



## Pro-tem Speaker

- Virendra Kumar, seven-time MP from Tikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh, has been chosen as the pro-tem speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha.
- Pro-tem is a Latin phrase which means “for the time being”. The Pro tem Speaker is a temporary speaker appointed for a **limited period of time**.
- **The need of pro-tem speaker:** The speaker of the Lok Sabha/legislative assembly vacates the office immediately before the first meeting of the newly elected house.
  - **President/governor appoints the pro-tem speaker** to preside over the sittings of the newly elected house. Usually, the senior most member of the house is made the pro-tem speaker.
- Duties of pro tem speaker:
  - The Pro-tem Speaker presides over the first sitting of the Lok Sabha, administers the oath of office to the newly elected MPs.
  - To conduct the vote for the speaker and deputy speaker.
  - On the election of new Speaker, the office of the pro tem speaker ceases to exist.
  - He also administers the floor test.

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