

Delay in Lok Sabha prorogation

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Why in News?

Recently congress questioned why Lok Sabha had not yet been prorogued even 10 days after adjournment sine die.

- **Issue** - A Constitutional Amendment Bill relating to delimitation and women's reservation had earlier been defeated in the Lok Sabha.
- The Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were adjourned sine die on August 13, 2026.
- The Lok Sabha had not yet been prorogued even 10 days later.
 - It has triggered debate over the constitutional process of prorogation.
- The time gap between the adjournment of the Lok Sabha sine die and its prorogation (formal end) is generally two to four days.
 - Although there are many instances when adjournment and prorogation have taken place on the very same day.
- It is true that the gap for the Monsoon session in 2015 was 28 days and in 2021 it was 20 days.

Term	Meaning
Adjournment	Suspension of a sitting of the House for a specified period or sine die (Without mentioning time)
Prorogation	Formal termination of a session by the President
Dissolution	Ends the Lok Sabha, generally before a new general election Constitutional Provision

Constitutional Provisions

- **Article 85** deals with the sessions, prorogation and dissolution of Parliament.
- Under Article 85(2), the President prorogues either House. The President normally acts on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers.
- The Prime Minister may consult the Cabinet before the advice is submitted to the President.
- Prorogation can occur even while the House is sitting, though normally it follows adjournment sine die.

*The period between prorogation and reassembly in a new session is called the **inter-session period**.*

- A **Constitutional Amendment** under Article 368 generally requires a special majority
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 - Majority of the total membership of the House; and
 - Two-thirds of members present and voting.
- The required special majority has not been achieved in the parliament.
- **Congress demands** -
 - Freezing the current 543 Lok Sabha seats for another 25 years.
 - Implementing 33% reservation for women from the 2029 Lok Sabha elections.
 - Maintaining the existing allocation of seats among States during the proposed freeze.

Reference

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