

Q. Dramatic change in composition of Lok Sabha in 2026 requires a balance between democratic and federal principles in the Indian Constitution. Examine

Lok Sabha is the first chamber of the parliament and represents the people of India. It has a current strength of 545 and post-2026 it is said to be increased to 888 members.

Strike of balance between democratic and federal principles:

- India is a Union of States as per Article 1 of the Indian Constitution.
- States are distinct associative communities within the federal structure of the Indian Union. However, there is a strike of balance in navigating through the political affairs of the state.
- States are protected democratically and given separate identities within the nation.

with the change in composition
there will be increase in the seats

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POSITIVES
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Favors the state in representing
more members in Lok Sabha

dominance of the north
over the south
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Fear of smaller
states that they
will be dominated
by bigger states

← **NEGATIVES** →

Unequal
representation of
states

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Unity of India
will face a lot of
discrepancies.

Way Forward:

Various kinds of compromises have to be incorporated in order to assuage the fear of smaller states. Adopting different democratic principles of other nations and deriving at one solution should be the goal.

"Everything must change for everything to remain the same"

- quote from Lampedusa's *Il Gattopardo*