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Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill and Delimitation Bill, 2026

The joint introduction of the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill and the Delimitation Bill, 2026, proposed increasing the Lok Sabha strength to 850 members, sparking debates on parliamentary capacity.

Proposed legislative measures to alter parliamentary seat distribution and increase the total strength of the Lok Sabha.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill** and the Delimitation Bill were jointly introduced in **October 2026**.
- The proposed bills provide for increasing the strength of the **Lok Sabha** from 550 to **850 members**.
- Authors **Atharva Deshmukh** and **Mehul Chhabra** analyzed the implications of expanding parliamentary seats on institutional capacity.
- The debate questions whether adding **MPs** without boosting parliamentary sitting time truly empowers **democratic representation**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Article 81 of the Indian Constitution defines the composition of the House of the People (**Lok Sabha**).

Article 82 of the Constitution provides for the readjustment of seat allocation after each census.

The **42nd Constitutional Amendment Act** of **1976** froze the delimitation of constituencies on the basis of the 1971 census until the year 2001.

The **84th Constitutional Amendment Act** of **2002** extended the freeze on delimitation up to the year 2026.

Delimitation Commissions in India are statutory bodies established under provisions of Acts enacted by **Parliament**.

Orders issued by a **Delimitation Commission** have the force of law and cannot be called in question in any **court**.

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Syllabus Relevance: Highly relevant for Group 1 and Group 2 questions on Indian Parliament, constitutional amendments, and federal representation principles.

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