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Congress MPs revoked

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The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a resolution revoking the suspension of seven Congress members with immediate effect. The resolution was moved by Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal and passed by a voice vote.

With this, the MPs - Gaurav Gogoi, T.N. Prathapan, Dean Kuriakose, R. Unnithan, Manickam Tagore, Benny Behannan and Gurjeet Singh Aujla - who were suspended on March 5 for the remaining sittings of the Budget session, returned to the House.

"This House is the temple of democracy and dialogue

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and dispute are important aspects of it. We need to preserve the dignity of the House," Speaker Om Birla said in his remarks revoking the suspension.

"I appreciate the fact that many floor leaders have denounced the habit of rushing to the Well of the House," he added.

Mr. Birla, who had been keeping away from the Lok Sabha for the last three working days of the House and was reportedly very upset with the disruptions, held an all-party meeting just before the suspension was revoked. He later returned to preside over the House.

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Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said his party never wanted to dishonour the Chair or disturb the functioning of the House, as he sought revocation of suspension of the members. Noting that it is

the responsibility of both the Opposition and the Treasury Benches to maintain the dignity of the House, he said, "You don't give life sentence to someone for just killing a pigeon."  
(With PTI inputs)

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