it been sold. I am planning to buy a car and my budget is Rs 2.5 lakh to Rs 2.75 lakh. Where is your car located, can i see it? Please respond at the earliest.

DESMOND REPLIES

Thanks for your kind reply. How are you today? Hope you are doing well.

In the email you sent to me, you mentioned that you reside in Bangalore but the car is with here in London. But i explain to you how this will work out. Shipment of such cars from London to India with take only 2 weeks and 3 days to arrive, before that the change of ownership document have to be available to enable the shipment because shipping the car a new bought property will cost a lot in the customs but if you ship it as your own property will

treated well and i grantee you safe arrival. then as soon the car reaches india, i will direct you to a friend of my who works with British high commission in New Delhi to help clear the car at the port with the clearance fee of 80,670INR. You can drive the car home. so total is 2.8 lakh Rs

waiting for your reply.
Desmond Kumar

BM WROTE

Hi Mr Desmond Kumar, Thank you for replying. Can you send me a picture of the car, wanted to see how it looks and what colour is it? Hope the engine is in good condition. How many kms had it run and which model is it? How should the payment be done --- cash or transfer it online? How much advance should I pay, to whom and how? Can the full payment be made after the car is delivered and please give me the contact details of your friend in the british high commission so that i get in touch with

him. Please make this fast as I am also getting some good offers from the small cars in bangalore.

DESMOND REPLIES

Dear Rakesh, Attached to the email is the pictures of the car as you have requested. The car is presently in A very good condition. you can check the date which the pics were taken. it has only ran 2200km and its Toyota corolla 2008 Model. You will have to pay me 50% of the payment which is 1 lac Rs then to complete the remaining as soon the car gets to you. The payment will be made by bank deposit in India. My friend who works with the British high commission left for Malaysia yesterday for an important conference meeting, you can also contact him with this information. Here is the contact details: Name: Mr Wilson Hooper Phone: +60146208314

Regards to you and your family.

Desmond Kumar



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CORRIGENDUM - 1

Name of work : **Consultancy Contract for Pre - Tender activities for the work of "Construction of Creek side Mumbra Dombivali Bhandari Road Parallel to Railway line on BOT basis."**

Please refer Bid invitation appeared in the newspapers dated 07/05/2010 & MSRDC Website (www.msrdc.org) for the above work. The following changes are made as below.

Revised schedule

1. Last date of Sale of Bid Documents : **19/06/2010**
2. Date of Pre bid Meeting : **04/06/2010**
3. Last Date of Submission of Bid Documents : **28/06/2010 upto 1500 Hrs.**

Please note that all other details in the Tender Notice published on 07/05/2010 remain unchanged.

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S SHYAM PRASAD

The total number of films competing for the state film awards 2009-10 is 46. But since rules do not specify the criteria for the film's release, 16 of them have not even had a public release. These include films like *Hajjar*, *Kanasemba Kudureyanmeri*, *Rumanubandha*, *Tantra* and *Trahi*. These are films that have unknown star cast and crew and some will probably be seen only by the members of the selection committee.

Other films competing for the awards without benefit of a public release are *Gurukula*, *Banni*, *Karavali Hudugi*, *Holi*, *Prapatha*, *Shabari*, *Rasarishi Kuvempu*, and *Yukthi*. Superintendent of the film section at the Information Department, Mahantesh, said, "Rules do

Real dark horses

Unreleased and unheard-of films are competing for state awards



Some of the previous winners of Karnataka film awards

not say that the film has to be released in that year. We have received applications from films which were censored during the year. Only films that apply for state subsidy should have had a release."

NO PANEL

Though entries for the 2009-10 awards have been received, the committee for the 2008-09 awards itself is yet to be constituted. Some of the important film that will compete for the 2009-10 awards are *Aptharakshaka*, *Eddelu Manjunatha*, *Just Mat Matalli*, *Love Guru*, *Manasaare* and *Sugreeva*.