

Chapter 5

PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING



Participation in Decision Making

Participation in decision-making plays an important role in empowerment of women. This chapter focuses on following parameters:

- 5.1: Representation of Women in the Central Council of Ministers
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Some important findings

Women in Parliament

- As in 2016, women ministers constituted 12% in Central Council of Ministers (9 out of 75).
- In the 16th Lok Sabha, 12% of the total members are women (64 out of 534). Out of the 318 first time elected members of the 16th Lok Sabha, 43 are women (14%).
- There is an improvement in the participation of women electors in the General elections (Lok Sabha) over the years and in the 16th Lok Sabha election 66% of women electors have participated vis-a-vis 67% participation by male electors.

Women in State Assemblies and Councils

- As in 2016, 9% of the State Assembly members and 5% of the State Council members are women. The States of Bihar, Haryana and Rajasthan have the highest share of women in their respective State Assemblies (14%). There is no women representation in the State Assemblies of Mizoram, Nagaland and Puducherry.

Women Judges in Supreme Court and different High Courts

- In 2015, the share of women judges in Supreme Court is 4% (1 out of 26) and it is 10% (54 out of 517) considering all High Courts in India.
- The highest number of women judges is in the High Court of Delhi (10) followed by Mumbai (8). However, Sikkim has the highest percentage share of female judges among its High Court Judges (50%, One female and one male judge). No female judges are there in 9 High Courts in India.

Women in Panchayats

- Of the 28 States/UTs, whose data on elected representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions are available, 14 States have equal representation of women and men. In seven states, share of women is even more than 50%. Only in 3 States (Jammu & Kashmir (29%), Daman & Diu (29%) and Punjab (30%)), women representation is less than one third.

5.1 : Representation of Women in the Central Council of Ministers

Year	Number of Ministers			Number of Women Ministers			% Women in Central Council
	Cabinet Minister	Minister of State	Deputy Minister	Cabinet Minister	Minister of State	Deputy Minister	
1985	15	25	0	1	3	0	10.0
1990	17	17	5	0	1	1	5.1
1995	12	37	3	1	4	1	11.5
1996	18	21	0	0	1	0	2.6
1997	20	24	0	0	5	0	11.4
1998	21	21	0	1	3	0	9.5
2002	32	41	0	2	6	0	11.0
2004	29	39	0	1	6	0	10.3
2003	30	48	0	1	5	0	7.7
2009	40	38	0	3	4	0	9.0
2011	32	44	0	2	6	0	10.5
2012	31	43	0	2	6	0	10.8
2013	31	47	0	3	9	0	15.4
2014	23	22	0	6	1	0	15.6
2015	23	22	0	6	2	0	17.8
2016	26	49	0	5	4	0	12.0

Source: Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.

*Including Ministers of State with independent charge

5.2 : Number of Electors and Percentage Voting in Various General Elections

General Election	Year	Total number of electors			Percentage of electors participating in the election		
		(Figures in Millions)			Female	Male	Total
		Female	Male	Total			
First	1952	-	-	173.2	-	-	61.2 ^a
Second	1957	-	-	193.7	-	-	62.2 ^a
Third	1962	102.4	113.9	216.4	46.63	62.00	55.42
Fourth	1967	119.4	129.6	249	55.50	66.70	61.30
Fifth	1971	130.62	143.56	274.19	-	-	55.27
Sixth	1977	154.2	167.0	321.2	54.90	65.60	60.50
Seventh	1980	170.3	185.2	355.6	51.20	62.20	56.90
Eighth	1984	192.3	208.0	400.3	59.20	68.40	63.56
Ninth	1989	236.9	262.0	498.9	57.30	66.13	61.95
Tenth	1991	234.5	261.8	498.4	51.40	61.60	56.73
Eleventh	1996	282.8	309.8	592.6	53.40	62.10	57.94
Twelfth	1998	289.2	316.7	605.9	57.90	65.70	61.97
Thirteenth	1999	295.7	323.8	619.5	55.60	63.90	59.94
Fourteenth	2004	322.0	349.5	671.5	53.64	62.15	58.07
Fifteenth	2009	342.2	374.7	716.9	55.80	60.30	58.10
Sixteenth	2014	397.0	437.0	834.1	65.63	67.09	66.40

Source: Election Commission of India, New Delhi.

Notes: 1. Sex-wise break up of electors is not available for the first, second and fifth General Elections.

a: Calculated on the basis of valid votes polled.

5.3 : Number of Persons Contesting and Elected in Various Lok Sabha Elections

Lok Sabha Election	Year	Tenure	Number of seats available for election	Total number contesting	Average number of contestants per seat	Female			Male		
						Total number contesting	Elected	Percentage winning	Total number contesting	Elected	Percentage winning
First	1952	April 1952-April 1957	489	1874	3.8	Sex-wise break up of candidates are not available					
Second	1957	April 1957-March 1962	494	1518	3.1	45	27	60.0	1473	467	31.7
Third	1962	Apr 1962- Mar 1967	494	1985	4.0	70	35	50	1915	459	24
Fourth	1967	04/03/1967-27/12/1970	520	2369	4.6	67	30	44.8	2302	490	21.3
Fifth	1971	15/03/1971-18/01/1977	520	2784	5.4	86	21	24.4	2698	499	18.5
Sixth	1977	Mar 1977- Aug 1979	542	2439	4.5	70	19	27.1	2369	523	22.1
Seventh	1980	18/01/1980-31/12/1984	542	4620	8.5	142	28	19.7	4478	514	11.5
Eighth	1984	31/12/1984-27/11/1989	542	5574	10.3	164	42	25.6	5406	500	9.2
Ninth	1989	19/12/1989 -9/7/1991	529	6160	11.6	198	27	13.6	5962	502	8.4
Tenth	1991	20/06/1991-10/05/1996	521	8699	16.7	325	37	11.4	8374	484	5.8
Eleventh	1996	15/05/1996-04/12/1997	543	13952	25.7	599	40	6.7	13353	503	3.8
Twelfth	1998	10/03/1998-26/04/1999	543	4750	8.7	274	43	15.7	4476	500	11.2
Thirteenth	1999	10/10/1999-06/02/2004	543	5155	9.5	296	52	17.6	4859	494	10.2
Fourteenth	2004	17/05/2004-18/05/2009	543	5435	10.0	355	45	12.7	5080	498	9.8
Fifteenth	2009	18/05/2009-18/05/2014	543	8070	14.9	556	59	10.6	7514	484	6.4
Sixteenth	2014	May, 2014 onwards	543	8251	15.2	668	62	9.3	7583	481	6.3

As on 21.10.2016 Total Elected Female Members are 64.

Source: Election Commission of India, New Delhi & Lok Sabha Secretariat

Notes: Total number of contestants include the number of candidates elected unopposed, if any.

5.4 : State-wise Turnout of Women Voters for General Election - 2014

State/UT	Women Electors	Women Voters	Women Turnout	Total Electors	Total Voters	Total Turnout
Andaman & Nicobar	127	89	70%	269	190	71%
Andhra Pradesh	32268	24006	74%	64939	48359	74%
Arunachal Pradesh	380	308	81%	759	597	79%
Assam	9098	7209	79%	18885	15086	80%
Bihar	29669	17106	58%	63762	35885	56%
Chandigarh	282	208	74%	615	453	74%
Chhattisgarh	8707	5935	68%	17623	12256	70%
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	90	77	86%	197	165	84%
Daman & Diu	55	45	82%	112	87	78%
Goa	532	421	79%	1061	817	77%
Gujarat	19374	11565	60%	40603	25824	64%
Haryana	7381	5144	70%	16098	11495	71%
Himachal Pradesh	2336	1529	65%	4810	3099	64%
Jammu & Kashmir	3400	1639	48%	7202	3567	50%
Jharkhand	9642	6122	64%	20327	12983	64%
Karnataka	22626	14873	66%	46212	31039	67%
Kerala	12592	9298	74%	24327	17976	74%
Lakshadweep	24	22	88%	50	43	87%
Madhya Pradesh	22808	12905	57%	48118	29640	62%
Maharashtra	37974	22004	58%	80717	48719	60%
Manipur	903	727	81%	1774	1413	80%
Meghalaya	790	553	70%	1567	1078	69%
Mizoram	356	217	61%	702	433	62%
Nagaland	582	510	87%	1183	1039	88%
Delhi	5660	3618	64%	12711	8272	65%
Odisha	14002	10500	75%	29196	21532	74%
Puducherry	469	389	83%	901	740	82%
Punjab	9281	6583	71%	19608	13845	71%
Rajasthan	20331	12482	61%	42969	27110	63%
Sikkim	180	151	84%	371	309	83%
Tamil Nadu	27543	20370	74%	55115	40620	74%
Tripura	1171	988	84%	2389	2024	85%
Uttar Pradesh	62894	36113	57%	138966	81092	58%
Uttarakhand	3379	2123	63%	7130	4392	62%
West Bengal	30144	24736	82%	62833	51623	82%

Source: Election Commission of India - General Elections, 2014 (16th Lok Sabha).

Note: figures for electors & voters are in thousands

5.5 : State-wise Women participation in 16th Lok Sabha

State/UT	Women MPs	Total Seats	%age	First Time Elected		
				Women	Total	% age
Andhra Pradesh	2	25	8%	2	18	11%
Assam	2	14	14%	1	8	13%
Bihar	3	40	8%	1	17	6%
Chandigarh	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
Chhatisgarh	1	11	9%	0	6	0%
Delhi	1	7	14%	1	7	14%
Goa	0	2	0%	0	1	0%
Gujarat	5	26	19%	3	15	20%
Haryana	0	10	0%	0	7	0%
Himachal Pradesh	0	4	0%	0	1	0%
Jammu & Kashmir	0	6	0%	0	4	0%
Jharkhand	0	14	0%	0	6	0%
Karnataka	1	28	4%	1	11	9%
Kerala	1	20	5%	1	4	25%
Lakshadweep	0	1	0%	0	1	0%
Madhya Pradesh	5	29	17%	2	14	14%
Maharashtra	6	48	13%	4	30	13%
Meghalaya	0	2	0%	0	1	0%
Nagaland	0	1	0%	0	1	0%
Odisha	3	21	14%	3	12	25%
Pudducherry	0	1	0%	0	1	0%
Punjab	1	13	8%	0	6	0%
Rajasthan	1	25	4%	1	18	6%
Tamil Nadu	4	39	10%	4	35	11%
Telangana	1	17	6%	1	11	9%
Tripura	0	2	0%	0	2	0%
Uttar Pradesh	13	80	16%	9	55	16%
Uttarakhand	1	5	20%	0	3	0%
West Bengal	12	42	29%	8	22	36%
All India	64	534	12%	43	318	14%
India	64	534	12%	43	318	14%

Source: Lok Sabha Secretariat
As on 21st October 2016

5.6 : Participation of women in State Assemblies

State	Assembly					Council			
	Year of Constitution of the State/Assembly	Year of Assembly election	Male	Female	% Women	Male	Female	% Women	Total
Andhra Pradesh	1955	2014	156	20	11%	53	5	9%	58
Arunachal Pradesh	1978	2014	58	2	3%				
Assam	1937/1951	2016	118	8	6%				
Bihar	1937/1951	2015	209	34	14%	68	4	6%	75
Chhattisgarh	2000/2003	2013	80	10	11%				
Delhi	1992/1993	2015	64	6	9%				
Goa	1987/1967	2012	39	1	3%				
Gujarat	1960/1962	2012	166	16	9%				
Haryana	1966/1967	2014	77	13	14%				
Himachal Pradesh	1971/1951	2012	65	3	4%				
Jammu and Kashmir ^	1934/1962	2014	85	2	2%	32	2	6%	36
Jharkhand	2000/2005	2014	69	8	10%				
Karnataka	1956/1957	2013	218	6	3%	71	3	4%	75
Kerala	1957	2016	132	8	6%				
Madhya Pradesh	1957	2013	200	30	13%				
Maharashtra	1960/1962	2014	268	20	7%	74	4	5%	78
Manipur	1972/1967	2012	57	3	5%				
Meghalaya	1972	2013	56	4	7%				
Mizoram	1987/1972	2013	40	0	0%				
Nagaland	1963/1964	2013	60	0	0%				
Orissa	1937	2014	136	11	7%				
Punjab	1937	2012	103	14	12%				
Puducherry	1963	2016	30	0	0%				
Rajasthan	1956	2013	172	28	14%				
Sikkim	1975	2014	29	3	9%				
Tamil Nadu	1937	2016	218	16	7%				
Telangana	2014	2014	111	9	8%	35	1	3%	40
Tripura	1972	2013	55	5	8%				
Uttar Pradesh	1937	2012	368	35	9%	95	5	5%	100
Uttarakhand	2000	2012	65	5	7%				
West Bengal	1937	2016	255	39	13%				
Total			3759	359	9%	428	24	5%	462

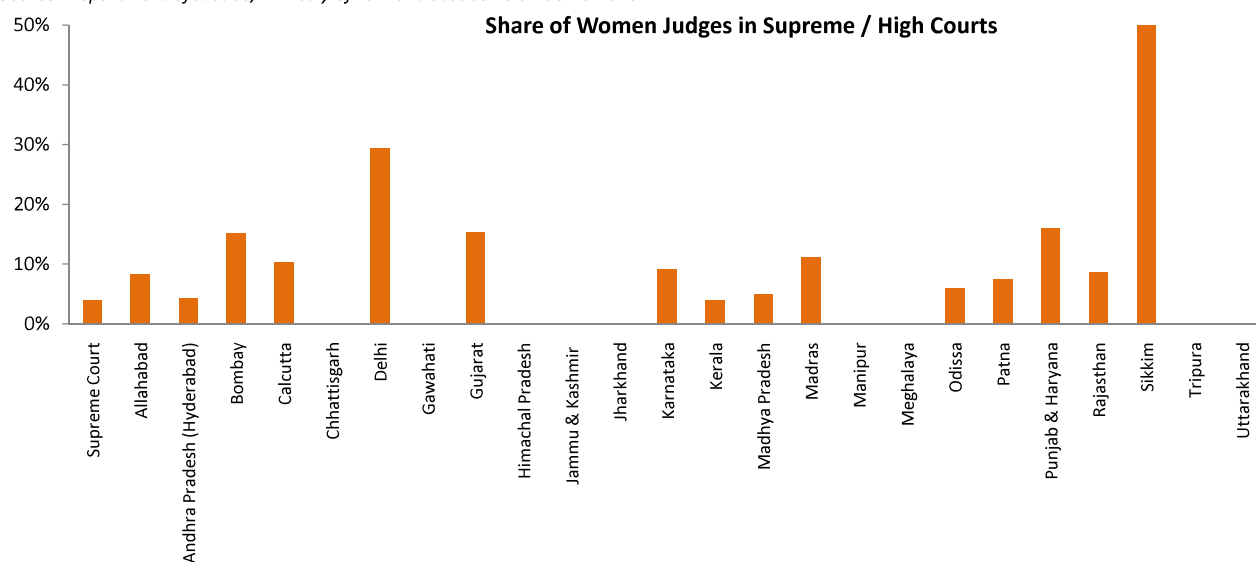
Source : State Assemblies/ councils websites As on 28.10.2016

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5.7 : Women Judges in Supreme Court/High Courts

Name of the Court	Approved Judge Strength	Permanent	Additional	Female	Male	% Female
Supreme Court	31	31	0	1	25	4%
High Courts						
Allahabad	160	76	84	5	55	8%
Andhra Pradesh (Hyderabad)	61	46	15	1	22	4%
Bombay	94	71	23	8	45	15%
Calcutta	72	54	18	3	26	10%
Chhattisgarh	22	17	5	0	8	0%
Delhi	60	45	15	10	24	29%
Gawahati	24	18	6	0	5	0%
Gujarat	52	39	13	4	22	15%
Himachal Pradesh	13	10	3	0	8	0%
Jammu & Kashmir	17	13	4	0	10	0%
Jharkhand	25	19	6	0	10	0%
Karnataka	62	47	15	2	20	9%
Kerala	47	35	12	1	25	4%
Madhya Pradesh	53	40	13	1	19	5%
Madras	75	56	19	6	48	11%
Manipur	5	4	1	0	3	0%
Meghalaya	4	3	1	0	3	0%
Odissa	27	20	7	1	16	6%
Patna	53	40	13	2	25	7%
Punjab & Haryana	85	64	21	7	37	16%
Rajasthan	50	38	12	2	21	9%
Sikkim	3	3	0	1	1	50%
Tripura	4	4	0	0	3	0%
Uttarakhand	11	9	2	0	7	0%
Total				54	463	10%

Source: Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice As on 06.10.2016



5.8 : Women in All India and Central Group A Services

Service	Year	Total			% Female
		Female	Male	Total	
Indian Administrative Service	2016	838	4088	4926	17%
Indian Economic Service	2014	139	320	459	30%
Indian Foreign Service	2014	207	2346	2553	8%
Indian Forest Service	2016	111	2480	2591	4%
Indian Police Service	2016	349	3429	3778	9%
Indian Postal Service	2016	-	-	561	-
Indian Revenue Service	2014	-	-	5872	-
Indian Statistical Service	2016	173	556	729	24%
Indian Trade Service	2014	-	-	191	-
Indian Legal Services	2016	-	-	153	-
Indian Metrological Services	2016	-	-	461	-

Source : (1) Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

(2) Indian Economics Services Website

(3) Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation

(4) Department of Posts Website

(5) D/o Law & Justice/ Indian Legal Services Website

(6) Indian Metrological Services Website

- Data Not Available

5.9 Status of representation of women in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)

States/UT's	No of Panchayats			Elected Representatives		
	District Level	Intermediate Level	Village Level	Total	Total Women	Women (%)
Andaman and Nicobar	3	9	70	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	13	660	12920	156049	78025	50
Arunachal Pradesh	20	175	1818	9356	3094	33
Assam	21	191	2193	26844	13422	50
Bihar	38	534	8398	136325	70400	52
Chandigarh	1	1	12	NA	NA	-
Chhattisgarh	27	146	10796	158776	87549	55
Dadar Nagar Haveli	1	N.A.	20	136	47	35
Daman & Diu	2	N.A.	14	97	28	29
Goa	2	N.A.	191	1559	514	33
Gujarat	33	223	14062	132726	43670	33
Haryana	21	126	6205	68152	24876	37
Himachal Pradesh	12	77	3243	27832	13947	50
Jammu and Kashmir	22	323	4453	38282	11169	29
Jharkhand	24	259	4427	51327	30373	59
Karnataka	30	176	6021	95307	50892	53
Kerala	14	152	941	19089	9897	52
Lakshadweep	1	N.A.	10	NA	NA	-
Madhya Pradesh	51	313	22825	396819	198409	50
Maharashtra	34	351	28031	203203	101466	50
Manipur	4	N.A.	161	1784	868	49
Odisha	30	314	6211	100791	49697	49
Puducherry	N.A.	10	98	NA	NA	-
Punjab	22	147	13047	97555	29392	30
Rajasthan	33	295	9894	121008	70531	58
Sikkim	4	N.A.	176	1099	549	50
Tamil Nadu	31	385	12524	119399	39975	33
Telangana	9	438	8695	103468	46702	45
Tripura	8	35	591	10939	3930	36
Uttar Pradesh	75	821	59075	718667	297235	41
Uttarakhand	13	95	7955	61451	35537	58
West Bengal	19	341	3342	59296	29579	50
Total	584	5071	248419	2917336	1341773	46

Source: Ministry of Panchayati Raj, As on 15/11/2016

NA: Not Available

