

TN CM urges PM to freeze Lok Sabha strength at 543

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister wrote to PM Narendra Modi enclosing an Assembly resolution urging a permanent freeze on Lok Sabha seats.

It is a demand for a constitutional amendment to prevent the reduction of parliamentary seats for states that controlled population growth.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Tamil Nadu Assembly** passed a resolution on **August 12, 2026**, urging a permanent freeze on Lok Sabha seats at **543**.
- **Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay** forwarded the resolution to **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** urging constitutional amendments.
- The resolution requests maintaining the current proportional distribution of **Lok Sabha** seats among States and Union Territories.
- It also demands retaining the current **2.2:1** numerical ratio between the **Lok Sabha** and **Rajya Sabha** strength.
- The move aims to protect **Southern states** from losing political representation due to successful population control programs.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Article 82 of the Constitution provides for the readjustment of parliamentary seats after every Census through a **Delimitation Commission**.

The **42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976** froze the Lok Sabha seat allocation based on the **1971 Census** until the year 2000.

The **84th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2001** extended the freeze on total Lok Sabha seats until the first Census taken after **2026**.

Article 81 fixes the maximum strength of the Lok Sabha at **550** elected members (**530** from States and **20** from Union Territories).

The **104th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2019** discontinued the nomination of **Anglo-Indian** members to the Lok Sabha and Assemblies.

Tamil Nadu currently has **39** elected seats in the Lok Sabha and **18** representation seats in the Rajya Sabha.

The first Delimitation Commission in India was set up under the **Delimitation Commission Act of 1952**.

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The 84th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2001 froze Lok Sabha seat counts until after the 2026 Census.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for TNPSC Group 1, 2, and 4 under Unit 5 (Indian Polity - Union Legislature, Delimitation, and Constitutional Amendments).

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