

No-Confidence Motion Against PM Modi's Government

Why In The News?

- Amid A Stalemate In Parliament Over The **Manipur Violence Issue**, Congress Moved A No-confidence Motion Against The Government In The Lok Sabha. When The House Met After The First Adjournment At 12 Noon, **Party MP Gaurav Gogoi** Moved A No-confidence Motion In The House.
- **Speaker Om Birla Admitted The Motion** Saying That He Will Discuss It With The Leaders Of All Political Parties And Inform About The Appropriate Time To Take Up The Discussion On The Motion. Earlier, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi Asserted That People Have Confidence In PM Modi.



What Is A No Confidence Motion?

- In A Parliamentary Democracy, A Government Can Be In Power Only If It Commands A Majority In The Directly Elected House. **Article 75(3)** Of Our Constitution Embodies This Rule By Specifying That The **Council Of Ministers Are Collectively Responsible To The Lok Sabha**.
- For Testing This Collective Responsibility, The Rules Of Lok Sabha Provide A Particular Mechanism - A Motion Of No-Confidence. Any Lok Sabha MP, Who Can Garner The **Support Of 50 Colleagues**, Can, At Any Point Of Time, Introduce

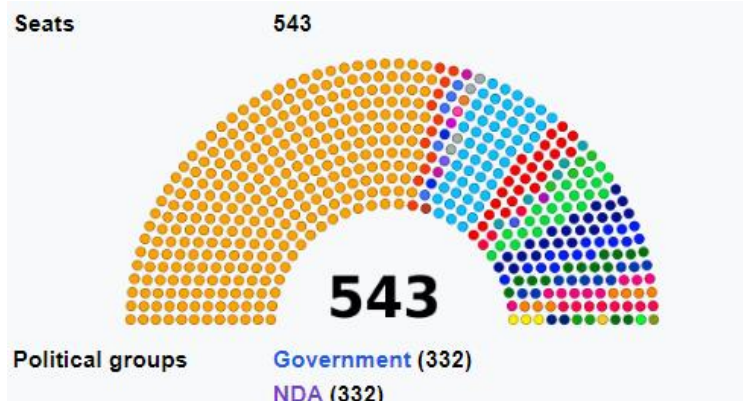
A Motion Of No-confidence Against The Council Of Ministers. **A No Confidence Motion Can Only Be Moved In The Lok Sabha.**

- Thereafter, A Discussion On The Motion Takes Place. MPs Who Support The Motion Highlight The Government's Shortcomings, And The Treasury Benches Respond To The Issues They Raise. Finally, **A Vote Takes Place - In Case The Motion Carries, The Government Is Bound To Vacate The Office.**



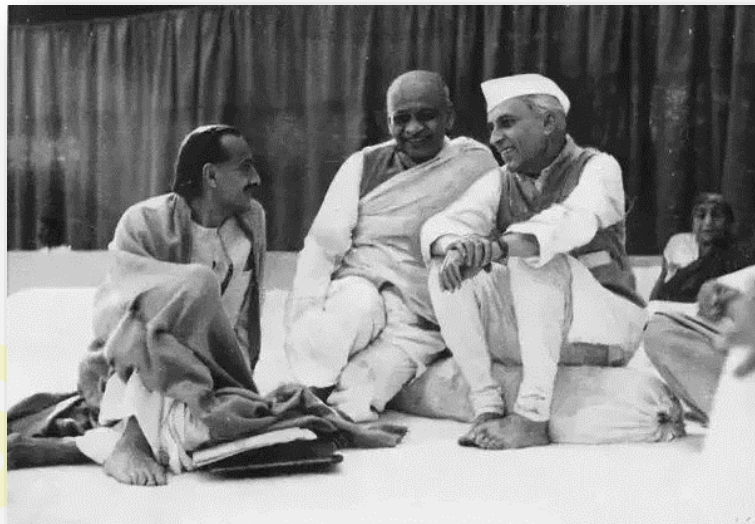
Should The Government Be Worried?

- With The **Majority Mark At The Lok Sabha Being 272**, Currently, The NDA Government Has **332 Members, With The BJP Alone Boasting Of 303 MPs**. This Means That Even **If All Non-NDA Parties Come Together** (Which Is Highly Unlikely), The **BJP Still Has The Numbers** To Survive A No Confidence Motion.
- However, The No Confidence Motion **Has Historically Been Used As A Strategic Tool To Force A Discussion On A Certain Topic Or Issue**. The Opposition Knows That It Does Not Have The Numbers But Still Has Moved The Motion To Force The Government To Address Their Concerns About The Situation In Manipur.



How Many No Confidence Motions In The Past?

- It Was During The **Third Lok Sabha In 1963** That The First Motion Of No Confidence Was Moved By **Acharya J B Kripalani** Against The Government Headed By Prime Minister **Jawaharlal Nehru**. The Debate On The Motion Lasted For 21 Hours Over Four Days, With **40 MPs Participating**.
- Since Then, There Have Been **26 More No-Confidence Motions** Moved In Parliament (Not Counting The Latest One), With The **Last One Being In 2018**, Moved By The TDP Against The Previous Narendra Modi Government.



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