

## Rajnath demands governor's rule in Jammu and Kashmir

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president Rajnath Singh Sunday demanded the governor's rule in Jammu and Kashmir after the People's Democratic Party (PDP) withdrew from the Congress-led ruling coalition, reducing the state government to minority.

'The governor's rule should be imposed with immediate effect in Jammu and Kashmir,' Singh told reporters here.

He was here to attend an executive meeting of the state BJP.

The PDP Saturday withdrew from the coalition following its difference with the Congress over land allotment to the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) in north Kashmir.

'If the land allotted to the Amarnath shrine board is withdrawn, the BJP will launch a nationwide agitation. We also demand proper security to Amarnath pilgrims,' he said.

Criticising the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance government in New Delhi, the BJP president added: 'Sky-rocketing prices of essential commodities have made life difficult for people.'

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