

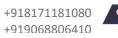


TODAY'S ANALYSIS (21 September 2023)

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- US FED RATES UNCHANGED
- **DELIMITATION**
- THE CENSUS







US FED KEEPS INTEREST RATES UNCHANGED

US fed is the central bank of USA.

Just like RBI in India, US Fed is also responsible for maintaining inflation levels in USA.

What is Interest Rate?

It is similar to repo rate ie the rate at which the central bank issues loans to the Scheduled

Commercial Banks.

If interest rates go up, it makes the financial instrument more attractive and urges people

to park their money in them, as a result, reducing inflation.

IMPACT ON INDIA (OF INCREASED RATES BY FED RESERVE)

- On Indian Market
 - Fed's continuous rate hikes does not augur well for emerging markets including

India.

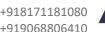
• An increase in US interest rates results in an outflow of funds to US markets,

putting Indian stock markets and currencies under pressure.

• Equity markets are likely to see **increased volatility** in the next few months.

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• On Indian Rupee

• The outflow of funds from Indian markets will have an impact on the exchange

rate of Indian rupee against the dollar. The Indian rupee has been losing

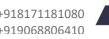
value against the dollar since early 2022.

• A weaker rupee should help Indian exporters at some-level. Nonetheless, the

chances of a rece<mark>ssion in the rich world, including</mark> the US, have gone up and that

will hurt them more.





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DELIMITATION

The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (Women Reservation Bill) will come into effect only after the delimitation of constituencies is done by a delimitation commission.

The delimitation process will decide which constituency to be reserved for women.

The bill says that the law will be applicable after an exercise of delimitation is undertaken

based on the data collected from the first census released after the passage of the bill.

WHAT IS DELIMITATION?

- According to the Election Commission, the word 'delimitation' is defined as "the act or process of fixing limits/boundaries of territorial constituencies in a country or a province having a legislative body".
- In the Indian context, the exercise of redrawing the boundaries of Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly Constituencies in a region is known as delimitation.
- In this process, the number of seats allocated to a particular state/UT in Lok Sabha or in the Legislative Assembly may vary.
 - For example Delhi, a union territory with legislative assembly, has 7 Lok

Sabha constituencies while in the Legislative Assembly it has 70 constituencies. ADDRESS:





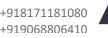


CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

- Article 82 and Article 170 of the Constitution empowers the Parliament to readjust the allocation of seats in the Lok Sabha and the Legislative Assemblies of States respectively, after every census.
- Accordingly, the Parliament enacts a Delimitation Commission Act and an independent high-powered panel known as the Delimitation Commission is constituted to carry out the exercise of delimitation.
- The Parliament has enacted the Delimitation Commission Acts in 1952, 1962, 1972 and 2002 for this purpose. There was no Delimitation Commission Act after the 1981 and 1991 census.
- The present delimitation of constituencies has been done on the basis of 2001 census data under the provisions of **Delimitation Commission Act, 2002**.
- The next Delimitation Commission is expected to be set up after 2026.
- Further, Article 330 and Article 332 of the Constitution provide for re-fixing the number of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the Lok Sabha and the Legislative Assemblies of the states, on the basis of the 2001 census.

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ABOUT DELIMITATION COMMISSION

- The Delimitation Commission is a high-powered committee entrusted with the task of drawing and redrawing of boundaries of different constituencies for state assembly and Lok Sabha election.
- It is appointed by the President and works in collaboration with the Election

Commission.

- The Commission consists of
 - A retired or working Supreme Court Judge (chairperson)
 - o Election Commissioner
 - Concerned State Election Commissioners.

THE DELIMITATION EXERCISES TILL NOW

Delimitation results in change in the total no. of Assembly & Parliamentary seats.

- Delimitation in 1950s (Post 1951 census): Increased the seats from 489 to 494.
- Delimitation in 1960s (Post 1961 census): Increased the seats from 494 to 522.
- Delimitation in 1970s (Post 1971 census): Increased the seats from 522 to 543.
- Delimitation in 2002 (Post 2001 census): Boundaries redrawn without seat increase.

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THE CONCERN

The 1970s increase sparked concerns. The constitution mandates that states receive seats

on the basis of **Population Ratio.** (Has to be maintained uniform largely across the country)

This unintentionally implied that those states which were not undertaking Family Planning

Provisions strictly, were getting incentivised with more seats;

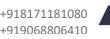
Whereas those states which were taking Family planning seriously, were getting disincentivized for something good they were doing.

Hence the seats were frozen since 1976.

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THE CENSUS

• Population Census provides basic statistics on state of human resources, demography,

culture and economic structure at local, regional and national level.

• Beginning in the year 1872, when the first census was conducted non-synchronously,

the census enumeration exercise in India is carried out in every 10 years.

- The first synchronous census was taken under British rule in 1881.
- The responsibility of conducting the decadal census rests with the Office of the

Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, Ministry of Home

Affairs.

MENTION OF CENSUS IN THE CONSTITUTION OR ANY LAW

Population census is listed in Union List (entry 69) of Seventh Schedule in Indian

Constitution.

Census is conducted under the provisions of the Census Act, 1948.

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PROCESS OF CENSUS ENUMERATION

- The Census Operations in India have been carried out in two phases:
 - Houselisting and Housing Census and
 - Population Enumeration.
- The Population Enumeration follows the Housing Census within a gap of six to eight

months.

• In Population Enumeration phase each person is enumerated and her/his individual particulars like Age, Marital status, Religion, Schedule Caste/Scheduled Tribe, Mother tongue, Education level, Disability, Economic activity, Migration, Fertility

(for female) are collected.

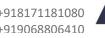
SIGNIFICANCE OF CENSUS

- The Census provides **population data** and **characteristics**, housing and amenities for every village and town.
- It helps in framing government programs to uplift vulnerable sections and it is used

to validate or reject estimates of various sample surveys.

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• The Census data are used to determine the number of seats to be reserved for SCs,

STs in Parliament and State legislatures and delimitation of constituencies.

- In case of **panchayats and municipal bodies**, reservation of seats for **SCs and STs** is based on their proportion in the population. Other than the Census, there is no other source that can provide this information.
- It is also the basis for reviewing the country's progress in the past decade, monitoring the ongoing schemes of the government and planning for the future.

CENSUS & DELIMITATION

The 2021 census could not be carried out due to **Covid 19 pandemic.** If the house listing exercise is carried out next year, the actual population enumeration can take place in

2025.

The publication of the first results will take at least 1-2 years from then onwards.

This means that delimitation need not wait for 2031 census. It can happen on the basis of

delayed 2021 census.

If everything progresses smoothly, 2029 General Elections can happen with increased no.

of seats & women reservation for 1/3rd of the seats.

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