

18 to 19 NCP MLAs to switch sides after monsoon session, claims legislator Rohit Pawar

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MUMBAI: Nationalist Congress Party (SP) leader Rohit Pawar on Monday claimed 18 to 19 MLAs of the ruling NCP led by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar will cross over to their side after the upcoming monsoon session of the state legislature.

Talking to reporters here, Rohit Pawar maintained there are several NCP MLAs who have never spoken ill against party founder Sharad Pawar and other senior leaders after the July 2023 split in the outfit. "But they have to attend the legislature session and get development funds for



their constituencies. So they will wait till the session ends (before making switch over)," said the grandnephew of NCP (SP) president Sharad Pawar. "There are 18 to 19 (NCP) MLAs who are in touch with us and Pawar

saheb," and they will cross over to their side after the monsoon session, the opposition legislator claimed.

Sharad Pawar and other NCP (SP) leaders will take a decision on whom to take back in the fold, said

the MLA from Karjat-Jamkhed in Ahmednagar district.

The undivided NCP had won 54 assembly seats in the 2019 polls. When the party split in July 2023, the Ajit Pawar-led faction had claimed the support of around 40 MLAs.

The monsoon session of the legislature will begin on June 27 and end on July 12. This will be the last session before the state heads for assembly elections which are due in October.

Rohit Pawar stated that NCP Rajya Sabha MP Praful Patel had been quoted as saying when the next Union Cabinet expansion takes place, he will

become a minister.

"This means Praful Patel has full hold over Ajit Pawar's party. It needs to be checked if Ajit Pawar separated (split) for development or to save Praful Patel from the ED, " he asked.

The NCP on June 9 turned down the BJP's offer to accommodate Patel as a minister of state with independent charge in the new NDA government. The Ajit Pawar-led party is a BJP ally and constituent of the ruling NDA.

In the just concluded Lok Sabha polls, the NCP (SP) won eight seats in Maharashtra, while the NCP bagged just one.

Gujarat: Loco pilot halts goods train instantly after seeing 10 lions on the tracks; earns praise

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BHAVNAGA: The loco pilot of a goods train saved the lives of 10 lions after applying emergency brakes on spotting them on the tracks near Pipavav Port in Gujarat's Amreli district in the early hours of Monday, a railway official said.

The incident took place when Mukesh Kumar Meena was piloting the goods train from Pipavav Port station to a siding (a short track beside the main corridor), a release from Western Railway's Bhavnagar division said.

"Meena stopped the train by applying emergency brakes as soon as he spotted 10 lions resting on the tracks. He waited till the lions got up and moved away

from the tracks. He then took the train to its destination. This commendable work by the loco pilot was praised by officials," the release said.

"Continuous efforts are being made by Bhavnagar Division for the safety of wildlife, including lions. As instructed, the loco pilots on this route remain vigilant and ply trains as per the prescribed speed limit," the WR release added.

In videos taken by Meena in torchlight before sunrise, the lions can be seen walking along the tracks before disappearing into the thicket alongside.

Notably, several lions have died in the last few years on this railway line connecting Pipavav Port with north

Gujarat. Though the port is situated at a considerable distance from the outer periphery of Gir Wildlife Sanctuary, lions visit this area at regular intervals, as per officials.

The state forest department has erected fences along the track at regular intervals to save the lions from getting hit by trains.

In the recent past, the Gujarat High Court, while hearing a suo motu PIL over the death of Asiatic lions due to unnatural causes, had asked the state government and Railways to take concrete steps to save lions from getting hit by the trains.

As per the last census conducted in June 2020, Gujarat is home to 674 Asiatic lions.

Mumbai: Shiv Sena (UBT) MLC Potnis, guard booked for entering LS poll counting centre on Jun 4



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MUMBAI: Shiv Sena (UBT) MLC Vilas Potnis and a police personnel guarding him were booked for alleged unauthorised entry into a counting centre in Goregaon in Mumbai on June 4, when Lok Sabha results were being announced, an official said on Monday.

The incident took place at NESCO centre while counting of votes of the Mumbai North West Lok Sabha seat was underway, the official said.

"A case was registered on Sunday against Potnis and his police security guard under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code and

provisions of Representation of the People Act. He is accused of entering the counting centre along with (losing) Shiv Sena (UBT) candidate Amol Kirtikar," the official said.

The official said Prajakta Mahale, the polling representative of winning Shiv Sena candidate Ravindra Waikar, took objection against Potnis and his security personnel.

"Poll officials asked Potnis and the guard to go out immediately. Mahale also filed a complaint on the issue with the Mumbai North West Lok Sabha seat returning officer. The

police case was filed on Sunday on the complaint of one Nandkumar Deshmukh," he said.

Defending himself, Potnis said, "I entered the counting centre unknowingly. There was high security at the centre but no one stopped me. If anybody had brought it to my notice that I am not supposed to enter, I would have immediately stopped."

"When the returning officer announced my name (on seeing his presence in the counting centre), I immediately went out within a minute," Potnis asserted.

The counting process of the Mumbai North West Lok Sabha seat, which was won by Waikar by just 48 votes, is in the centre of a controversy following media reports that his kin allegedly used a mobile phone to "unlock" an EVM.

The unlocking allegations have been rubbished by poll and police officials, while Waikar's kin has been booked for allegedly carrying a mobile phone inside the counting centre.

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi court has denied bail to a man accused of trafficking Indian citizens to Russia to be deployed on the battlefield in the war against Ukraine against their will, observing that the charges against him are serious and he could try to destroy evidence.

Special Judge Atul Krishna Agrawal denied relief to Mumbai resident Micheal Elangovan Anthony who claimed innocence.

"The allegations against the accused are grave and serious in nature. Enlarging the applicant on bail at this stage will hamper further investigation of the case. There is also a possibility that he may try to destroy the evidence which are yet to be obtained by the IO (investigating officer). The applicant may also assist the other accused persons in continuing to evade the process of law," the judge said in an order passed on June 7.

The accused had sought bail claiming he was himself was a victim of the racket and falsely implicated in the case.

Anthony was arrested on

April 26 and is in custody since then.

According to the CBI, the accused and his alleged accomplices trafficked Indian nationals to Russia on the pretext of getting them jobs in the Russian army as security guards, helpers and the like in return for money.

The CBI alleged that the victims were "deceptively made to sign contract for joining Russian army". They were trained in combat roles and provided Russian army uniform and badges.

These Indian nationals were then deployed in war zones against their wish and their lives were put in danger, the CBI alleged, adding that some of them also got grievously injured.

The alleged racketeers had also duped Indian students with the promise of securing for them admissions to dubious private universities in Russia. They offered them free discounted visa extensions, fee structure, etc. and left at the mercy of visa agents and college authorities, it alleged.

The passports of the victims of the alleged scam, the CBI claimed, were impound-



ed by the agents upon their arrival in Russia.

Nasscom report highlights two-fold growth in virtual twin tech post pandemic Bengaluru, Jun 17 (PTI) The Dassault Systemes and Nasscom report on the adoption and impact of virtual twin technology reveals a two-fold increase in virtual twin implementations post the pandemic.

Virtual twin adoption in India could play a crucial role in accelerating the design-to-realisation process, helping organisations achieve their sustainability and circularity goals across the value chain.

"Virtual twin technology is poised at the brink of transformative potential, marked

by a sharp increase in awareness and early adoptions since the pandemic. Although full-scale implementations and dedicated budgets remain limited, the focus on optimising assets and processes opens up expansive opportunities," said Sangeeta Gupta, senior vice-president and chief strategy officer at Nasscom.

According to her, the report identified that by overcoming hurdles in software procurement, enhancing top-level commitment and ecosystem synergies, the IT sector can unlock groundbreaking innovations, driving industries toward a more efficient and digitally integrated future. "With our latest report on

LS Speaker chosen by consensus since independence

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NEW DELHI: If the opposition forces an election to the post of Speaker of the Lok Sabha next week, it would be the first such instance in the history of independent India as the presiding officer has always been chosen by a consensus.

Elections to the post of the Speaker of the Central Legislative Assembly, as Parliament was called in the pre-independence days, were held for the first time on August 24, 1925, when Swarajist Party nominee Vitthalbhai J Patel won the coveted post against T Rangachariar.

Patel, the first non-official member to be elected as the Speaker, won the maiden election with a narrow margin of two votes. Patel had polled 58 votes against 56 garnered by Rangachariar.

Since Independence, Lok Sabha Speakers have been chosen by consensus, and only M A Ayyangar, G S Dhillon, Bahram Jakhar and G M C Balayogi have retained the coveted posts in the subsequent Lok Sabhas.

Jakhar was the Speaker of the seventh and the eighth Lok Sabhas and holds the distinction of being the only presiding officer to complete two full terms.

Balayogi was chosen as the Speaker of the 12th Lok Sabha, which had a tenure of 19 months. He was also chosen as the Speaker of the 13th Lok Sabha on October 22, 1999, till his death in a chopper crash on March 3, 2002.

Buoyed by its increased strength in the Lok Sabha, the opposition INDIA bloc is now aggressively demanding the post of the Deputy Speaker, which by convention is held by a member of an opposition party.

However, in the last Lok Sabha, the post of Deputy



Speaker remained vacant, drawing criticism from the opposition.

"We will force a contest for the post of Lok Sabha Speaker if the government does not agree to have an opposition leader as Deputy Speaker," a senior Congress leader said.

The first session of the 18th Lok Sabha will begin on June 24 during which new members of the Lower House will take oath and the Speaker will be elected.

As per convention, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will move the motion for election of the Speaker in the Lok Sabha on June 26.

Senior Congress leader K Suresh is the seniormost member of the Lok Sabha and is expected to be appointed as Pro-Tem Speaker, before whom the members would take oath.

President Droupadi Murmu will address the joint sitting of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha on June 27.

The INDIA bloc won 233 seats in the Lok Sabha elections, while the BJP-led NDA won 293 seats to retain power for the third consecutive term. The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) with 16 seats and Janata Dal (U) with 12 seats are the biggest allies of the BJP which bagged 240 seats.

The opposition bloc is also egging on BJP ally TDP to insist on the post of the Lok Sabha Speaker, cautioning

the regional party that it may face gradual disintegration due to BJP's machinations.

"We have the experience that the BJP betrays the people who support it," Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut said in Mumbai on Sunday.

The JD(U) has declared support for a BJP candidate as the Lok Sabha Speaker, while the TDP is understood to have favoured a consensus candidate for the coveted post.

The post of the Speaker of the Central Legislative Assembly witnessed a contest on six occasions between 1925 and 1946.

Vitthalbhai Patel was re-elected to the post unanimously on January 20, 1927. He quit the post on April 28, 1930, following a call for Civil Disobedience by Mahatma Gandhi. Sir Muhammad Yakub (78 votes) won the Speaker's election against Nand Lal (22 votes) on July 9, 1930.

Yakub stayed in the post for one session, the last of the third Assembly. In the fourth Assembly, Sir Ibrahim Rahimtoola (76 votes) won the Speaker's election against Hari Singh Gour, who got 36 votes. Rahimtoola resigned on health grounds on March 7, 1933, and was succeeded by Shanmukham Chetty on March 14, 1933, as the unanimous choice.

Sir Abdur Rahim was elected as the Speaker of the Fifth Assembly on January 24, 1935. Rahim had polled 70 votes against T A K Sherwani, who could muster the support of 62 members.

Rahim held the high office for more than 10 years as the tenure of the fifth Legislative Assembly was extended from time to time on account of the contemplated constitutional changes and later due to World War II.


The last contest for the post of the Central Legislative Assembly Speaker was held on January 24, 1946, when Congress leader G V Mavalankar won the election against Cowasjee Jehangir by a margin of three votes. Mavalankar polled 66 votes against 63 by Jehangir.

Mavalankar was subsequently appointed as the Speaker of the Constituent Assembly and the Provisional Parliament which came into being after the Constitution came into force on January 26, 1950.

Mavalankar continued to be the Speaker of the Provisional Parliament till April 17, 1952, when the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha were constituted after the first general elections.

Ayyangar, the first Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, was chosen as the Speaker following the death of Mavalankar in 1956. He won the 1957 general elections and was chosen as the Speaker of the second Lok Sabha.


Dhillon was chosen as the Speaker of the fourth Lok Sabha after the resignation of incumbent N Sanjeeva Reddy in 1969. Dhillon was also the Speaker of the fifth Lok Sabha in 1971 and continued in office till December 1, 1975, when he quit during the Emergency.



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Subject: Advertisement Notice No.01 of 2024, Dated:-01-03-24-Calling of objections thereof.

NOTICE

Whereas, vide advertisement notification No.01 of 2024, Dated -01-03-2024 03(three) number of posts of Sahayikas Anganwadi Helper) were advertised for filling up of the vacant posts in Poshan Project Sunderbani in pursuance of HR Policy as notified Vide Govt. order No: 103-JK(SWD) of 2023, dated:-28-04-2023 read with Govt. Order No 222-JK(SWD) of 2022, dated:-30-11-2022; and

Whereas, 03 number of applications were received for the Vacant posts of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper), for various Anganwadi centers in different Panchayat of Poshan Project Sunderbani, except Anganwadi centre Ward no 07 where no, application were received due to non availability of eligible candidate as on last date of receipt of application ie 18-03-2024;and

Whereas, after scrutiny of applications as per eligibility conditions as contained in the aforementioned advertisement notification, in accordance with HR policy referred above, the tentative merit list along with select list has been framed detailed as Annexure "A" & "B";

Now, therefore, objections if any with regard to merit/ residential status/Qualification/Marks/Date of Birth etc are hereby called in writing from general public/ applicants of the concerned ward/ Panchayat against the tentative merit list/select List (Annexure "A" & "B") within ten days, from the date of issuance of this notice, failing which no claim shall be entertained and the list shall be treated as final.

No.: Poshan/SB/101-04/2024

Dated: 15/06/2024

DIP/J-1597/24

Dated: 17/06/2024

Sd/-

Daleep Kumar(JKAS)

Child Dev Project Officer Poshan/Sunderbani

(Member Secretary Selection Committee)

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Tentative Merit List Phase - III (AWHS)

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Merit List of Anganwadi Helper (Rugha)																
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2	3.Dt. 18-03-2024	AWH	Prat	3	Rugha	Saiga Akhter D/o Nawab Hussian	15-04-2005	233	500	46.6	324	500	64.8	0	46.6	
Merit List of Anganwadi Helper (Sunderbani & W.No 4)																
1	2.Dt. 18-03-2024	AWH	MC Sunderbani	4	Sunderbani B	Harshita Kumari	15-08-2005	240	500	48	0	0	0	0	48	

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SELECT LIST PHASE - III (AWHS)

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