



Delimitation Commission of Madhya Pradesh

Why in News?

Recently, the Madhya Pradesh government formed a [delimitation commission](#) to re-examine administrative boundaries and improve public access to services.

Key Points

▪ Delimitation Commission Formation:

- Aim to improve public access to services and address existing anomalies.
 - Districts like Sagar, [Ujjain](#), Indore, and Dhar face administrative difficulties due to their size.

▪ Delimitation:

- The process involves fixing the number of seats and boundaries of territorial constituencies, including the reservation of seats for [Scheduled Castes \(SC\)](#) and [Scheduled Tribes \(ST\)](#), based on data after every [decennial census](#).
- The Constitution of India **mandates delimitation after each census**.
 - [Article 82](#) mandates the **readjustment of seats for the Lok Sabha**, while [Article 170](#) provides for the same exercise at the state level. The process is performed by a powerful body called the **Delimitation Commission**, appointed by the [President of India](#) at the central level.
- [State governments](#) also appoint a Delimitation Commission to adjust the boundaries of **districts and divisions to improve administrative efficiency**.
 - The high-powered commission is headed by an officer appointed by the state government. Its orders have a force of law and **cannot be called into question before any court** in India.
- Delimitation Commissions have been set up **four times** — 1952, 1963, 1973 and 2002 under the Acts of 1952, 1962, 1972 and 2002.
 - The first delimitation exercise was carried out by the President (with the help of the [Election Commission](#)) in **1950-51**.

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