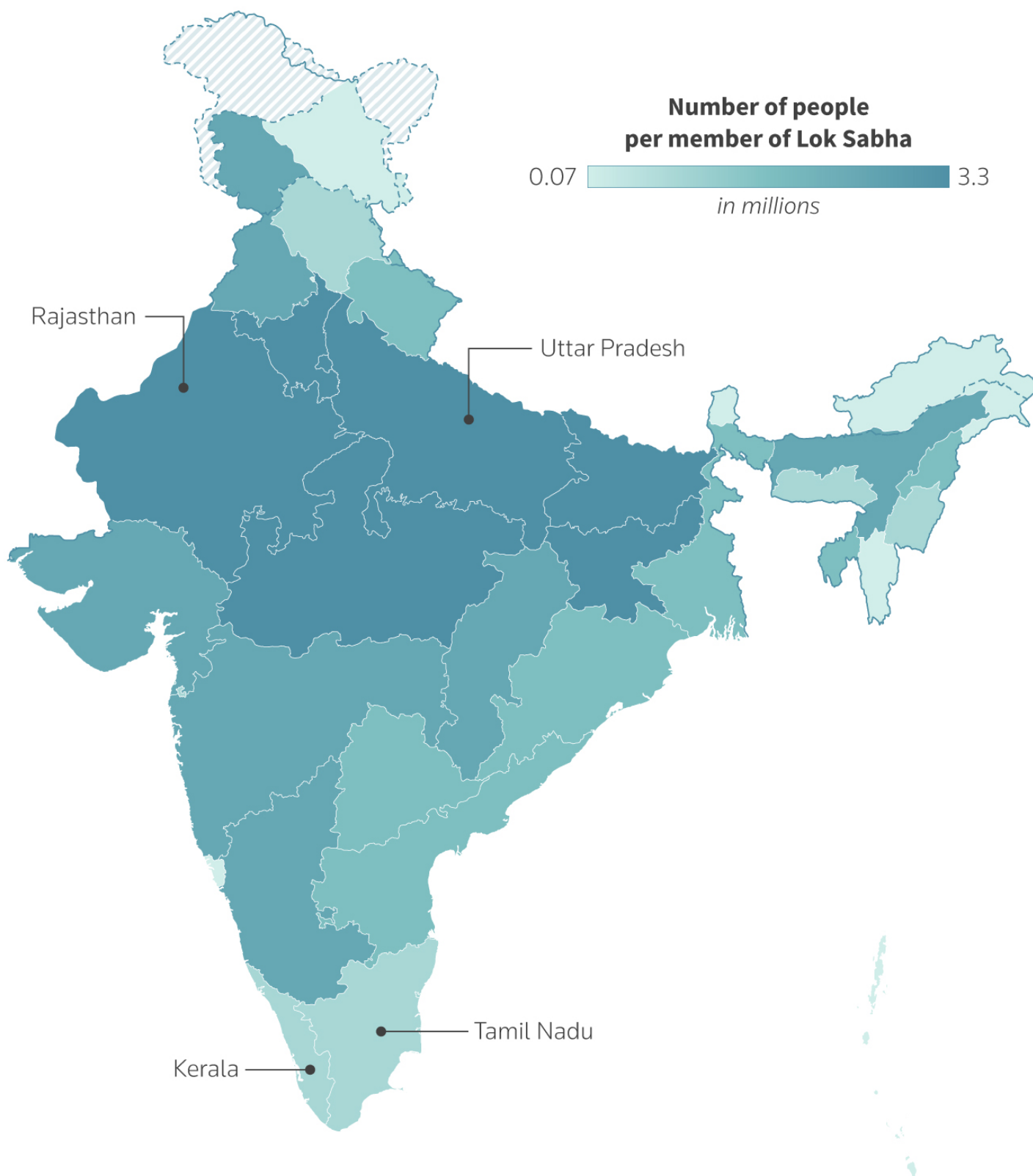


Unequal representation in Indian parliament

Number of members elected from each Indian state to the lower house of the parliament was last fixed five decades ago. Since then, populations in northern states grew much faster than the south, leading to a situation where each elected member of several northern states represents a lot more people than their southern counterparts.



Note: Lok Sabha is the lower house of Indian parliament; The calculation is based on 2026 population estimates.

Sources: Natural Earth; National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

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