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The absence of a Speaker is being badly felt by Members of the Lok Sabha and as a result Members of all non-Communist Opposition Parties have appealed to the Acting President, who has to fix a date for the election of the Speaker, to notify the earliest possible day for this election so that the House may have a duly elected Speaker to guide its proceedings. In the course of their letter to the Acting President, senior Members of the Lok Sabha representing various parties have expressed "regret that the Leader of the House should have failed to do her duty in this matter by advising you to fix an early date for this election".

Signatories to the letter are amongst others Acharya J.B. Kripalani; Prof. N.G. Manga and Mr. M.R. Masani of the Swatantra Party, Prof. Balraj Madhok of the Jan Sangh, Mr. Rabi Ray and Mr. Madhu Limaye of the S.S.P., Mr. S.N. Dwivedi and Mr. Nath Pai of the P.S.P., Mr. Prakash Vir Shastri and Mr. D.K. Lunte of the B.K.D. and Independents like Prof. Humayun Kabir and Maharaja Karmi Singh.

Sd. M.R. Masani

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The Hon'ble the Acting President,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.

Sir,

We have with regret to bring to your notice the fact that the election of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha is being needlessly delayed. Several days have now passed since the resignation of the Speaker but till this morning not even the date of the election of the new Speaker nor the programme of nominations has been announced. This is contrary to the past practice of the House. We regret that the Leader of the House should have failed to do her duty in this matter by advising you to fix an early date for this election.

We are therefore writing to approach you as the Acting President who under Rule 7(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha has to fix a date of election of the Speaker to fix the earliest possible date for this election so that the House may have a Speaker to guide its proceedings.

Yours truly,

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| 2. Acharya Kripalani | 9. Balraj Madhok |
| 3. S.N. Dwivedi | 10. M.R. Masani |
| 4. Madhu Limaye | 11. Prakash Vir Shastri |
| 5. Piloo Mody | 12. D.K. Kunte |
| 6. Rabi Ray | 13. Karni Singh |
| 7. Nath Pai | |