Kumaraswamy seeks Dr Kasturirangan to continue as Chairman of Karnataka knowledge commission

Bengaluru, Jun 7 (UNI) Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy on Thursday sought former ISRO Chairman Dr K Kasturirangan to continue as Chairman of the Karnataka Knowledge Commission till its gives its final recommendations. Talking to newsmen here after a presentation from the Commission on the activities it had taken up in 16 different areas, Mr Kumaraswamy said that Dr Kasturirangan had requested him that he be relieved and find a suitable head for the Commission in view of his age and indifferent health. However, He has been requested to continue till the final recommendations are made. He said that he had taken note of some of the path breaking recommendations made by the Commission so far and would try to accommodate some of the programmes in his budget. The recommendations of the Commission would also help the state to draw maximum benefits from the grants received from the Central Government, he added. Dr Kasturirangan said that the Commission would come out with a water policy for the state within the next two to three weeks, on the suggestion made by the Chief Minister. He also elaborated on various studies the Commission had made on issues relating to Health, Agriculture, Higher Education, environment, bio diversity and development of the State. The noted scientist made two specific activities that had been completed by the Commission. They included a Gallery on Cauvery at Mysuru that traces the history of the river and also about its present status. He also pointed out about the biodiversity Park created at the Madiwala Lake, whose biodiversity date back to more than a century. The restoration of the Lake had resulted in more than 120 species of butterfly returning to the area and also snakes. The Chief Minister had asked the Commission to look into various other important water bodies in the state.

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