

politically significant move ahead of the Assembly election due in December this year, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Friday announced the formation of 19 new districts, taking the total number of districts in the country's largest State to 50. He also announced the creation of three new divisions. Mr. Gehlot said the decision would facilitate better administration in all districts. Mr. Gehlot made the announcement while replying to the debate on the Finance and Appropriation Bill in the Assembly. He also announced an allocation of ₹2,000 crore in the first phase for creating infrastructure and making the human resources available in the new administrative units. The new districts carved out on the basis of the recommendations of a high level committee are Anupgarh, Balotra, Beawar, Deeg, DidwanaKuchaman, Dudu, Gangapur City, Jaipur North, Jaipur South, Jodhpur East, Jodhpur West, Kekri, KotputliBehror, Khairthal, Neem Ka Thana, Phalodi, Salumbar, Sanchore and Shahpura. The new divisions created in addition to the seven existing divisions in the State are Banswara, Pali and Sikar. Mr. Gehlot said there were many districts where the distance of the headquarters from the farthest villages was more than 100 km, creating difficulties for the common people. "Several States have

formed new districts for administrative convenience. Seven districts were created recently in West Bengal which is smaller than us," he said. The eligibility criteria for

the formation of new districts included geographical area, population, distances

within the existing districts and administrative requirements.

Q 1. Why Rajasthan Need New states ?

A. Because the headquarters are far away from villages

B. Due to administrative Convenience

C. Only A

D. A and B Both

Q 2. How many new districts are added in Rajasthan?

A. 19

B. 20

C. 15

D. 7

Q 3. How many new division were added?

A. 19

B. 7

C. 3

D. None of them

Q 4. In which state recently new states are added and how many?

A. U.P , 10

B. West Bengal , 7

C. Assam , 3

D. Maharastra , 4

Q 5. On which basis New District are made?

A. due to population

B. due to geographical region

C. Distance from District Headquarters

D. All of them