

Women's Reservation, Delimitation Bills Expected in Monsoon Session

Union Minister Ramdas Athawale expressed confidence that the Women's Reservation Bill and Delimitation Bill will be passed in the upcoming Monsoon Session of Parliament.

The Women's Reservation Bill proposes 33% reservation for women in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies, while the Delimitation Bill deals with redrawing constituency boundaries based on population.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Union Minister** for Social Justice and Empowerment, **Ramdas Athawale**, expressed confidence in the passage of the bills.
- The **Women's Reservation Bill** and the **Delimitation Bill** are expected to be passed during the upcoming **Monsoon Session** of Parliament.
- Athawale stated that the **NDA government** currently holds a clear **two-thirds majority** in Parliament.
- He noted that similar **Constitution amendment bills** were previously defeated by opposition parties like **Congress**, **Samajwadi Party**, and **TMC**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Women's Reservation Bill** (**Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam**) provides **33% reservation** for women in the **Lok Sabha** and **State Legislative Assemblies**.

It was passed by Parliament as the **128th Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2023**, becoming the **Constitution (One Hundred and Sixth Amendment) Act, 2023**.

The implementation of this Bill is contingent on the completion of the next census and subsequent **delimitation exercise** after **2026**.

The Women's Reservation Bill was first introduced in **1996** by the government led by **H.D. Deve Gowda**.

The **Delimitation Commission**, established under **Articles 82 and 170** of the Constitution, redraws the boundaries of Lok Sabha and State Assembly constituencies.

The last delimitation exercise was carried out based on the **2001 Census**.

The freeze on delimitation has been extended until after the **first census** conducted post-**2026**.

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Women's Reservation Bill (106th Amendment) and Delimitation Bill expected in Monsoon Session 2026.

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