

## Minister of State Health may step down

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Ahead of a Cabinet reshuffle by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, several ministers have resigned from their posts.

Faggan Singh Kulaste, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, has tendered his resignation. It is understood that both Amit Shah and PM Modi were unhappy with the attendance of Kulaste in the ministry.

The others who have resigned are Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh and minister of state Sanjeev Balyan. Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti has also reportedly offered to quit on health grounds.

Some ministers could lose their jobs over performance. Radha Mohan Singh has faced tremendous flak over the death of protesting farmers in Madhya Pradesh's Mandsaur, where the BJP lost a by-election to the Congress recently.

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