

'Toolkit' case has revealed a lot, MEA responded to irresponsible remarks by some celebrities: Jaishankar

VIJAYAWADA (ANDHRA PRADESH): External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday said that there was a reason why MEA reacted to the remarks of some celebrities in relation to protest by farmer unions and noted that they spoke "on matters on which they obviously didn't know very much."

The minister told ANI that 'toolkit' case, which is being probed by police, has revealed a lot. "I think it has revealed a lot. We have to wait and see what comes out. You can see there was a reason why the foreign ministry reacted to the statements which some celebrities gave out on matters on which they



obviously didn't know very much," Jaishankar said.

He was responding to a question about 'toolkit' case.

The Ministry of External Affairs had said in a statement earlier this week that protests by farmers against new farm laws must be seen in the context of India's democratic ethos and polity, and the efforts of the Government and the concerned farmer groups to resolve the impasse.

"Before rushing to comment on such matters, we would urge that the facts be ascertained, and a proper understanding of the issues at hand be undertaken. The temptation of sensationalist

social media hashtags and comments, especially when resorting to celebrities and others, is neither accurate nor responsible," the ministry had said.

Delhi Police on Friday wrote a letter to Google seeking registration details and activity log of the account through which a "toolkit" related to the farmers' protest was created and uploaded on the social media platform. Two e-mail IDs, one Instagram account and one Uniform Resource Locator (URL) were mentioned in the toolkit and police has asked for details from the respective platforms.

Khalistanis. They had decided to conduct a digital strike post the Republic Day incident. We have recovered a document about the planned execution. We have found out that is a copycat execution. As of now, we have registered cases against the authors of that account. The case has been handed over to the cyber cell. Investigations are underway," he had said.

The police had registered an FIR against unnamed persons in connection with the creators of the "toolkit". Delhi Police Special Commissioner Praveer Ranjan had said they had identified some 300 accounts spreading dissatisfaction and disharmony towards the Government of India.

"Toolkit" account was being run by a group of

55% HCWs vaccinated with first dose of Covid vax: Govt



the frontline workers started receiving vaccine shots from February 2.

Meanwhile, the ministry also informed that 13 states have covered more than 60 per cent of their health care workers in the vaccination drive. These states include Bihar (76.6 per cent) Madhya Pradesh (76.1) Tripura (76), Uttarakhand (71.5), Mizoram (69.7), Uttar Pradesh (69), Kerala (68.1), Odisha (67.6), Rajasthan (67.3), Himachal Pradesh (66.8), Lakshadweep (64.5), Andaman & Nicobar Islands (62.9) and Chhattisgarh (60.5 per cent).

However, it also added that 12 states fared poorly in terms of vaccinating their healthcare workers, including Delhi which has only covered 37.1 per cent of them. The least on the chart is Puducherry which has vaccinated only 13.1 per cent of its healthcare workers.

The ministry also informed that all states and Union territories have been directed to complete the administration of the first dose of vaccines to their health care workers by February 20 and conclude mop-up round by February 25. It also directed them to push the beneficiaries' count beyond the daily target of 100 per session.



Congress workers with farmers stage a tractor rally to protest against the farm laws at Patan Tehsil, in Jabalpur on Saturday. (ANI Photo)

BJP will abide by SC judgement on Mhadei dispute: CT Ravi

PANAJI: The best interests of Goa and Karnataka are the interest of the Bharatiya Janata Party, the ruling party's national general secretary CT Ravi said on Saturday, while commenting on the ongoing Mhadei river water dispute controversy between the two states.

Ravi, who is in Goa to attend the state executive committee meeting of the state BJP, also said that the party would abide by the judgement of the Supreme Court, where the dispute is currently being adjudicated.

"BJP works for national interest. Goa and Karnataka are like two eyes. Goa is like Karnataka and Karnataka is like Goa. The interests of both states are the interest of our party," Ravi, a sitting legislator from Karnataka, said when asked to comment on the Mhadei dispute.

"As far as Mhadei is concerned, we will follow the court's judgement," he also said. Mhadei, also known as the Mandovi river in Goa and Mahadai in Karnataka, is considered as a lifeline in the northern parts of Goa. It originates in Karnataka and meets the Arabian Sea in Panaji in Goa, while briefly flowing through Maharashtra. While the river runs 28.8 km in Karnataka, it

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Kulkarni suggested that the increased budgetary allocation can also be used for agricultural research and education which has almost come to standstill due to lack of funds. "Shortage of funds has taken a toll on agricultural research and education," he said, adding that by infusing more funds the government can put agriculture research and education back on track. Kulkarni further stated that five to six per cent of this 13 per cent of total budget allocation must be used for research and education.

Govt must allocate 13% of Budget to farm sector: BKS

NEW DELHI: The Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS), an RSS-affiliated organisation, has urged the government to allocate a 13 per cent share of the Union Budget to the agriculture sector. BKS national general secretary Dinesh Kulkarni told IANS that the budgetary allocation for agriculture has increased but it is still less compared to its 13 per cent share of the total GDP. Kulkarni said that agriculture contributes 13 per cent to the Budget and so the government must allocate 13 per cent of total Budget to the agriculture sector. "The government said that there is an increase in allocation in the Union Budget for agriculture, but instead of that the government must increase it in percentage of the total bud-

How Rakesh Tikait's emotional outburst acted as 'elixir' for farmers' movement

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The next day, the crowd which had thinned at Ghazipur border, once again swelled to thousands and Tikait became the face of farmers' protest across the country.

But who actually is Rakesh Tikait?

Rakesh is the second son of farmer leader Mahendra Singh Tikait, an influential figure in Muzaffarnagar, who is credited with having founded the Uttar Pradesh branch of the BKU on October 17, 1986.

The BKU was founded in 1978 by Chaudhary Charan Singh who went on to serve as the fifth Prime Minister of India from 1979-1980.

He is also the younger brother of Naresh Tikait, who heads the all-powerful Balyan Khap in Uttar Pradesh. Although Naresh has inherited his father's legacy, it is Rakesh, who has emerged as the more popular farmer leader.

Differences between the two siblings are common knowledge even though they belong to the same farmers outfit. However, the two brothers have come closer after the developments that took place in the farmers' agitation after the Republic Day violence.

Tikait also said he will "hang" himself but he will not surrender and urged the farmers to keep their tents that have been in place since November 26 last year, safe.

Hours later, his outburst struck a chord not just with the protesters but also among farmers throughout the country and his hometown in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar, from where farmers started arriving at Ghazipur border on their motorcycles, bicycles and tractors once again.

albeit unsuccessfully.

In 2014, he contested the Lok Sabha elections from the Amroha constituency on a Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) ticket.

Rakesh has two younger brothers -- Surendra, who works as a manager in a sugar mill and Narendra, engaged in agriculture. He is the father of two daughters and a son. He has often been at loggerheads with various governments on a range of farmers' issues, including loan waivers, minimum support price (MSP), power tariff and land acquisition in states such as Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh.

He has spent a number of nights behind the bars for defying government orders on several farm-related issues.

Tikait is considered a formidable Jat farmer leader and the number of Jat farmers in western Uttar Pradesh is high. The community can play a big role in the win or loss of any party.

When asked about if this fight is now a Jats vs state government fight, speaking to IANS, Tikait said, "No it is not, there is a farmer from every class in the movement. I have heard this Jat word for the first time in this movement, I have objection to it, this fight is between farmers and the government."

He also pointed to people standing near him and said, "Are these Jats ...?"

Committed to cause, farmers at Tikri Border not fazed by difficulties

NEW DELHI: Farmers sitting on protest at Tikri, at the Delhi-Haryana border, have an unflinching resolve that difficulties cannot be a stumbling block for them.

Speaking to IANS, Manjeet Singh, a farmer from Haryana's Fatehabad district, said, "It has been 74 days since we have been sit-

ting on protest in this cold weather, along with our families. We hope the Modi government takes back these three 'black' farm laws," he added. Clearly, the sentiment on the ground is that despite the extreme cold, farmers will continue to sit out in the open in pursuit of their cause.

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