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**MPs revolt in Lok  
Janshakti Party.  
May form another  
party?**



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# He's Not Our Leader: Chirag Paswan's Nightmare Monday As Party Revolts

The LJP revolt is led by Chirag Paswan's uncle Pasupati Kumar Paras, the younger brother of Ram Vilas Paswan.

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- On Sunday evening, five of the six Lok Janashakti Party MPs went to meet Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla with a letter.
- The five MPs – Pashupati Kumar Paras (Hajipur MP), Choudhary Mehboob Ali Kaiser ([Khagaria](#)) Veena Devi ([Vaishali](#)) Prince Raj ([Samastipur](#)) and Chandan Singh (Nawada) – told the Speaker that they would like to work under Paras as their parliamentary party leader.
- Sources said the MPs also made it clear that the LJP would work as part of [BJP](#)-led NDA.

- An overnight coup in Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), led by his uncle, has left him isolated at the top with five of six MPs breaking away and writing to the Lok Sabha Speaker, asking to be treated as separate group.
- Pashupati Kumar Paras has been unanimously elected as the Lok Sabha ( 2pm )

- "There are six MPs in our party. It was the desire of five MPs to save our party. So I have not split the party, I have saved it.
- Chirag Paswan is my nephew as well as party's national president. I have no objections to him," Mr Paras said this morning.
- "I am with the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Nitish Kumar is a good leader and Vikas Purush (development man)," he added.





- At a time when there is intense speculation over a cabinet reshuffle, LJP's move is a clear signal that it wanted to be part of the governments at the centre and in Bihar, which would not have been possible if Chirag is at the helm of affairs.
- Last week, the JD(U) had publicly demanded that the allies should get a respectable share in the Union Government.
- The LJP had walked out of the NDA in Bihar last year due to its opposition to Nitish Kumar and contested the state assembly polls on its own. It put up candidates in all the seats where the JD(U) was in the fray while largely spared the BJP except for a few seats. Though the LJP could win only one seat in the Bihar polls, it inflicted serious damage on the JD(U), whose tally fell to 43 from 71.



# **Rebellion in LJP: JD(U) claims not behind split, BJP distances from Chirag Paswan**

*Five MPs of the Lok Janshakti Party revolted against party chief Chirag Paswan. While JD(U) has denied any hand in the split, the BJP has distanced itself from Chirag Paswan, leaving the decision on continuing relations with him on the party high command.*

A pair of black-rimmed glasses is resting on a stack of books. A red bookmark is visible in the bottom book. The text "Can there be Disqualification of MPs" is overlaid in white.

# Can there be Disqualification of MPs

# Grounds for disqualification

- If an elected member gives up his membership of a political party voluntarily.
- If he votes or abstains from voting in the House, contrary to any direction issued by his political party.
- If any member who is independently elected joins any party.
- If any nominated member joins any political party after the end of 6 months.
- The decision on disqualification questions on the ground of defection is referred to the [Speaker](#) or the Chairman of the House, and his/her decision is final.

# What is not defection: The Exceptions

- The 10th Schedule says that if there is a merger between two political parties
- Two-thirds of the members of a legislature party agree to the merger, they will not be disqualified. (91<sup>st</sup> Amendment 2003)



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