

**DELIMITATION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
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**PRESS NOTE**

The Delimitation Commission's term was due to expire on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007. The Commission by its letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2007 requested the Government to extend the term of the Commission for a period of three months i.e. up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007. The three months' extension was asked, keeping in view the present time schedule of the Commission and the assessment of its pending work. The Government, however, by a notification dated July 2, 2007 has extended the term of the Commission for a period of one year i.e. up to July 31<sup>st</sup> 2008. While noting the one year extension given to the Commission, there are divergent views expressed in the press. It is, therefore, necessary to clarify the Commission's position.

The Commission has already issued final orders and notifications in respect of 22 States. So far as Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Jharkhand and Assam are concerned, the Commission is likely to pass the final orders and issue the notifications before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007. The work in respect of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland is already in progress and is likely to be completed by September 15, 2007. As regards the State of Manipur, the Guwahati High Court vide its judgment dated 19-01-2007 had directed fresh census in respect of three hilly districts of Manipur and till the completion of the census the delimitation exercise had been stayed. Union of India had filed a Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court of India, which came for

preliminary hearing on July 13, 2007, and the Hon'ble Supreme Court while issuing notice in the Special Leave Petition has granted interim stay of the impugned order of the Guwahati High Court. In view of this, the Manipur delimitation work, which was stayed because of the pendency of the Guwahati High Court's order, would be resumed and completed by 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2007. The month of October will be utilized for archiving of records and also for winding-up operations. The Commission clarifies the above position and reiterates that the Commission needs only three months beyond July 31<sup>st</sup> 2007 to complete its work.

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