



Pro-tem Speaker

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Bhartruhari Mahtab has been appointed and administered oath by the **President of India** as the **pro-tem Speaker** of the 18th [Lok Sabha](#).

- 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** is 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.

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LOK SABHA SPEAKER



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:
 - 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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