

Nishikant Dubey Introduces a Reserved Member Bill for Additional Seats in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir

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N DELHI, INDIA, February 25, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- UPA failed to create seats of Lok Sabha in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Lately, [Nishikant Dubey](#), a BJP Member of Parliament introduced a reserved member bill in front of the parliament proposing attachment of extra section in the Constitution Bill (Amendment), 2014 that will allow the country to have five extra seats in Lok Sabha in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

The bill was admitted in front of the Lok Sabha. It is strongly possible that the bill would be introduced for debate throughout the winter session of the house. In an interview with India Today, [Nishikant Dubey MP](#) said that Kashmir and Jammu government has set aside 24 seats for Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The constitution of the State makes these seats vacant. He added that since Kashmir & Jammu is an inclusive part of India, it is normal that the constitution of the country shall have also provision where the parts of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir are represented by Members of Parliament. Dubey said that these seats can stay vacant with the title of the state assembly seats. He revealed that since 1948, both the constitution contained the lacunae and according to the MP, it is time to correct it.

Nishikant Dubey from Godda proposed, in his bill, to include Article 370 A that gives power to the residents of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir to elect their representative. The Member of Parliament says that five seats should stay vacant in the House of People. However, when reckoning the complete membership of the Parliament, these seats should not be taken into account. Dubey added in his bill that the said zone should be excluded when it comes to delimit the constituencies of the territory according to article 82.



Nishikant Dubey. Nishikant Dubey MP, Nishikant Dubey Godda, Nishikant Dubey BJP, Businessmen, Politician

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), in October 2013 during the leadership of Sushil Kumar Shinde, Home Minister, took such move but the proposal was nixed. When Nishikant Dubey introduced the bill at the end of last year, the NDA government can focus on it as officials claimed that the structure of the Kashmir and Jammu assembly has twenty-four seats kept for Pakistan-occupied Kashmir but these seats are still vacant as the territory is under the control of Pakistan. However, when considering the complete membership of the Assembly, these seats are not taken into account.

According to officials of Home Ministry, if the Parliament considers seriously the proposal of Nishikant Dubey, the government will have to amend the Article 81 of the national constitution in order to insert a clause similar to the provision in the Kashmir and Jammu constitution for keeping vacant seats for the Lok Sabha of the area occupied illegally by Pakistan. However, it is unclear how the India constitution did not include a reference to this section and how this lacuna appeared in the 2 constitutions. It is important to remember that Parliament passed a resolution stating that Pakistan-occupied Kashmir is an integral part of India and nothing will change it. According to an official, it is important for the country to claim its right on the area occupied forcibly by Pakistan even if the seats of Lok Sabha like Assembly stay vacant.

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