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News: Delimitation

- The Delimitation of constituencies for the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies is to be carried out on the basis of the First Census after 2026.

Delimitation Commission

- The Delimitation Commission is **appointed by the President** of India and **works in collaboration with the Election Commission of India.**
- It includes **Retired Supreme Court judge, Chief Election Commissioner and Respective State Election Commissioners.**
- The commission **examines population data, existing constituencies, the number of seats to be analysed, holds meetings with all the stakeholders and submits its recommendation to the government.**
- The **draft report of the Delimitation Commission is published in the Gazette of India**, the official gazettes of the states concerned and at least two vernacular publications seeking feedback from the general public.
- The Delimitation Commission in India is a high-power body **whose orders have the force of law and cannot be called in question before any court.**

Powers and functions

- To **determine the number of boundaries of constitution** to make population of all constituencies nearly equal.
- To **identify seats reserved for SC and ST communities**, wherever their population is relatively large.
- In case of difference of opinion among members, **majority** opinion prevails.