

Om Birla Unanimously Elected Speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Om Birla was unanimously elected as the Speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha on June 19, 2019. Om Birla, two times MP from Rajasthan's Kota, was elected after Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed his name on Day 3 of the Lok Sabha session.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets Om Birla, a two-time BJP MP from Rajasthan's Kota, after he was unanimously elected as the Speaker of the Lok Sabha in a rare instance of multi-partisan support for a nominee of the ruling coalition, at Parliament in New Delhi on June 19, 2019.

- ❖ Om Birla's nomination for the Speaker's post was backed by all the NDA allies. The Congress and Trinamool Congress and other opposition parties supported Om Birla for Speaker.
 - ❖ The opposition did not field any candidate for the speaker's post and the motion moved by Prime Minister to choose the Kota-Bundi MP as Speaker was adopted by a voice vote.
 - ❖ A total of 13 motions were moved in support of Om Birla as Speaker,
 - ❖ Since the motion was moved by Modi, also leader of the House, the other motions became infructuous.
 - ❖ Birla was declared elected as Speaker by pro-tem Speaker Virendra Kumar.
 - ❖ In the 2019 Lok Sabha election, BJP's Om Birla defeated Congress's Ramnarayan Meena with a huge margin of over 2-5 lakh votes in the Kota-Bundi Lok Sabha seat.
 - ❖ Two-time MP Birla (57) has been MLA from Rajasthan thrice.
 - ❖ Om Birla has been a member of the Standing Committee on Energy in Parliament, member of Committee on Petitions and Consultation Committee for Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
 - ❖ Om Birla succeeds Sumitra Mahajan to become new Lok Sabha Speaker.
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