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Rejig: Tharoor to head Parl panel on IT, Sahasrabuddhe gets HRD

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LOK Sabha Speak 5m Birla on Tuesday constituted 24 department related parliamentary standing committees. Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi continues to be a member of the parliamentary panel on defence which is headed by BJP MP Jual Oraon. Congress MP Shashi Tharoor will head the panel on IT. Tharoor has been at loggerheads with BJP MPs on the issue of summoning of the representatives of Facebook.

Birla said he had constituted the committees in consultation with the Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu, as each committee comprised of 21 Lok Sabha and 10 Rajya Sabha members. Senior BJP leader Vinay Sahasrabuddhe will head the panel on HRD. Congress's Jairam Ramesh will head the panel on science and technology, environment and climate change.