

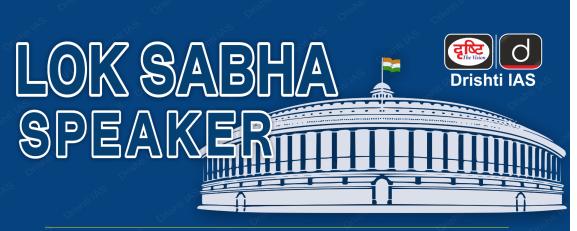
Pro-tem Speaker

Source: TH

Bhartruhari Mahtab has been appointed and administered oath by the **President of India** as the **pro-tem Speaker** of the 18th <u>Lok Sabha.</u>

- Speaker Protem is appointed by the President under **Article 95(1)** of the **Constitution** to perform the duties of the Speaker till the election of the Speaker.
- Pro-tem is a Latin phrase which means "for the time being".
- The **pro-tem speaker i**s appointed to preside over the sittings of the newly elected house. Usually, the **senior most member** of the house is made the pro-tem speaker.
- When the new Speaker is elected by the House, the office of the Speaker Pro Tem ceases to exist.
- Duties of pro tem speaker:
 - The Pro-tem Speaker presides over the **first sitting** of the Lok Sabha and administers the oath of office to the newly elected MPs.
 - To conduct the vote for the speaker and deputy speaker. He also administers the floor test.





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 (Gol Act of 1919) under the name President and Dy President

> Gol 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:
 - o if a bill is (not) a money bill
 - Disqualification of LS members (under 10th) Schedule) (granted via 52nd 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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