



Bihar Floor Test

Why in News?

Recently, the Janata Dal (United) coalition government in Bihar won the [confidence motion](#) by 129 votes.

Key Points

- **Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD's)** three [Members of the Legislative Assembly \(MLAs\)](#) were seen sitting on the ruling party benches in the Bihar Assembly.
- The RJD leader raised a [point of order](#), taking objection to party MLAs sitting among members of the ruling party, ahead of voting on a [no-confidence motion](#).
- The RJD coalition government won the **motion of confidence** for his government after the resolution was supported by 129 MLAs.
- The **Bihar assembly** also passed the **no-confidence motion** against **Bihar Assembly Speaker** and **RJD leader Awadh Bihari Choudhary**.
 - The **no-confidence motion** against the leader was passed with the support of **125 members**.
- However, no ruling was given on the **point of order** by **Deputy Speaker Maheshwar Hazari**, who was in the Chair.

Point of Order

- A member can raise a **point of order** when the proceedings of the House do not follow the normal rules of procedure.
- A point of order should relate to the interpretation or enforcement of the Rules of the House or such articles of the Constitution that regulate the business of the House and **should raise a question that is within the cognizance of the Speaker**.
- It is **usually raised by an opposition member** in order to control the government. It is an extraordinary device as it suspends the proceedings before the House.
- **No debate is allowed on a point of order.**

No-Confidence Motion

- This is a motion moved in the [Lok Sabha](#) (and not in the Rajya Sabha) to test the confidence of the government.
- The motion needs the support of **50 members** to be admitted.
- If a **no-confidence motion** is passed, the government must resign.
- **No-confidence motions** are significant political events that usually occur when there is a perception of the government **losing majority support**.

Floor Test

- It is a term used for the test of the majority. If there are **doubts against the Chief Minister (CM) of a State, he/she can be asked to prove the majority** in the House.
 - In case of a coalition government, the CM may be asked to move a vote of confidence and

win a majority.

- In the absence of a clear majority, when there is more than one individual staking claim to form the government, **the Governor may call for a special session to see who has the majority to form the government.**
 - Some legislators may be absent or choose not to vote. The numbers are then **considered based only on those MLAs who were present to vote.**

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