

UNREST IN NEPAL

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THE CENTRE has told the Himachal Pradesh High Court that the ongoing treaty negotiations for the exchange of absconding criminals with Nepal have been put on hold in view of the political turmoil in the neighbouring country.

The Nepal Army on Wednesday imposed nationwide restrictive orders followed by a curfew to quell possible violence under the guise of protest, a day after deadly anti-government demonstrations forced Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli's resignation, leaving key buildings in flames and the nation on edge.

During the hearing on a set of criminal appeals filed by the state against Mahesh Khattary

Political backlash

Hitting out at the Sukhu government, senior BJP leader and MP Ravi Shankar Prasad charged that its notification move was reflective of the Congress's failed "khatakhata (swift) model".

Addressing the media Monday, Prasad said: "Is deceiving the public before elections the only way Congress knows? Can the so-called 'khatatakhat model' solve farmer issues? Can it address youth unemployment? Whether it is Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, or Telangana, the Congress's governance record everywhere is abysmal. The truth is that Congress lacks policy, intent, and capability."

BJP MLA and spokesperson Randhir Sharma called the row "an act of immaturity on the part of CM Sukhu and his government". "What the government did Monday was not a new thing under this regime," he said.

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