



Leader of Opposition

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Recently, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) has unanimously adopted a resolution to select the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the [18th Lok Sabha](#).

Leader of the Opposition (LOP):

- The leader of the **largest opposition party** having **not less than one-tenth seats** of the total strength of the Lok Sabha is recognised as the leader of the Opposition.
- He will be a **member** of crucial committees such as [Public Accounts \(Chairman\)](#), [Public Undertakings](#), [Estimates](#) and also a member of several [Joint Parliamentary Committees](#).
- He is entitled to be a member of various **selection committees** responsible for appointing heads of statutory bodies like the [Central Vigilance Commission](#), the [Central Information Commission](#), the [CBI](#), the [NHRC](#), and the [Lokpal](#).
- He provides constructive criticism of the government policies and to provide an alternative government.
- The leader of Opposition in **both the Houses** were accorded **statutory recognition under the Salaries and Allowances of Leader of Opposition in Parliament Act, 1977** and are entitled to the salary, allowances and other facilities equivalent to that of a **cabinet minister**.
- The office of the leader of the opposition is **not mentioned in the Constitution**.

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