

TN MPs Oppose Reduction of Parliamentary Seats in Proposed Delimitation

MPs from Tamil Nadu convened a meeting to express opposition against any potential reduction in the State's parliamentary representation under proposed delimitation.

Delimitation is the process of redrawing boundaries of Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies based on recent demographic data from the census.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Around **21 MPs** representing Congress, VCK, CPI, CPI(M), MDMK, and IUML attended the meeting in Chennai at **Kalaivanar Arangam**.
- The participating MPs unanimously opposed any proposal that reduces **Tamil Nadu's** current **39 Lok Sabha seats** in Parliament.
- Concerns were raised that states achieving effective **population control** should not face reduced federal **parliamentary representation**.
- The meeting stressed protecting Tamil Nadu's **parliamentary representation** across party lines in future seat reallocations.
- The discussion centers around the upcoming **post-2026 delimitation** exercise and its impact on state representation.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Article 82 of the Indian Constitution empowers Parliament to enact a **Delimitation Act** after every census.

Article 170 of the Constitution governs the composition and re-adjustment of Legislative Assembly constituencies in states.

The **42nd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1976** froze the allocation of Lok Sabha seats based on the **1971 Census** until 2001.

The **84th Constitutional Amendment Act of 2002** extended the freeze on seat reallocation until the first census **post-2026**.

The **87th Constitutional Amendment Act of 2003** allowed constituency boundary adjustments based on the **2001 census** without altering total seats.

Delimitation Commissions in India have been constituted four times: in **1952, 1962, 1972, and 2002**.

Orders of the **Delimitation Commission** cannot be challenged in any court of law as per constitutional provisions.

REVISION FLASHCARD

The 84th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2002 froze the number of Lok Sabha seats based on 1971 census until post-2026.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1/2 Unit 5 (Indian Polity - Articles 82 & 170) and Unit 9 (TN Development Administration).

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