

**Webinar by Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)**

**on**

**“Bottlenecks in the Implementation of the Women's Reservation Bill 2023 and the Delimitation Bill 2026”**

**Date and Time:** 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026, Friday, 3 PM (IST)

**Agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>
15:00- 15:05	<p><b>Welcome Address   Introduction of the topic and speakers</b></p> <p>Dr Ujjaini Halim (ADR's West Bengal State Coordinator)</p>
15:05- 15:55	<p><b>Topic: Bottlenecks in the Implementation of the Women's Reservation Bill 2023 and the Delimitation Bill 2026</b></p> <p><b>The focus points for the webinar are as follows:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementation of 33% reservation for women: a.) with the current 543 members vs 850 members b.) not implemented after its passage in the Parliament in November 2023 and delayed again for a few years</li> <li>2. Reasons for linking the Women's Reservation Bill to delimitation based on the 2011 census and not the 2026 census</li> <li>3. Should representation depend purely on population? What formula for delimitation would be most equitable?</li> <li>4. How can India balance democracy and federalism, and ensure no gerrymandering takes place in the future delimitation process?</li> <li>5. Should states that controlled population growth be protected? Can delimitation deepen regional divides?</li> <li>6. Logistics, budget, and scope of participation in an 850-member house</li> <li>7. Impact on the north-south federal, socio-economic, and political balance</li> <li>8. Impact of Delimitation on the Lok Sabha–Rajya Sabha Balance</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr Ujjaini Halim (ADR's West Bengal State Coordinator)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Dr Kadiyam Kavya</b> (Member of Parliament from Warangal (Lok Sabha) and Politician from Indian National Congress)</li> <li>2. <b>Dr Radha Kumar</b> (Author and former Director General, Delhi Policy Group)</li> <li>3. <b>Ms Ruhi Tewari</b> (Author and Independent Journalist)</li> </ol>
15:55- 16:15	<p><b>Question and Answer Session</b></p>
16:15- 16:20	<p><b>Concluding Remarks &amp; Vote of Thanks</b></p> <p>Dr Ujjaini Halim (ADR's West Bengal State Coordinator)</p>