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## 'No parliament should discuss internal issues of other nations'

Birla's remarks come days after U.K. MPs discussed farm stir

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No parliament should discuss laws passed in other parliaments and issues that are internal to sovereign countries, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Tuesday.

Mr. Birla made these remarks in the Central Hall of Parliament while hosting the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) president Duarte Pacheco. The event was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Harivansh, Union ministers, Members of Parliament and members of the diplomatic community.

The Speaker's remarks are significant as they come



Om Birla

just days after lawmakers in Britain discussed the farmers' protests in India in the British parliament.

Without naming any country, the Lok Sabha Speaker also asserted that India has a clear policy against terrorism and expansionism.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Pacheco, a member of the Portuguese Parliament, said the coronavirus pandemic has shown that 'multilateralism' is the way forward and lauded India's effort to provide vaccines across the world.

Mr. Pacheco described India as a special friend of the IPU that had played an important role in parliamentary diplomacy.

"Portugal supports India's claim for permanent member of the Security Council," the lawmaker said, pitching for a greater role for New Delhi in the global order. He further said that in him, India has a special friend in the IPU.