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## Govt may cap population at 35,000 in each BBMP ward

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**Bengaluru:** After clearing the amendment to the Karnataka Municipal Corporation Act, the government will increase the number of BBMP wards from 198 to 225-250, with each ward likely to have a population cap of 35,000.

The government on Saturday issued an official gazette on expanding the number of wards, fixing the ceiling at 250. Sources said the government was keen on capping it at 241 wards. The gazette said a delimitation committee will be formed for the purpose of redrawing ward boundaries.

CV Raman Nagar MLA S Raghu, who heads the joint legislature committee on framing a comprehensive law for Bengaluru, said a final decision will be made by chief minister BS Yediyurappa soon. "Our intent is to ease the administrative process and this can be achieved by creating up to 250 wards," he added. A member of the panel said the average population now is 42,500 per ward and this will be brought down to 35,000.

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the present ward tally is based on the 2011 census. "Given the lapse of nine years since, the current population is being calculated on the number of voters in each ward. This will help us assess the population. Each ward, on average, has 35 polling booths with 1,000 voters," said another legislator.

Raghu said they are trying to iron out the wrinkles by relooking at borders of wards shared by two or more constituencies. "A ward in Bengaluru South figures in Bommanahalli and Anekal assembly constituencies. And Byatarayanapura ward is shared between Yelahanka and Byatarayanapura constituencies. This will be streamlined with the delimitation process," said the MLA.

The committee may elicit feedback from NGOs, RWAs and other citizen groups over their idea next week. The schedule of the meeting is yet to be finalised.