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## Parliament's monsoon session likely to be a virtual affair

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New Delhi: Prospects of a normal Parliament session, with MPs required to attend in person, dimmed on Tuesday after an assessment by senior officials suggested that the Lok Sabha chamber, Central Hall as well as Vigyan Bhawan will not be able to accommodate MPs in their full strength, while keeping in mind social distancing norms laid down by the government.

Officials are understood to have told the presiding officers that only 60 MPs can be accommodated in the Lok Sabha chamber, while a little over 100 can sit in Central IIall, and both will not serve the full strength of the upper or lower Houses, which is 245 and 543 members, respectively.

With traditional sitting arrangements being ruled out for the monsoon session in July, officials had a meeting with RS chairman Venkaiah Naidu and Speaker Om Birla and are now evaluating possibilities and preparedness of a virtual session with members of both Houses attending from their locations, or even a 'semi-virtual' session, with some members attending in person while others join virtually.