

**CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE
GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA**

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Government of Telangana reiterated its request to Government of India for enhancement of number of Legislative Assembly seats in the State. In a letter addressed to Sri Rajiv Mehrishi, Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Dr Rajiv Sharma Chief Secretary, Telangana made a request to this effect. Dr Rajiv Sharma wrote that in order to strengthen the Democratic Institutions and to provide Social Justice to the people of Telangana, the Government of India may initiate action to place the matter before the Election Commission of India for increase of seats in Legislative Assembly of Telangana State from 119 to 153 as envisaged in the AP Re-Organisation Act, 2014 as expeditiously as possible.

In support of his request, the Chief Secretary quoted the relevant provision under section 26 of AP Reorganisation Act, 2014 regarding delimitation of constituencies. It has been provided in the section 26(1) that subject to the provisions contained in article 170 of the Constitution and without prejudice to section 15 of APR Act, the number of seats in the Legislative Assembly of the successor States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana shall be increased from 175 and 119 to 225 and 153, respectively, and delimitation of the constituencies may be determined by the Election Commission.

It has also been brought to the notice of Home Secretary, Government of India, about the provision (3) to Article 170 of Constitution of India, according to which upon the completion of each census the total number of seats in the Legislative Assembly of each State and the division of each State into territorial constituencies shall be readjusted by such authority and in such manner as Parliament may by law determine.

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