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JD(U)'s Harivansh enters fray for RS Dy chairman post

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JD(U) leader Harivansh on Wednesday filed his nomination papers for the election to the post of the Rajya Sabha deputy chairperson.

BJP president J P Nadda proposed the nomination of Harivansh and Lok Janashakti Party Ramvilas Paswan seconded it.

BJP has issued a three-line whip to its members to be present in the Rajya Sabha on September 14 when the election is scheduled to take place.

Opposition parties have also decided to put up a candidate as they are not keen to give the BJP-led NDA a walkover.



Harivansh

As the elections for the Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairperson got underway, Leader of the Congress in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury wrote to Speaker Om Birla about the post of Deputy Speaker, which was yet to be filled.

"Already a year has been elapsed but still the Lok Sabha is deprived of having a Deputy Speaker, as if it appears one-

DMK member Tiruchi Siva is the frontrunner as the joint opposition candidate.

The last date for filing of nomination papers is September 11.

horn chair of the lower house, meanwhile Rajya Sabha has been on the verge of electing Deputy Chairman of the Upper House, it is an opportune moment to elect the Deputy Speaker of lower house," Chowdhury said.

The post of the Rajya Sabha deputy chairperson fell vacant after the tenure of Harivansh as member of the Upper House ended in April. Harivansh has since been re-elected to the Rajya Sabha and is in the fray again for the post.

In the previous elections held in August 2018, Harivansh had defeated Congress member B K Hariprasad, who was the joint Opposition candidate.