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**MPs to mark  
attendance  
through mobile  
app in Parliament**

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Parliamentarians attending the Monsoon Session of Parliament beginning Monday will have to mark their attendance through a special mobile application developed for the purpose, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said here.

The Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha are being convened in separate four-hour shifts so that members can be spread across the chambers of both the Houses to ensure physical distancing required in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Birla said 257 members will be seated in the Lok Sabha hall, 172 in Lok Sabha gallery, 60 in Rajya Sabha and 51 in Rajya Sabha gallery.

He said attempts were being made to minimise the use of paper and MPs will mark their attendance digitally. Screen LEDs will be put up to conduct the proceedings smoothly.

"A mobile attendance application 'Attendance Register' has been developed for marking attendance by members in Parliament House Complex," the Speaker said.