SPEAKER OF LOK SABHA



The institution of the Speaker originated in 1921 under the Government of India Act, 1919



Presiding officer and the highest authority of the LS. 7th rank in Order of Precedence.

Elected by Lok Sabha members, with election dates set by the President.

To be elected, a candidate needs a majority of votes from present MPs.

No specific qualifications are required to become a Speaker.

The Tenth Schedule permits a Speaker to leave their political party after being elected.

Salaries and allowances are set by Parliament and charged on Consolidated Fund of India.





When the Speaker is absent:

- Deputy Speaker presides over the Lok Sabha.
- In the absence of both, anyone from the Panel of Chairpersons presides.

VACATING THE OFFICE (ARTICLE 94)

If HE

- Ceases to be a member of the Lok Sabha.
- Removed by an absolute majority resolution (Article 94(c)); (can participate and vote but cannot preside.)
- Resigns with written notice to the Deputy Speaker.



WHEN THE POST OF SPEAKER IS VACANT:

- Deputy Speaker presides over the Lok Sabha.
- If both posts are vacant, President appoints a Speaker protem.
- Does not vacate office on LS dissolution; remains until the new House's first meeting.

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

- Sets the agenda for government business.
- Decide on voice notes or division votes.
- Has a casting vote in case of a tie.



- Rules on **disqualification** under the 10th Schedule for defection.
- Suspends members for misconduct.
- Presides over joint sitting of the house.
- Certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill.