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NEW DELHI, DHNS: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday wrote to European Parliament President David Maria Sassoli, pointing it out that legislative wing of the European Union should not pass judgement on a law that was enacted after being approved by Parliament of India.

"It is inappropriate for one legislature to pass judgement on another, a practice that can surely be misused by vested interests," Birla wrote to Sassoli, as the European Parliament is set to hold a debate over six resolutions moved by the members of the European Union's legislature Opposing the Citizenship (Amendment) Act of India.

"I understand that Joint Motion for Resolution has been introduced in the European Parliament on the Indian Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019. This act provides for easier citizenship to those who have been subjected to religious persecution in our immediate neighbourhood," Lok Sabha Speaker said in his letter to European Parliament president.

"As members of Inter Parliamentary Union, we should respect sovereign processes of fellow legislatures, especially in democracies," wrote Birla. "I would urge you to consider the proposed resolution in this light, confident that none of us want to set an unhealthy precedent."