

What is delimitation & what are the constitutional provisions will fresh delimitation go against federal principles giving adv. to certain states? Explain.

Delimitation is the drawing the boundaries of territorial constituencies for the parliament and state legislative assembly constituency. The activity is carried out by Delimitation commission appointed by Parliament.

Constitutional provisions

Article 82 and 170 provides for division of each territorial constituencies. Followed by Articles 330 and 332 reserves seats for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes based on 2001 census.

The present delimitation is scheduled to take place in 2026, which would alter the federal ~~repres~~ principles.

Delimitation and Federalism

The 84th constitutional amendment act from the ~~used~~ readjustment of constituency based on 1971 census till 2026. The 84th constitutional amendment act fixed readjustment based on 2001 census.

This will penalise the states that controlled the population. Illustrations of net seats gained and lost.

Uttar Pradesh +11	Bihar +10	Rajasthan +6
Tamil Nadu -8	Kerala, Andhra	

If 2026, census data taken retaining 543 seats.

Uttar Pradesh +63	Bihar +39	Rajasthan +25	Tamil Nadu +10
Kerala, HP			

If number of seats increased to 548,

In both cases, smaller states, northern states, northeastern

states and southern states see a lesser seat and representation.

Wider representation

The smooth functioning of the government needs to continue for better policy making. At this juncture, the number of seats can remain same at 543 without adding or reducing the number of representatives.

Instead, in order to increase representation the number of members of legislative assembly can be increased proportionally without making any changes to Rajya Sabha seats and Schedule 4 of the constitution.

Adoption of equal proportion can be made use of which makes sure the difference between the representation of any two states is smallest.

Future The delimitation exercise must make sure, the federal principles are adhered with and the representation of states must be fair and equitable.