

Value of MPs' vote for President poll to go down

It is due to absence of J&K Assembly

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The value of the vote of an MP in the presidential polls to be held in July is likely to go down to 700 from 708 due to the absence of a Legislative Assembly in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Saturday.

The value of the vote of an MP in a presidential election is based on the number of elected members in Legislative Assemblies of States and Union Territories, including Delhi, Puducherry, and Jammu and Kashmir.

The Electoral College for the presidential election comprises the members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha and those of the Le-

gislative Assemblies of the States and Union Territories.

Before it was bifurcated into the Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir in August 2019, the erstwhile State of J&K had 83 Assembly seats. According to the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, the Union Territory of J&K will have an Assembly, while Ladakh will be governed directly by the Centre. The government had announced that election to the Assembly would be held after the completion of the delimitation of Assembly constituencies.

The value of an MP's vote has been 708 since the 1997 presidential election.