

TN Political Parties Seek Consensus on Parliamentary Delimitation Issue

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister convened an all-party MPs meeting in Chennai to discuss the impact of the proposed Delimitation Bill.

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

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister convened a consultative meeting with Tamil Nadu MPs in **Chennai** on **August 8, 2026**.
- The meeting aimed to build cross-party consensus on the proposed **Delimitation Bill** ahead of parliamentary debates.
- Political leaders expressed concern that population-based delimitation might reduce **Tamil Nadu's** representation in **Parliament**.
- Tamil Nadu has successfully implemented family planning policies since the **1970s**, leading to lower population growth rates.
- The State seeks to protect its **parliamentary voice** while ensuring states that controlled population growth are not penalized.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Article 82 of the Constitution mandates the readjustment of Lok Sabha seats after every census by a **Delimitation Commission**.

Article 170 of the Constitution regulates the composition and delimitation of Legislative Assemblies in States.

The **84th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2002** froze the total number of Lok Sabha seats based on the **1971 Census** until after 2026.

Tamil Nadu currently has **39 Lok Sabha seats** and **18 Rajya Sabha seats** in Parliament.

The First Delimitation Commission in India was set up under the **Delimitation Commission Act, 1952**.

Four Delimitation Commissions have been constituted in India so far in **1952, 1963, 1973, and 2002**.

Orders issued by the Delimitation Commission cannot be challenged in any court of law as per **Article 329**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Article 82 mandates delimitation of seats, while the 84th Amendment (2002) froze Lok Sabha seat counts until after 2026.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1, 2 & 2A exams under Unit 5 (Polity) and Unit 9 (TN Administration).

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