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**Dear Shri Narendra Modi ji,**

**Subject:** Building a national, political consensus on increasing seats for Lok Sabha, with a hybrid model, and an immediate implementation of Women Quota, without linking it to increase of legislative seats – Reg

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I am writing to you with a sense of urgency and responsibility on matters with far-reaching implications for the future of our democracy and country.

There are three different issues, about which confusions are being created in the minds of people as if they are compulsorily inter-connected, which they are not:

1. Women's Reservations
2. National Delimitation
3. Increase in seats for Lok Sabha

Regarding the Women's Reservation Bill, I state in unequivocal terms that the Indian National Congress fully supports the Women's Reservation Bill. Kindly immediate implement it for Lok Sabha, as is, with current 543 seats, and even for all State Assemblies. Political empowerment of women is not merely a legislative reform but a moral imperative of our polity.

Regarding the national delimitation, there have been delimitations before without changing number of seats and only changed boundaries of constituencies within states. The country can undertake such an exercise.

The real contentious issue is the proposal to increase Lok Sabha seats to 850 seats and this to be done using a pro rata basis.

I again emphasise that these three issues are distinctly separate and not connected. We totally support reservation of 33 per cent seats for women, and will also support delimitation without increasing number of seats.

The proposal to increase in Lok Sabha seats on either population or pro rata model is not acceptable to many states, among them, southern states. I wish to bring to your notice our serious concerns regarding the proposal to increase Lok Sabha seats, which if done on a pro rata basis, is fraught with dangers for the country.

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Since early 1970s, when India emphasised the population control policy, there has been a marked difference in its implementation in different states and regions. Recognising risks to national integration owing to changing population patterns, and its debilitating consequence on regional aspirations, two great leaders – former prime ministers late Smt. Indira Gandhi ji and late Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee ji – have decided to defer this question for 25 years each.

An increase in seats based on pro rata, without considering economic contribution and socio and human developmental outcomes, will lead to a severe and irreversible distortion in federal balance of our country. Fair regional representation and role in national matters is crucial to building a strong, Viksit Bharat.

It is very clear that the Centre has not fully and carefully analysed or assessed the consequences of this proposal, especially on the southern states. The southern states of Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry and Kerala, over past several decades, have consciously adopted policies aimed at population stabilisation, improved public health, and higher human development outcomes. These efforts were undertaken in alignment with national priorities and have contributed significantly to India's overall progress.

However, under the present proposal, these very states are being structurally disadvantaged and politically unempowered. The consequence of a pro rata model is not merely a statistical adjustment; it will result in a systemic shift in political power.

As you are aware, in the matter of financial devolutions, we are facing severe financial injustice, bias and discrimination, wherein some states like Bihar or Uttar Pradesh receive a lot more for each rupee it contributes, whereas my state of Telangana gets far less than what we contribute. This is just an example of the South-North divide that we are facing for decades.

But with this change in Lok Sabha seats, we will be punished with political injustice over and above continued financial and policy discrimination.

Southern states, despite their substantial contribution to the national economy, will witness a relative erosion of their voice in Parliament, while states with higher population growth in a northern-central belt, will gain disproportionately.

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This effectively translates into a scenario where progress is penalised and demographic expansion is rewarded.

It is not a question of numbers; it is a fundamental question of equity, fairness, and the integrity of the Nation itself. It is important to underline that southern states have been consistent net contributors to national exchequer, while maintaining higher standards of governance and development. A framework that overlooks these contributions risks creating a perception of systemic imbalance, with serious negative implications for national unity.

This pro rata model will not be acceptable to people and governments of southern India. Any attempt to proceed without addressing these concerns will inevitably lead to widespread opposition and resistance, as it touches upon the fundamental principle of fair representation. Therefore, we must collectively arrive at a solution that is both just and sustainable.

In this regard, a constructive alternative being discussed is a hybrid model, which seeks to balance representation with contributions; it could be an ideal solution. We can follow what the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in landmark cases on the issue of reservations versus merit, has said – split halfway, 50% quota and 50% merit.

#### **How Hybrid Model Works:**

- Since you are proposing to increase existing Lok Sabha seats from 543 to 850 seats, half of this new can be done on Pro Rata basis.
- Remaining half must be done on based on economic contribution (GSDP), and other performance criteria.

This is just one suggestion, a possible approach. As Swami Vivekananda would emphasise, if we can open the windows of the minds and let fresh ideas come in, the democratic forces and process will find us the best solutions, fair and acceptable to everyone.

A hybrid model would ensure no state is penalised for progress, while maintaining democratic principle of representation, and give all states and regions a fair voice in national governance.

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Given the seriousness of this issue and its implications for our country's future, this matter must be addressed through broad-based consultations and consensus-building.

I request you to kindly convene an all-party meeting at the earliest, bringing together representatives from all states and political parties, to deliberate on this issue in a transparent and inclusive manner.

Bharat's strength lies in its unity amidst diversity. It is essential that decisions of such consequence reinforce this unity, rather than inadvertently strain it. I remain hopeful that as a country, our legislative platforms and democratic forces can arrive at a framework that is fair, balanced, and reflective of the aspirations of all regions of our country.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Revanth Reddy".

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**Shri Narendra Modi ji**  
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