Kharge Urges PM to Consult All Parties on Delimitation

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi demanding an all-party meeting before introducing any Constitutional Amendment Bill on delimitation.

Delimitation is the act or process of fixing limits or boundaries of territorial constituencies in a country or a province having a legislative body, governed by a Delimitation Commission.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Congress president **Mallikarjun Kharge** wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on **October 16, 2026**, urging broad-based consultations on delimitation.
- The Congress chief demanded that the Union government convene an all-party meeting before introducing any **Constitutional Amendment Bill**.
- The letter flagged concerns regarding potential adverse impacts on States like **Tamil Nadu** that have successfully implemented population control measures.
- Mr. Kharge also flagged an unprecedented delay in proroguing the Monsoon Session of Parliament which was adjourned sine die on **August 13**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Article 82 of the Constitution provides for the readjustment of seat allocations in the Lok Sabha after each census under Parliamentary enactment.

The **42nd Constitutional Amendment Act** of **1976** froze delimitation of parliamentary constituencies until the first census after 2001.

The **84th Constitutional Amendment Act** of 2001 extended the freeze on delimitation of constituencies up to the year **2026**.

Delimitation Commissions have so far been set up four times in India: in 1952, 1962, 1972 and 2002 under respective **Delimitation Commission** Acts.

Article 81 of the Constitution defines the composition of the House of the People (Lok Sabha) with maximum strength capped at 550 members from states and 20 from UTs.

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Syllabus Relevance: Crucial for understanding federal structure, constitutional provisions under Article 82, and representation issues concerning Tamil Nadu.

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