

Delimitation panel to visit Kashmir

It will interact with politicians, officials

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The Delimitation Commission chaired by Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (retired) on Wednesday decided to visit Jammu and Kashmir from July 6 to 9 “to gather first-hand information and input concerning the ongoing process of delimitation” of Assembly seats, the Commission said.

The Commission, which includes Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and J&K Election Commissioner K.K. Sharma, decided to visit the Union Territory and interact with political parties, public representatives and administration officials, it said.

Valuable suggestions

“The Commission expects that stakeholders will cooperate in this endeavour and

will provide valuable suggestions so that the task of delimitation is completed timely.”

An EC source said the Commission would visit Srinagar and Jammu, and if need be also other parts of the Union Territory to interact with registered political parties.

The source said the data collection process was complete.

The source said there was a need to look into considerations other than population as factors on the ground had changed since the last delimitation in 1995.

For instance, there were many constituencies that had been split over multiple tehsils, the source said. The geographical, administrative and accessibility factors would be taken into account as well.