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The Resurrection Of Women's Reservation Bill Will Unlock The Doors Of Political Heaven

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Abstract

The representation of all the sections in the decision making process is a good example for democracy. In India women are treated as political refugees; they are very often considered only as Vote banks. Their representation in the Legislative sector is too low or even below average . The women's reservation bill pending in both the houses of parliament reveals the intention of our leaders in emancipating the women. Since Independence India had witnessed many political reformations but still not in a position to accept the 33% women reservation bill . In order to put an end to the monopoly of men in Indian politics the pending reservation bill should be passed in the parliament and ensure women empowerment .

Keywords : Women's Reservation Bill , Politics , Women , Reservation , Gender

Introduction

India's first Women lawyer Cornelia Sorabji was denied practice in some of the courts in British India and faced discrimination. In the constituent assembly of 389 members only 15 were women .Their contribution in constructing the new India is not revealed so far. Renuka Ray who was a freedom fighter and member of constituent assembly said that "We always held that when the men who have fought and struggled for their country's freedom came to power, the rights and liberties of women too would be guaranteed".But Gender inequality prevails among the Indian community in various forms .It is even justified in the name of culture and traditions. *Agananooru* – a Tamil literature reveals that education and marriage rights were given to the women in the Sangam period by the Tamil community. Though we could find good information regarding the position of women in the literatures and Vedas, the Empowerment of women is still a predicament. In the modern era women started to achieve in various fields but their political participation is stumpy. This article deals with the Women's reservation bill pending in the parliament for more than two decades and critically analyzes the issues connected with it.