

# Harivansh elected RS deputy chairman

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**New Delhi:** The NDA's enhanced strength in Parlia-



ment was on display yet again on Monday when the ruling combine's nominee

**Hari-vansh Singh** of (JD(U) was elected as deputy chairperson of Rajya Sabha.

Although the outcome of the contest had always seemed a foregone conclusion given the steady growth in BJP's numbers and its ability to wean numbers away from the non-NDA benches, the contest marked the opposition's failure to put up even a semblance of a fight.

Harivansh was elected through voice vote. RJD's Manoj Jha, who also belongs to Bihar, was in the fray from the opposition camp for the "token" fight.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Har-

## Bill to slash MPs' salary by 30% in LS

**New Delhi:** Parliamentary affairs minister Pralhad Joshi on Monday introduced a bill in Lok Sabha that seeks to reduce the salaries of Members of Parliament by 30% for one year "to meet the exigencies arising out of Covid-19 pandemic". TNN

ivansh, JD(U) member from Bihar, for his second election to the position of deputy chairman, fusing the latter's individual achievement with the pride of the poll-bound state.

Modi recalled the contributions of stalwart from Bihar like Jaiprakash Narayan, popularly known as JP, and Karpoori Thakur while congratulating Harivansh.

Modi said there have been constant efforts to ensure that proceedings of the upper House don't get stalled.

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