THE DELIMITATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 2008

No. 1 of 2008

Promulgated by the President in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Republic of India.

An Ordinance further to amend the Delimitation Act, 2002.

WHEREAS Parliament is not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for her to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 123 of the Constitution, the President is pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Delimitation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2008.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In section 10 of the Delimitation Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), —

(i) in sub-section (4), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall apply to the delimitation orders published in relation to the State of Jharkhand;";

(ii) in sub-section (6), for the words "within two years of the constitution of the Commission", the words "within a period not later than 31st day of July, 2008" shall be substituted.
3. After section 10 of the principal Act, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:

"10A. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in sections 4, 8 and 9, if the President is satisfied that a situation has arisen whereby the unity and integrity of India is threatened or there is a serious threat to the peace and public order, he may, by order, defer the delimitation exercise in a State.

(2) Every order made under this section shall be laid before each House of Parliament.

10B. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2) of section 10, the final orders relating to readjustment of number of seats and delimitation of constituencies in respect of the State of Jharkhand published under the said section vide order O.N. 63(E), dated 30th April, 2007 and O.N. 110(E), dated 17th August, 2007 shall have no legal effect and the delimitation of the constituencies as it stood before the publication of the said order shall continue to be in force until the year 2026 in relation to every election to the House of the People or to the Legislative Assembly, as the case may be, held after the commencement of the Delimitation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2008."

PRATIBHA DEVISINGH PATIL,
President.

K.D. SINGH,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.