

# POK Is Ours

## 24 Seats Reserved For Region

### Why In News

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** told the Lok Sabha that **24 seats have been reserved** for Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) as the territory "is ours".
- The Home Minister was speaking in the Parliament **during a debate** on the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023.



### Bills

- The Lok Sabha passed these two bills.
- During this debate, he said that the **Delimitation Commission** has reserved 24 seats for Pakistan occupied Kashmir.
- The Centre has set up a Delimitation Commission for the delimitation of assembly and parliamentary constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir.



## What It Is All About

- Amit Shah said that **Jammu had 37 seats** earlier but **now it has 43** where **Kashmir had 46** seats previously but now has 47.
- **PoK, 24 seats** have been reserved since PoK is ours," Shah said in the Parliament.
- He further noted that there will now be **5 nominated members** in the J&K Assembly with the passage of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023.



REDRAWING SEATS		
REGION	PROPOSED	PREVIOUS
Jammu	43	37
Kashmir	47	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>83*</b>
*FOUR OF LADAKH THAT IS NOW SEPARATE UT		
5 Lok Sabha seats (number unchanged)		
18 Assembly seats each to have		

- "Earlier, two women were nominated by the Governor in the state assembly. And now, **two of the Kashmiri migrants**, out of whom **one must be a woman**, and one person from PoK,".
- During the course of this discussion, Amit Shah also seized the opportunity to take aim at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, holding the late Prime Minister of India responsible for the PoK issue.

- " As per Shah, Jammu and Kashmir suffered due to two major "blunders" by Nehru. These were **announcing the ceasefire** and **taking the Kashmir issue to the United Nations**.



- "When terrorism tightened its grip, when everyone started being targeted and driven away, many people expressed their so-called concerns over this. Many people shed crocodile tears over the poor state of the victims, and many people consoled them with good words," Shah said.
- **J&K Witnessed Terrorism After 1980s.** "People Who Were Native Residents Were Displaced. No One Cared About Them . If They Had Eliminated Terror At That Time, Neither They (Kashmiri Pandits) Would Have Had To Leave Nor Would I Need To Bring These Bills," He Said.
- "When They (Kashmiri Pandits) Were Displaced, They Had To Become Refugees In Their Own Country **AT Data, 46,631 Families And 157,967 Individuals** Were Displaced Within Their Own Country In Such A Way That Their Roots Were Uprooted This Bill Is To Give Them Rights, Representation," He Said.

