



## Lok Sabha Speaker

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*The **Constitutional/Ceremonial Head** of LS who presides over its day-to-day functioning*

*What **Speaker/Deputy Speaker** is for LS, the **Chairman/Dy Chairman** is for RS*

### ORIGIN IN INDIA

- 1921 (GoI Act of 1919) under the name **President and Dy President**

*GoI Act of 1935 changed this nomenclature to **Speaker and Deputy Speaker***

### ELECTION (BOTH SPEAKER & DY SPEAKER)

- Article 93, Part V
- By a **simple majority**
- Re-election - Eligible

### ELECTION CRITERIA

- Should be a member of LS
- No specific qualifications
- Generally, belongs to the ruling party

### TENURE

- **5 years** (till immediately before first meeting of the next LS)

*Speaker does not vacate his/her office upon dissolution of LS*

### POWERS

- **Final interpreter** of Constitutional provisions in LS; his/her **rulings are binding** in nature
- Presides over a **joint sitting** of the two Houses of Parliament
- Can adjourn the House/suspend the meeting in **absence of Quorum**
- **Power of Casting vote** to resolve a deadlock
- Decides:
  - if a bill is (not) a **money bill**
  - **Disqualification** of LS members (under 10<sup>th</sup> Schedule) (granted via **52<sup>nd</sup> Amendment 1985**)

### REMOVAL (CONDITIONS)

- If s/he **ceases to be a member** of LS
- **Written Resignation** to Dy Speaker
- **Removed by Effective Majority**

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