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The Lok Sabha passed the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2026 by voice vote on July 31, 2026, amid Opposition protests over the government's handling of the July 20 student-march police response, tightening the procedure for delayed registration of births and deaths.

WHAT CHANGES

PARAMETER	DETAIL
Parent Act	Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969
Provision amended	Section 13
Delay of 1 to 2 years	Registration now requires an order from a District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, or an authorised Executive Magistrate
Delay of more than 2 years	Requires approval from a Judicial Magistrate of the First Class , plus verification and a prescribed fee
Passed by	Lok Sabha, 31 July 2026 (voice vote)
Bill introduced	29 July 2026

WHY A TWO-TIER DELAY STRUCTURE

The 1969 Act's original delayed-registration provision allowed a comparatively simple administrative route for registering a birth or death well after it occurred, a gap that has been exploited over the years to manufacture backdated documents for purposes ranging from age misrepresentation in sports and government recruitment to citizenship and land-inheritance disputes. The 2026 amendment responds by scaling the evidentiary and procedural burden to the length of delay: a one-to-two-year gap still allows an order from a District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional Magistrate or an authorised Executive Magistrate, but a delay beyond two years

now requires the higher scrutiny of a Judicial Magistrate of the First Class, along with formal verification and a fee, making it materially harder to register a birth or death that was never contemporaneously recorded without a credible paper trail.

OLD REGIME (PRE-2026)	NEW REGIME (2026 AMENDMENT)
Simplified administrative process for most delayed registrations	Two-tier system scaled to delay length
Limited judicial scrutiny for older delays	Judicial Magistrate (First Class) approval mandatory beyond 2 years
No prescribed fee structure for verification	Verification plus a prescribed fee for the longer-delay category

WHY CIVIL REGISTRATION DATA INTEGRITY MATTERS

The Civil Registration System, of which birth and death registration is the foundation, is not a peripheral administrative function; it underpins several core state capacities that UPSC repeatedly tests.

USE OF CRS DATA	WHY ACCURACY MATTERS
Welfare-scheme targeting	Age- and survivor-based eligibility (pensions, scholarships, child schemes) depends on accurate birth/death records
Census and vital statistics	National mortality, fertility and life-expectancy estimates draw on CRS data as a cross-check against Census enumeration
Citizenship and legal disputes	Birth registration is frequently the first documentary evidence in citizenship, inheritance and age-determination proceedings
Sample Registration System (SRS)	The Registrar General of India's SRS, used for India's official vital-statistics estimates, benefits from a cleaner underlying CRS base

UPSC RELEVANCE

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Prelims pointers:

- Parent Act: **Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969**; amendment targets **Section 13**.
- Two-tier delay structure: **1-2 years** (an order from a District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional Magistrate or an authorised Executive Magistrate) versus **beyond 2 years** (Judicial Magistrate, First Class, plus verification and fee).

- Registrar General of India administers the **Civil Registration System (CRS)** and the **Sample Registration System (SRS)**.

Mains question: “Data integrity in civil registration is a **precondition**, not a footnote, for effective welfare-scheme delivery.” Discuss with reference to the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2026. (250 words)

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THE AMENDMENT:

Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2026: introduced 29 July, passed by Lok Sabha 31 July 2026.

Amends Section 13 of the 1969 Act.

Two-tier delayed-registration structure: 1-2 years (District/Sub-Divisional/authorised Executive Magistrate), beyond 2 years (Judicial Magistrate, First Class, plus verification and fee).

WHY IT MATTERS:

Closes a route previously used for backdated age/citizenship documentation.

CRS data underpins welfare targeting, vital statistics and legal proceedings.

RELATED BODY: REGISTRAR GENERAL OF INDIA, CUSTODIAN OF THE CRS AND THE SAMPLE REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

Sources: PRS Legislative Research, Lok Sabha, Office of the Registrar General of India

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